

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

On Thursday, 14 May 2020, the National Security Council announced that, in addition to the suspension of restriction measures in the countryside, several restriction measures will be lifted in Abidjan, including the suspension of the curfew from 15 May, and the reopening of schools from 25 May (preschool, primary and secondary schools). However, the movement restriction measures between Abidjan and the countryside as well as the State of Emergency are maintained until 31 May.

It should be noted that approximately one quarter of COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified in people under 30. There were 37 cases (1.9% of total) in children aged 1-10, 95 in children aged 11-20 (5% of total), and 348 in people aged 21-30. Men seem to be the most affected, representing 61% of total infections, compared to 39% in women. No deaths were recorded in people aged 1-30. There were four deaths (17% of total) in the 31-40 age group and three (12.5% of total) in the 41-50 age group. The 17 remaining deaths (71% of total) were reported in people aged 51 and above.

- With UNICEF's new duplicate training platform, training of health workers has accelerated. In total, 8,277 health workers have been trained on IPC and case management.
- On 14 May, the UNICEF Representative launched the Multi-Religious Faith-in-Action Initiative in Cote d'Ivoire to fight stigmatization, promote the use of routine services and prevent violence in the COVID-19 context.
- UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS and the Ministry of Health delivered PPE, hygiene kits and computer equipment to 15 adolescent and young people health centres (SSU-SAJ) and 3 NGOs for PLHIV in Abidjan to ensure the continuity of services.

Situation in Numbers:



1,971 confirmed COVID-19 cases and **24** deaths



6,348,683 children affected by COVID-19 school closures



US\$ 7.9 M in funding required

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health

UNICEF and WHO have been continuing their IPC activities, providing 101 health centres with 2,800 posters on standard IPC. They also supported the IPC evaluation in 5 testing sites out of the 6 currently opened in Abidjan. The two organizations completed IPC evaluation in 107 (96%) of the planned 111 public health facilities. UNICEF, WHO and FAO have conducted IPC evaluation in 12 UN agencies.

Thanks to the accelerated delivery of online training modules through two training platforms, this activity will end this week. As of 12 May, a total of 8,277 health care providers had been trained out of the targeted 10,000 (83%). The health workers came from 83 health districts out of the targeted 113 (72%). UNICEF expects to reach its target by the end of next week.

WASH

Following the announcement of suspension of restriction measures in the countryside, the distribution of hygiene kits for vulnerable household was intensified in the western and northern affected regions. A total of 1,489 additional households with over 7,445 people received soap and handwashing devices. Awareness-raising activities on handwashing and other COVID-19 preventive practices through door to door and focus

group activities implemented by UNICEF IPs were conducted for the benefit of over 2,798 women and 2,995 men in 26 localities.

A plan for the distribution of hygiene kits to students was developed for Man and Korhogo to support the re-opening of schools in these regions.

Handwashing devices were delivered in the six hotspot healthcare facilities in Abidjan. The rehabilitation of existing WASH equipment in four additional health centres has also begun.

RCCE/C4D

In line with the "Faith and Positive Change for Children" global partnership between UNICEF and the multi-religious network launched by RfP (Religion for Peace) and UNICEF's ED in October 2019, Cote d'Ivoire launched its Multi-Religious Faith-in-Action Initiative on 14 May. This event gathered the Ministry of Health (MoH), the UNICEF, WHO and UNAIDS Representatives as well as representatives from Muslim confessions and from the Methodist, Catholic and Evangelic churches of Cote d'Ivoire to announce a communication campaign to fight stigmatization, promote the use of routine services and prevent violence in the COVID-19 context.

UNICEF continued its COVID-19 awareness campaign with a cumulative total reach of more than 207 million hits, including a 20 million reach on traditional media

(TV, radio and print), 1.1 million reach on digital media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) and 80,568 consultations of U-Report coronavirus information centre this week.

In terms of engagement, UNICEF's campaign has generated a cumulative total of 1.3 million engagements of people sharing their concerns and asking questions with more than 386,210 engagements on UNICEF and U-Report digital media this week and 6,478 unique visitors to the coronavirus information centre. The total number of people engaged in COVID-19 actions over the reporting period was of 332,893.

Education

UNICEF continued to support the MoE in expanding its distance-learning programme. To date, an estimated 839,934 children have been covered by the distance learning programme (virtual platform, radio and TV broadcasts).

As part of the reopening of schools, work is underway to develop protocols at the health, administrative and pedagogical levels to ensure that schools are safe and protective spaces. The MoH has given assurances that the schools will be equipped with hand washing devices and disinfected before schools reopen.

Nutrition

In order to increase the coverage of nutrition-specific interventions (vitamin A supplementation, deworming, screening for acute malnutrition), UNICEF supported MoH to plan the Nutrition Activities Intensification Week to be carried out in coronavirus-free health districts by the end of June 2020.

Child Protection

This week, UNICEF advocated for the release from prison of 27 children, bringing the total to 83 children

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

As part of the continuation of its nutrition services, UNICEF provided technical and programmatic support to the government (Executive Secretariat of the National Council of Nutrition, Food and Early Childhood Development, sectoral ministries (Health, Education, Employment and Social Protection, Women, Family and Children, Trade and Industry, Communication) and civil society for the implementation of the AfDB \$1.3 million national multisectoral Infant and Young Child Feeding promotion plan from June to September 2020.

UNICEF IP (BABYLAB) adapted its trainings to the COVID-19 context and organized virtual entrepreneurship trainings reaching 3,199 teenagers and young people aged 15 to 24.

To ensure the continuity of the implementation of the programme while contributing to the multisectoral response to the COVID-19 crisis, CO amended four cooperation agreements' programme documents in the WASH, education, social inclusion and C4D sectors, in addition to the 3 activated SBAs.

benefitting from early release during the COVID-19 period. UNICEF is working with justice services and NGOs to ensure the follow-up of these cases.

Thanks to UNICEF's technical and financial assistance to 147 front-line social services, 6,880 children, parents and primary caregivers were provided with community-based mental health and psychosocial support.

Social protection

The National Solidarity Fund continued to distribute cash (e-money) and in-kind assistance in the greater Abidjan area to the 177,000 households affected by COVID-19, identified and selected by the social centres and community validations.

HIV & Adolescents

UNICEF IP (DDECI), in partnership with the Regional Directorate of Health, trained 23 peer educators aged 19 to 24 in Katiola on COVID-19 stigma and hate speech. The trainings in Abobo, Divo and Gagnoa reached 1,979 young people aged 15 to 24 (1,004 girls). Life skills training for street children continues with an additional 22 teenagers trained this week.

Together with WHO, UNAIDS and the Ministry of Health, UNICEF delivered personal protective equipment, hygiene kits and computer equipment to 15 adolescent and young people health centres (SSU-SAJ) in Abidjan to ensure the continuity of services for 3 NGOs and teenagers and young people living with HIV.

Supply & Logistics

UNICEF is supporting the National Drug Store (NPSP) to ensure the logistics and distribution of coronavirus-related supplies nationwide.

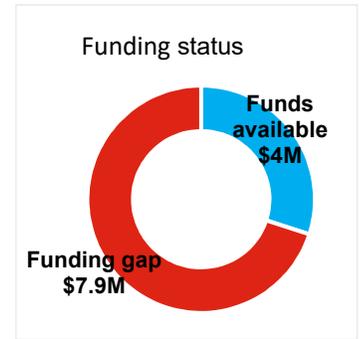
Funding Overview and Partnerships

Out of the USD 12 million programmatic budget need for UNICEF's COVID-19 Multisectoral Response Plan, USD 4 million (33%) has already been mobilised. This includes the reallocation of a portion of existing grants from C2D-AFD and Canada as well as incremental funding from DGIS, DFID, GPE and USAID. Positive progress has been registered in the negotiations for the reprogramming of other resources with KOICA and for the mobilisation of incremental funding from Canada, India, PBF, World Bank and Japan amounting approximately to USD 5.7 million (48% of the funds needed).

External Media

All photos and videos are available here: <https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408X0E416>.

All graphic design content is available here: <https://bit.ly/39eynLd>.



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Annex A

Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)		
RCCE 1: Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.	14,000,000 ¹	14,000,000
RCCE 2: Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions.	500,000	332,893
RCCE 3: Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms.	2,000,000	1,307,817
Provision of critical medical and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies and improving Infection and Prevention Control (IPC)		
IPC 1: Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.	100,000	17,670 ²
IPC 2: Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).	3,513 (HF staff: 1,390 + CHWs: 2,123)	0
IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).	12,123 (HF staff: 10,000 + CHWs: 2,123)	8,277 (HF)
Continuity of Care for women and children		
Continuity of Health Care 1: Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases.	HF staff: 12,123	8,277
Continuity of Health Care 2: Number of children & women receiving essential healthcare, including prenatal, delivery and postnatal care, essential new-born care, immunization, treatment of childhood illnesses and HIV care in UNICEF supported facilities.	389,050 Children: 325,617 + Women: 63,456	N/A
Continuity of Health Care 3: Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 through national communication campaigns.	1,200,000	15,026
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).	33,000	1,799 ³
Access to continuous education, child protection and GBV services		
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 1: Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning.	1,247,097	839,935 ⁴
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols.	1,000	0
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 3: Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements.	500	314 ⁵
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV S. 4: Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support.	100,000	6,880
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 5: Number of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation & referrals for survivors, including for PSEA.	50	20
Social Protection		
Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.	2,000	0
Social Protection 2: Number of households benefitting from new or additional social assistance measures provided by governments to respond to COVID-19 with UNICEF support	200,000	177,000

Annex B

1: Target and results have been revised with HQ.

2: 8,402 children, 4,476 adult women and 4,792 adult men.

3: 1,085 boys and 714 girls.

4: 0 children in pre-primary school, 391,022 in primary school and 448,913 in secondary school.

5: 210 boys and 104 girls.

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements (\$)	Funds available (\$)	Funding gap (\$)	Gap (%)
C4D / RCCE	600,000	212,000	388,000	65%
WASH & IPC	3,000,000	1,844,210	1,155,790	39%
Nutrition	500,000	516,900	-	0%
Health	7,053,000	989,200	6,063,800	86%
Child Protection	410,000	200,000	210,000	51%
Education	390,000	238,000	152,000	39%
HIV/AIDS	-	-	-	-
Total	11,953,000	4,000,310	7,969,590	67%