

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

COVID-19:

- As of 9 November, out of the 20,835 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 58.5% are male and 41.5% female, 20,516 people (98.5%) have recovered, and 126 people (0.60%) have died.
- Trends show a constant decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases with less than 193 active cases recorded to date.

Polio:

- The first round of polio vaccination with OPVm2 took place from 18 to 21 September in 113 health districts. This campaign aimed to vaccinate 5,276,820 children aged 0-59 months (national coverage). The results of the independent monitoring of the campaign showed a 94% immunisation coverage.
- The final data showed that the second round of polio vaccination mobilised over 6 million doses of OPVm2 vaccine, 21,340 vaccinators, and 10,670 social mobilisers. The result of independent end-process monitoring and the LQAS showed a coverage of 95%.

Situation in Numbers:



20,835 confirmed COVID-19 cases and **126** deaths



Over **6.3M** children affected by new school arrangements due to COVID-19

UNICEF's COVID-19 Response

Health

From 15 October to 30 October, the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Task Force supported the strengthening of IPC capacity of 32 additional hospital structures outside Abidjan. Preliminary data from WHO's Score Card assessment tool reveals that 16 hospitals have a score of less than 50%, 14 hospitals have a score between 50% and 70%, and two hospitals have a score above 70%. Hospitals with a score lower than 70% will require regular follow up in order to raise their score to a minimum of 70%. The evaluation report is being finalized.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Continuous awareness raising sessions on key hygiene practices through door-to-door and focus group activities were organized for the benefit of 8,324 women and 8,910 men to prevent the spread of water-borne diseases and COVID-19.

Specific sensitization for the safe and healthy protocol for school was conducted in 243 schools with specific focus on handwashing practices. 6,414 students (3,207 girls and 3,207 boys) and 291 teachers have benefitted from the sessions since the start of the academic year.

38 handwashing stations were built at the entrance of 20 health centres in Abidjan. Installed in the two most affected health districts, these devices are designed in respect of the infection prevention and operated without contact. The design will be replicated for 43 additional sites in the next month.

RCCE/C4D

UNICEF achieved a cumulative reach of over 355 million hits, including a reach of 9,561,077 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn), and over 3,133,225 consultations of the U-Report coronavirus information centre. In addition, UNICEF's implementing partners (Red Cross, Caritas, and ASAPSU) reached over 362,667 people through face-to-face community outreach activities. Face-to-face community outreach focusing on COVID-19 and primary health focusing on the most vulnerable youth were conducted in Yamoussoukro and Daloa through UNICEF Côte d'Ivoire goodwill ambassador NASH and through her rap contest and festival. More than 1,000 young people living in the most vulnerable communities were exposed to prevention messages.

So far, UNICEF's campaign has generated a cumulative total of 2,374,657 engagements (likes, comments, shares) on UNICEF and U-Report's social media platforms. To date, a total of 683,204 people engaged in COVID-19 related actions. This includes young reporters, young bloggers, Voix des jeunes (Voices of Youth), journalists, U-Report communities, religious leaders, and people giving their opinion through U-Report polls and community mobilisation.

Education

With UNICEF's financial support, the Ministry of Education organized a training of trainers (TOT) workshop on safe school protocols and IPC to be implemented in schools in the western, northern, and north-western regions. Following that, the 33 participants led training in the target schools for teachers. 430 schools are implementing the COVID-19 safe protocols by 3,481 teachers for 84,004 children (39,275 girls).

Additionally, 9,114 adolescent girls' knowledge on Menstrual Cycle Management and Sexual Health and Reproduction was strengthened to limit teenage pregnancies, which were identified as an impact of school closures.

Nutrition

Through the ongoing partnerships with ASAPSU and CARITAS in the North and West, a cumulative number of 16,231 pregnant and lactating women participated in infant and young child feeding in the COVID-19 context counselling sessions in communities and hospitals. In partnership with the NGO Action Against Hunger, 21 health structures have been equipped with anthropometric material for severe acute malnutrition management in Abidjan.

Child Protection

During the reporting period, social workers provided psychosocial support to 2,112 children (930 girls and 1,182 boys) and awareness campaigns on violence against children reached an estimated 4,189 people. With direct cash transfers to social services, 2,754 (1,450 girls and 1,304 boys) children benefitted from care and protection.

Led by the Programme for the Protection of Vulnerable Children and Adolescents and with UNICEF's support, mobile teams identified 89 additional street children in need of care and assistance. The teams ensure the identification, orientation, and placement of these children in reception centres to protect them against COVID-19. During the reporting period, 24 street children (boys) were reunified with their parents. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 646 street children have been identified and received various forms of support, such as psychosocial support, accommodation, and care in transit centres. Out of the 646 street children, 126 have thus far been reunified with their parents.

During the reporting period, the helpline received 11,026 calls, including 38 calls for information directly related to COVID-19. Since its reactivation in September 2020, the helpline has already received 21,198 calls. In addition, 637 additional women-headed households have been identified for support. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 1,322 women-headed households have received financial assistance through cash transfers.

Social Protection

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, a cumulative total of 132,917 households received cash transfers from the COVID-19 Special Solidarity Fund (FSS). From April to September, a total of 14,211 people who lost their jobs as the results of COVID-19 received financial assistance. During this period, more than 60 million CFA have been transferred to orphanages and other child institutions to increase their resilience to COVID-19.

HIV & Adolescents

Through local NGOs, UNICEF trained 110 young people, including regional coordinators and club leaders in schools and high schools and 22 regional youth directorates on the detection, prevention and response to hate speech in 18 areas where inter-community conflicts were identified and in 18 other non-conflict zones with a view to prevention in order to educate their peers.

UNICEF, in collaboration with its partner NGO ADRS, the regional youth directorate and the regional directorates of social cohesion to organize an inter-community dialogue on peace and social cohesion for 458 young people from different neighbourhoods and villages of Divo and Gagnoa, which reached 1,011 their peers young.

Under the U-Test project, equipped with personal protective equipment, community mediators were able to reach 1,140 vulnerable adolescents with HIV awareness information and prevention activities. NGO CASES, UNICEF's implementing partner, raised the awareness of 7,010 adolescents and youth on HIV and COVID-19 through WhatsApp.

Through Index Testing, 381 beneficiaries from the western region of the country received HIV services. One identified HIV case was successfully enrolled in a treatment programme. In addition, 65 pregnant women living with HIV received awareness information for COVID-19 prevention during PMTCT services uptake.

One sexual gender-based violence case received care and treatment based on national guidelines.

Adaptations to Ongoing UNICEF Programmes

The second round of the action-research on COVID-19 consequences on vulnerable children, adolescents, and women is underway. This study will contribute to the generation of evidence that will serve as a basis for the monitoring of the situation of the most vulnerable children in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. This will also contribute to the assessment of the effectiveness of the responses provided by UNICEF and the other stakeholders in resilience building.

UNICEF's Response to Polio

The first round of polio vaccination with OPV2 took place from 18 to 21 September in 113 health districts. The results of the independent monitoring of the campaign showed a 94% immunisation coverage. This campaign aimed to vaccinate 5,276,820 children aged 0-59 months. The second round took place from 9 to 12 October. This second round of the campaign mobilised over 6 million doses of OPV2 vaccine, 21,340 vaccinators, representing a 23% increase in the number of teams, and 10,670 social mobilisers, representing a 59% increase.

Final administrative data reviewed by the Campaign Coordinating Committee showed that 5,867,140 children aged 0-59 months were vaccinated, representing a vaccine coverage of 111%, with a vaccine wastage rate of 2.2% at the national level. In addition, 47 cases of acute flaccid paralysis were detected, and 5,819 cases of refusal were resolved out of the 6,369 cases recorded (91%). Despite the COVID-19 context, the refusal rate is well below the usual refusal rates. The independent end-process monitoring data showed a coverage of 95%.

During these two rounds, we noted:

- Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) technical support (WHO, UNICEF, CDC, and Rotary Club) deployed at all levels for coordination, monitoring, supervision, and evaluation.
- Open Data Kit (ODK) used for supervision by district, regional, and national supervisors, as well as for Independent monitoring and LQAS.
- A gradual improvement of vaccine campaign quality between two rounds.
- A decrease of the number of districts rejected by the LQAS (34 for first round vs 26 for the second round).
- The establishment of accountability for mOPV2 management at all levels.
- The refusal management was well conducted, including a decrease of the proportion of refusals between two rounds.

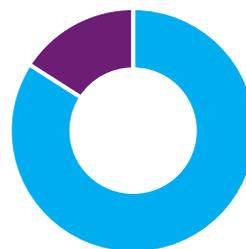
UNICEF's Preparedness to Emergencies

During the reporting period, the United Nations Inter-Agency Contingency Plan (IACP) was updated with a target population of 500,000 affected people in view of the presidential elections and related risks. WASH, Nutrition, Education, and Child Protection emergency sectoral groups, which include international and local NGOs and will be led by the Government, were reactivated under UNICEF's lead with priority focus on the preparedness of the impact of presidential election, but also expanded to all humanitarian purposes. The WASH group defined its scope of work, developed operational strategies, updated actor mapping, and mapped the situation of the contingency stock of non-food items related to WASH response. The Nutrition group developed terms of reference, updated the nutrition component of the rapid multi-sectoral assessment tool, and finalized a 4W matrix. With regards to Child Protection, UNICEF provided dedicated support to social services in the most affected regions as well as additional financial support to all social services in country. This was made available through direct cash transfers using mobile money to allow services to quickly respond to emerging and most urgent needs affecting children.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The US\$14.8 million programmatic budget required for UNICEF's multi-sectoral response plan for COVID-19 has been fully funded with a positive net balance of USD\$7.1 for a total of US\$21.9 million (+48%) resources mobilised. The amount is a combination of reprogrammed funds (15.6%) and new funding (82.6%) received from governments and private donors.

Funding status



- New funds \$18.5M (82.6%)
- Reprogrammed funds \$3.5M (15.6%)

External Media

Floods response photo album:

<https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408PRHWTU>.

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

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

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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.	1,000,000 ²	632,483
RCCE 3: Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms.	2,500,000 ³	2,111,654
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	82,552 ⁴
IPC 2: Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).	7,119 (4,013 HF staff + 3,106 CHWs)	4,508 (2,598 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)
IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).	13,106 (10,000 HF staff + 3,106 CHWs)	11,643 (9,733 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)
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.	12,123 HF staff	9,733 HF staff
Continuity of Health Care 2: Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare, including prenatal, delivery and postnatal care, essential new-born care, immunization, treatment of childhood illnesses and HIV care through UNICEF supported community health workers and health facilities.	389,050 Children: 325,617 + Women: 63,456	97,263 ⁵
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	569,377
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).	33,000	9,091 ⁶
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 ⁷
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols.	1,000	430 ⁸
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 3: Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements.	1,381	1,402 ⁹
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	104,304
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.	80	72 ¹⁰
Social Protection		
Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.	2,000	1,322
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.	177,000	132,917

1: Target and results have been revised with HQ. The results indicate the number of people reached by SMS.

2: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 500,000 people to 1 million.

3: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 2 million to 2.5 million.

4: 20,549 boys, 18,704 girls, 20,913 adult women and 22,385 adult men.

5: The Health Information Department updates this indicator during the first quarter of every year.

6: 4,282 boys and 4,809 girls.

7: 0 children in pre-primary school, 391,022 in primary school and 448,913 in secondary school.

8: 38,027 pupils (16,876 girls) provided with handwashing stations.

9: 805 boys and 597 girls.

10: Among the partners trained, 19 were women.

Annex B

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements (\$)	Funds available (\$)	Funding gap (\$)	Gap (%)
C4D / RCCE	741,000	1,178,972	-437,972	0%
WASH & IPC	3,556,800	3,342,038	214,762	6%
Nutrition	594,700	1,178,250	-583,550	0%
Health	8,445,500	2,324,120	6,121,380	72%
Child Protection	483,800	965,000	-481,200	0%
Education ¹¹	538,000	11,642,000	-11,104,000	0%
HIV/AIDS	0	603,000	-603,000	0%
Social Protection	460,200	200,000	260,200	57%
Coordination	0	511,350	-511,350	0%
Total	14,820,000	21,944,730	0	0%

11: The funds raised for Education cover implementation until June 2021, whereas UNICEF's COVID-19 response plan is for 2020.