

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Over the last month and a half, COVID-19 cases have quadrupled, and deaths have nearly tripled. Out of the 13,403 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 59% are male and 41% female, 7,146 people (53.3%) have recovered, 6,170 cases (46%) remain active and 87 people (0.6%) have died.

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Situation in Numbers:



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



US\$ 5.2M in funding required

UNICEF's COVID-19 Response

Health

UNICEF supported the training of health personnel in 24 health districts. After verification, 117 district management team members, 429 Community Health Workers (CHWs) nurse supervisors and 1,910 CHWs were trained in surveillance, detection of suspect cases and contact tracing.

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Following a joint mission to assess the COVID-19 response capacity of 30 health districts outside of Abidjan, a preliminary inter-agency report on the results was produced. During this mission, UNICEF integrated a WASH assessment of the health facilities, which will inform the capacity-building activities and actions that will be carried out in the health districts. Because the disease is currently spreading to cities in the interior of the country, the report recommends initiating actions to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to strengthen the health districts' COVID-19 response. As a next step, the report will be presented to the Director General of Health.

WASH

The results of the joint assessment of the COVID-19 response capacity informed and enabled the drafting of an action plan to improve WASH conditions and ensure effective IPC among six priority health centres. In line with this action plan, UNICEF will support the rehabilitation and improvement of water supply services, toilets and handwashing stations, the provision of disinfection and hygiene products, and the distribution of information and communication materials related to IPC.

UNICEF supported the implementation of health and safety protocols for schools, which targeted 4,900 additional students (2,286 girls, 2,614 boys) in the northern regions. Handwashing devices and soap were provided through the Ministry of Education's Regional Direction.

Last week, with UNICEF's support, national broadcaster RTI broadcasted 37 TV segments demonstrating how to properly wash hands. Unlike other handwashing demonstrations, this production emphasized the complete method recommended by WHO and adopted by the Ministry of Health as part of its national strategy for hygiene promotion. Broadcasts will continue until the end of August 2020.

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RCCE/C4D

UNICEF continued its COVID-19 awareness campaign, which achieved a cumulative total reach of over 315 million hits, including a reach of 5 million on traditional media (TV, radio and print), 33,685 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) and 7,825 consultations of the U-Report coronavirus information centre over the last two weeks.

UNICEF's campaign has generated a cumulative total of 894,418 engagements (likes, comments, shares) on UNICEF and U-Report's social media platforms. To date, a total of 479,132 people engaged in COVID-19 related actions. This includes young reporters, young bloggers, Voix des jeunes, journalists, U-Report communities, religious leaders and people giving their opinion through U-Report polls.

Following the completion of its studies on the impacts of COVID-19 and how the population copes with the disease, UNICEF together with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and UN agencies launched an intensive proximity campaign in Abidjan's COVID-19 hot spots to reinforce behavioural changes patterns and the adoption of prevention measures.

Radio programmes on HIV and nutrition in the context of COVID-19 are currently being broadcast by 150 community radio stations across the country.

Education

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Education with the development of new arrangements for the examination period. The written tests for the Lower Secondary School Certificate started on 13 July 2020. A total of 503,472 candidates are taking the tests in 799 centres across the country. 318,995 candidates registered to take the written tests for the baccalaureate, which will be held from 27 to 30 July 2020 in 506 examination centres. As the education sector lead, UNICEF supported the Ministry of Education with the development of health, administrative and pedagogic protocols to facilitate the reopening of schools and the examination period.

Before the start of the new school year, all students will spend one month reviewing all subjects to ensure that they are ready for the new school year. Online registration for secondary school began on 15 July and will end on 13 September. Thanks to a partnership with mobile phone operators, registration will be available via SMS.

UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to develop guidelines for the management of teenage pregnancies. These guidelines will help respond to the

large number of pregnancies observed while schools were closed due to COVID-19.

Nutrition

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Côte d'Ivoire, a total of 5,480 children affected by severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were admitted for treatment in health structures. 47.4% of the admitted children were boys and 52.6% were girls. Performance indicators are in line with SPHERE reference indicators: 82% of the admitted children have recovered. In the beginning of July 2020, UNICEF Cote d'Ivoire supplied 6,800 Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) boxes and other critical supplies to the New Public Health Pharmacy in anticipation of an estimated increase in the number of cases of SAM due to COVID-19. With UNICEF's support, a total of 307,032 caregivers of children aged 0-23 months received Infant and Young Child Feeding counselling through facilities and community platforms.

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The Child Health Days (CHDs) – which include Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming in 72 districts as well as screening for acute malnutrition in 24 districts – has been postponed to late July 2020 due to a delay in receiving an emergency order of 26,000 deworming tablets and the national mourning following the passing of late Prime Minister Amadou Gon Coulibaly. A pilot third-party community-based field monitoring strategy in collaboration with U-Reporters was designed and will be implemented during the CHDs.

Child Protection

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, 20 children living on the street were reunited with their parents and 30 were enrolled in the National Civic Service. In addition, the temporary accommodation centres where 156 children (140 boys and 16 girls) are being temporarily hosted were equipped with mattresses and hygiene kits thanks to UNICEF's support.

With UNICEF's support, four additional children were released from prison, bringing the total number of children who benefitted from an early release since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis to 117.

UNICEF continues to support the civil registration services through the provision of birth registration forms to health centres to enable timely routine registration.

Social Protection

The Government's COVID-19 Special Solidary Fund is responsible for the provision of cash and in-kind assistance for the groups most affected by COVID-19. The Fund, which previously only targeted beneficiaries in the Greater Abidjan region, was expanded to include beneficiaries from across the entire country. Through joint advocacy efforts in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Protection, UNICEF contributed to the identification and inclusion of priority beneficiaries (orphans, children living in the street, and families with five or more children).

The project to support the governance of the overall national response and assistance to populations made vulnerable by the COVID-19 crisis was launched on 15 July 2020. The project is funded by the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UN COVID-19 MPTF). UNICEF Côte d'Ivoire is the leading agency and will work jointly with the Resident Coordinator's Office, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to support the Government's efforts to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable groups, including women, children, children living on the street, victims of gender-based violence or trafficking, and prisoners. These groups will receive financial or in-kind

assistance, including psychosocial or birth registration support. During the coming six months, four UN agencies will provide in-kind and cash assistance to these groups in the most affected areas of Côte d'Ivoire. They will also support the Government in improving the governance of the COVID-19 response funds and building shock-responsive social protection instruments.

HIV & Adolescents

Over the last two weeks, UNICEF raised the awareness of 2,002 young girls on the management of menstrual hygiene. In addition, 34 adolescents and young people were counselled and screened for HIV. Heartland Alliance and consortium members carried out HIV/AIDS prevention activities that reached 1,329 adolescents and young people, of which 46% are part of key populations. In addition, two adolescents that are part of key populations signed up for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment and received pills to reduce the risk of HIV infection. Seven other adolescents were screened for their eligibility.

UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Youth Promotion and Youth Employment with the training of adolescents. 60 adolescents aged 10 to 19 received training on life skills and COVID-19 prevention measures.

Adaptations to Ongoing UNICEF Programmes

UNICEF's PM&E and HACT specialists conducted a quality assurance mission in Daloa and Man to assess the implementation of the SBAs with partner NGOs (ASAPSU, the Ivorian Red Cross and CARITAS) with regard to the HACT norms and procedures. The mission included spot-checks, programmatic visits, and discussions with zone offices and CSOs on how SBA monitoring tools could be improved, with a focus on the need for monitoring tools to be aligned with information needs for UNICEF's Global SitRep Indicators.

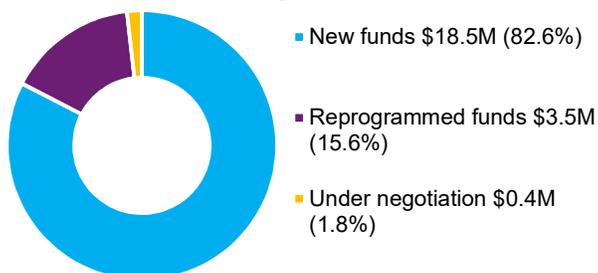
From 5 to 11 July 2020, UNICEF's Representative in Côte d'Ivoire was on mission to Man and Korhogo. The objective of the mission was to get an update on the implementation of UNICEF's programmes in Man and Korhogo, to assess the impact of COVID-19 on UNICEF's interventions and to highlight the gaps in UNICEF's support. In Man, the UNICEF team mainstreams COVID-19 prevention and response activities into routine programmes. The mission highlighted inter alia the need to reinforce C4D and community-based communications with the support of implementing partners, especially in the health and education sectors, and the need to increase sustainability of emergency WASH interventions by linking to long term WASH programme objectives.

Now that it is possible to travel between the capital and the rest of the country, programme implementation can resume outside of Abidjan. As a longer-term behaviour change action, UNICEF continued the implementation of the Green Schools' participative community approach. Using plastic brick classrooms as an entry point, the approach consists in raising the awareness of students, teachers, and the community on the importance of a clean and green learning environment. After being implemented in an urban setting, the project was implemented in a rural setting in Sakassou village. The project was adapted to the coronavirus pandemic and now includes handwashing stations and coronavirus-related messages. It also includes a garden, tree planting activities, solar panels, plastic recycling activities, clean-up actions and an environmental club.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

Of the US\$14.8 million programmatic budget required for UNICEF's multi-sectoral response plan for COVID-19, US\$21.9 million (+48%) has already been mobilised. The amount mobilised is a combination of reprogrammed funds (15.6%) and new funding (82.6%) received from governments and private donors. UNICEF is awaiting confirmation of additional funding from institutional donors (1.8%).

Funding pipeline



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.	500,000	479,132
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	1,885,876
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	38,892 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)	1,910 CHWs
IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).	12,123 (10,000 HF staff + 2,123 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.	HF staff: 12,123	9,733
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	Data not available
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	307,032
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).	33,000	5,480 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.	1,381	560
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	88,335
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 ⁵
Social Protection		
Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.	2,000	600
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	69,396

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

2: 9,681 boys, 8,812 girls, 9,853 adult women and 10,546 adult men.

3: 2,597 boys and 2,883 girls.

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

5: 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 ⁶	538,000	11,642,000	-11,104,000	0%
HIV/AIDS	0	603,000	-603,000	0%
Social Protection	460,200	200000	260,200	57%
Coordination	0	511,350	-511,350	0%
Total	14,820,000	21,944,730	(7,124,730)	(48%)

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