

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 4 August 2020, there were 7,489 confirmed COVID19 cases in Guinea. To date, 6,591 recoveries and 48 deaths have been recorded in care centers in the country.

Community transmission continues to spread in the countryside, with several prefectures affected. To better control this situation, the national health security agency (ANSS) is now supporting the establishment of epidemiological treatment centres at decentralized levels.

An exceptional authorization from the Head of State allowed the Eid El Adha celebration in mosques nationwide, with a strict requirement to respect barrier measures.

UNICEF is developing a partnership with the Conakry bar association to set up a free consultation office to support the most vulnerable children in contact with the law as well as their families.

UNICEF continues to support the Ministry of Education to monitor school attendance and to ensure readiness for the end of primary cycle exams scheduled from August 5, 2020.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health

To date, 138 health workers and 1,984 community health workers have been trained on COVID19 prevention and control. They have also been equipped with communication tools and locally manufactured face masks to protect themselves during the home visits they carry out to sensitize household members. With funding from the World Bank, UNICEF handed over an important set of PPE and hygiene kits to the National Agency for Health Security (ANSS). These kits will enhance the protection of frontline health workers in the country's treatment centres.

WASH

A total of 1,157,912 school children and 29,450 teachers from 4,528 schools in all 8 regions of Guinea have been reached with critical hygiene kits (hand washing kits, soap, and disinfectants). As a contribution to the new national strategy 'Stop COVID19 in 60 days', an estimated 9,000 additional vulnerable people (1,263 households) from Conakry benefitted from hygiene kits and hygiene promotion messages on how to control the COVID19 disease, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the NGO partner Tinkisso. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID19, a total of 1,000 handwashing kits were supplied to mosques in the Capital City Conakry (estimated 50,000 users) to contribute to the safe celebration of Eid El Adha.

Nutrition

UNICEF in partnership with Helen Keller International (HKI) supported the Ministry of Health's national Vitamin A supplementation and deworming campaign for children 6-59 months and 12-59 months respectively. More than 1,500,000 children were targeted by this important campaign which mobilized more than 6,100 community's health workers.

RCCE/C4D

During the reporting period, the main focus of RCCE/C4D was to strengthen COVID-19 prevention activities ahead of the Eid El Adha celebration. Advocacy meetings were held to engage religious leaders and messages were developed and disseminated through religious leaders and the media. A total of 5,000 religious leaders were engaged to include COVID19 prevention messages in their Eid sermons. It is estimated that over one million muslim faithfuls received such prevention messages. In terms of digital communication, 200,000 people watched videos available on the ANSS Facebook page covering the prevention of COVID19 infection during the Eid El Adha celebration. 40,000 people called the ANSS 115 dedicated phone number to inquire about COVID19.

Situation in Numbers



7,489 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

48 deaths



2,900,460 Children affected by COVID-19 school closures



US\$ 9,821,858 Funding GAP

Education

To date, an estimated 1,843,689 students, including 829,660 girls, from primary and secondary schools have benefited from distance learning courses using radio, television and online learning platforms. Despite challenges in accessing remote rural areas due to poor road conditions during the ongoing rainy season, UNICEF continues to support the availability of required school materials to ensure a safe learning environment for all children.

Child protection

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Action and Vulnerable People, UNICEF continues to support the child protection working group which brings together civil society and government. An additional 16 newly released children (all boys) from Conakry central prison were handed over to their parents by the Conakry juvenile court. To support these efforts, UNICEF provided one new vehicle each to the Ministry of Justice and to the Juvenile Court in Conakry.

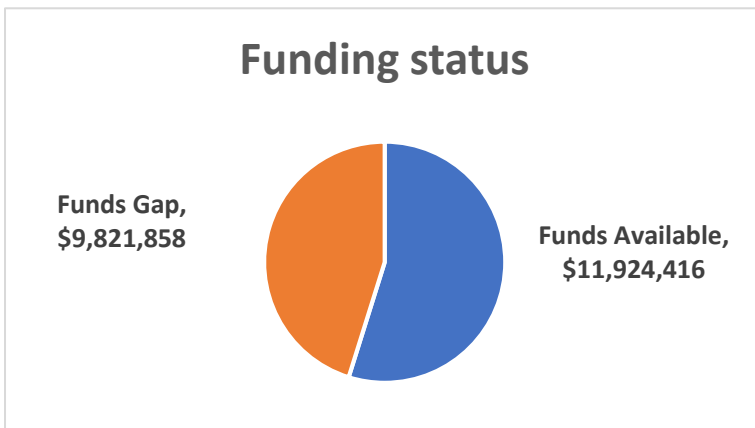
In term of capacity building, UNICEF supported the training of 13 civil society staffs including three women from Boké, Kamsar and Sangaredi (Boké region) on the protection of children against violence, exploitation and abuses.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF's support to the continuity of immunization services in 40 vulnerable municipalities has allowed the vaccination of 24,028 infants with pentavalent vaccine 3 out of the annual target of 40,000.

A total of 35 hand drilled boreholes have been completed in the region of N'Zerekore, thus improving access to safe water for over 10,000 rural dwellers.

Funding Overview and Partnerships



Social Protection

UNICEF, in partnership with WHO, WFP, and the Government launched the joint MPTF/COVID19 program to address the needs of 12,563 vulnerable people in Conakry, Boke, and Kankan, the three most COVID19 affected regions of Guinea. Beneficiaries were selected by the National Institute of Statistics using a targeting formula to identify the most vulnerable households in these three regions. This UNICEF/WHO/WFP program aims to provide protective kits, food, and child nutrition supplements, while promoting COVID19 prevention through RCCE.

Gender Equality

During the reporting period, 218 women's and girl's organizations were empowered to manufacture and distribute face masks for COVID19 prevention.

An initiative to promote community dialogue for the prevention of conflicts arising from the current COVID19 crisis, including GBV and VAC, was launched in Conakry. This 6-week initiative seeks to allow women and youth to express their views on the tensions related to the elections and the increase in violence following the implementation of measures to prevent the spread of COVID19.

External Media

UNICEF Guinea's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) are regularly updated with messages to raise awareness about good practices in the campaign against the coronavirus.

During the reporting period:

- Messages shared on Twitter earned 8.6K impressions over this 15 day period (19.1K impressions during the last reporting period)
- 185,757 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once (164,892 followers during the last reporting period).
- [The country office website](#) had 724 additional new visitors during the reporting period. The site was updated with a link to UNICEF global page dedicated to COVID-19 and with articles on how child rights are handled during the pandemic in Guinea.

Due to the reopening of mosques for the Eid celebration, [UNICEF offered 1,000 hygiene kits](#) consisting of buckets, masks and soaps to the the Islamic League to contribute to better control of the Coronavirus transmission during the prayers held in the mosques of Conakry.

To support vulnerable populations in the 3 regions most affected by the pandemic in Guinea, [UNICEF along with WHO, WFP offered food assistance to 12,563 people directly or indirectly affected by COVID-19](#). This project is funded to the tune of USD 600,000 by the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UN-MPTF).

UNICEF Global COVID-19 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/covid-2019>

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Annex A

Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement		
Number of people trained/oriented to sensitize the community on COVID-19 prevention and control	34,200	22,000
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	600,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	3,000,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	370,000
WASH and IPC		
Number of COVID-19 health care facilities supported with minimum WASH package	10	3
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	150,000	59,700
Number of students and teachers reached with critical supplies/hygiene items	1,800,000	1,187,362
Health		
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers (women and men) provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	500	0
Number of children (girls and boys) receiving essential health care including immunization with Penta 3 vaccine in UNICEF supported facilities	45,000	24,028
Nutrition		
Number of primary care givers (women and men) of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms	50,000	32,680 (20,235 women et 12,445 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	20,211
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1,843,689 (1,014,029 boys; 829,660 girls)
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	9,936	4,528
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	161 (38 girls)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	974 (403 girls and women)
Number of UNICEF staff and partners (women and men) trained in GBV including SEA risk mitigation and survivor orientation	300	100 (33 women, 67 men)
Number of children and adults (women and men) who have access to a safe and accessible channel for reporting sexual exploitation and abuse	10,000	100 (33 women, 67 men)
Social Protection		
Evidence on socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Guinea is available	Yes	Yes
Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs	3000	0
Number of children (girls and boys) benefitting from humanitarian multi-sector cash	5000	0
Gender		
Number of adolescent girls and boys who participate in or lead civic engagement initiatives, including online, through UNICEF COVID-19 supported programmes	200	75 (40 girls and 35 boys)
Number of women's networks and youth groups engaged in programme design, delivery and monitoring as well as in targeted messaging and feedback mechanisms.	75	218

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funds Gap	Gap %
Risk Communication and Community Engagement	\$800,000	\$762,671	\$37,329	5%
WASH & Infection Prevention and Control	\$1,280,000	\$273,250	\$1,006,750	79%
Nutrition	\$3,085,000	\$0	\$3,085,000	100%
Health	\$4,000,000	\$3,092,495	\$907,505	23%
Child Protection	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	100%
Education	\$6,824,274	\$7,560,000	\$-735,726	-11%
Social Inclusion	\$2,170,000	\$236,000	\$1,934,000	89%
Gender	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	100%
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	100%
Coordination & Technical support & Operational cost	\$1,977,000	\$0	\$1,977,000	100%
Total	\$21,746,274	\$11,924,416	\$9,821,858	45%