

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 7 October 2020, 10,901 confirmed COVID-19 cases were registered in Guinea, including 10,232 recoveries and 68 deaths, with a total of 126,641 tests performed.

The Government has ordered the reopening of mosques, churches and leisure places.

Ahead of the presidential elections campaign, UNICEF supported government in developing COVID-19 prevention messages targeting political parties' leaders and their militants. The National Health Security Agency (ANSS) has held advocacy meetings with presidential candidates to secure their support and commitment to COVID-19 prevention measures during the election period.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health



UNICEF has officially handed over 3 ambulances, 7 vehicles for supervision and an important set of PPE and hygiene kits to the ANSS. These equipment and supplies, procured with funding from the World Bank, will enhance the capacity and the quality of inpatient care at the treatment centres in the capital city and at the 11 others at regional levels.

WASH

In partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs and the World Food Program (WFP), the distribution of 850,000 bars of soap donated by Colgate has started for 448 vulnerable households from Conakry (estimated 3000 people) to promote hygiene practices including handwashing. Hygiene practices (especially handwashing) are being promoted in 5,339 schools nationwide, with 1,270,948 school children (533,798 girls and 737,150 boys) and 31,801 teachers provided with critical hygiene kits (hand washing kits, soap, and disinfectants).

Nutrition

UNICEF and partners supported SAM care to 413 health centers and 33 regional and prefectural hospitals. Since March 2020, 42,459 SAM children have been managed. To date, all regions including Conakry, the epicenter of the pandemic, have conducted a vitamin A supplementation campaign; 2,077,032 children under 5 (953,411 boys and 1,123,621 girls)

Situation in Numbers



10,901 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

68 deaths



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



US\$ 9,821,858 Funding GAP

have been provided with nutrition supplements. UNICEF facilitated a joint field mission with government and partners to verify the effectiveness of the continuity of nutrition services during this COVID-19 crisis.

RCCE/C4D



Guinea is conducting a polio campaign that started early October 2020. 6,390 vaccinators, social mobilizers and supervisors have been trained with support from UNICEF. Besides polio campaign messages, the polio team was also briefed on COVID-19 prevention measures. More than 250,000 people have been reached with polio messages and COVID-19 prevention messages during advocacy and other launch ceremonies.

The USAID/UNICEF supported national campaign continued to disseminate accurate COVID-19 prevention information to local communities through 35 rural radios and 2 national TV stations.

Education



To date, an estimated 1,843,689 students, including 829,660 girls, from primary and secondary schools have benefited from distance learning. As planned by the Ministry of National Education, the intermediate classes were opened on September 1st, 2020. The available data show that the student attendance rate has gradually improved, reaching 91% in primary and upper secondary schools and 92% in lower secondary schools.

In addition, the Ministry of National Education published the results of the primary school leaving certificate exam. The average success rate is 47.7%, with 45.6% for girls.

Gender Equality

During the reporting period, 1,023 women (26 years+) and 524 young girls (15-25 years), 198 men (26 years+) and 355 young men (15-25 years) participated in the community dialogue sessions on the prevention of conflicts arising from the current COVID19 crisis, including SGBV and VAC in the 5 districts of Conakry. These sessions were facilitated by community volunteers (women and men) and aimed to promote women and girls' empowerment and their engagement in the peace building process and the national response to COVID19. In collaboration with the Ministry of Women's Rights and Empowerment, 93 women (26 years+) and 157 young girls (15-25 years) have been trained on COVID-19 prevention, including SGBV and social mobilization techniques and tools in the five districts of Conakry. These women and girls will be deployed to raise awareness in their communities in the coming weeks.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

Guinea has held its first round of the polio vaccination campaign from 3 to 6 October following the notification of cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). This campaign covers 18 districts and targets 1.2 million children aged 0-59 months, as the COVID-19 pandemic fuels a decrease in the utilization of the health services. This campaign is also a platform for strengthening sensitization and community engagement for the enforcement of barrier measures, and for increasing in the utilization of health services, especially immunization services for the catch up of unvaccinated or insufficiently vaccinated children.

UNICEF has implemented a decentralized approach to the certification of open defecation free (ODF) communities in the context of COVID-19. Indeed 4 teams were trained in 4 regions while at the same time conducting the ODF certification process in 352 communities. These teams will conduct ODF certification in their constituencies with little supervision from national level. As a result of this decentralized certification, over 90,000 people from 4 rural municipalities (in 4 regions) live in an open defecation free environment.

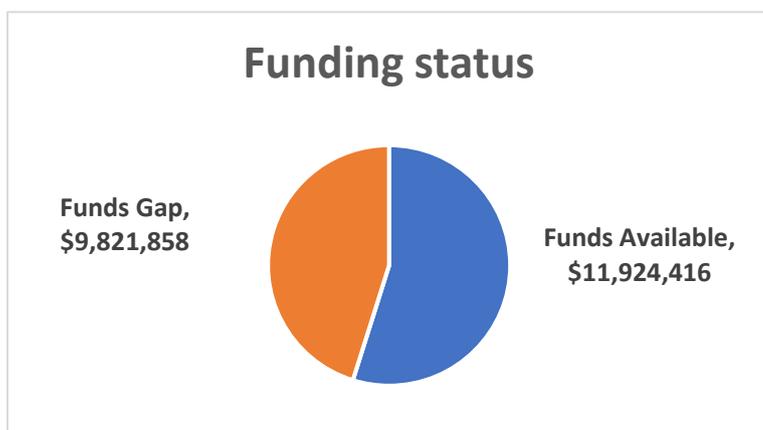
Child Protection

UNICEF provided alternative care support, family tracing and reunification, and PSS support to 163 children (63 girls) in Conakry, Siguiiri, zérékoré, Faranah, kankan, and Labé. An additional 23 children (three girl) were released from the prisons of Conakry (7), Zérékoré (5), Mamou (4), Labe (5) and Kankan (2), and handed over to their parents. 170 persons including UNICEF's staff (24 women and girls) were trained in Boké on GBV and child safeguarding in the context of COVID19.

3,600 posters and leaflets were produced to sensitize local populations, including children, on access to a safe and accessible channels for reporting sexual exploitation and abuse in the regions of Conakry, Boké, Kankan, Farana, Nzérékoré, Labé and Mamou.

UNICEF supported a supervisory mission to monitor the effectiveness of the continuity of civil registration at the National Directorate of Civil Status in the Nzérékoré region.

Funding Overview and Partnerships



UNICEF Guinea requires US\$ \$9,821,858 i.e. 45 per cent of the funding requirements to support prevention and control of COVID-19, continued access to essential, quality and inclusive social services, including the protection of children affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The CO is in discussion with partners to secure additional funding through new allocations . the CO thanks partners for flexible and timely funding to support an effective and efficient COVID-19 response in Guinea.

External Media

UNICEF Guinea's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) are regularly updated with activities carried out by the office to ensure the respect of the children rights during the pandemic along with messages to raise awareness about good practices to avoid the coronavirus.

During the reporting period:

- Messages shared on Twitter earned 12.9K impressions over this 30 day period (9.8K impressions during the last reporting period).
- 72,955 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once (221,422 followers during the last reporting period).
- [UNICEF Guinea's website](#) had 2,186 additional new visitors during the reporting period. The site was updated with a link to UNICEF global page dedicated to COVID-19 and is regularly updated with articles on how child rights are handled during the pandemic in Guinea.

[UNICEF representative, with government and partners, kicked off the polio response campaign in Kankan on October 1st](#). The campaign will take place simultaneously in 18 health districts of the country within the regions of Kankan, Faranah, NZerekore and Labé.

[UNICEF contributed to the new Education pooled fund through an agreement with the government with the support of GPE](#). The contributed amount (\$1 million for three years) will help improve the success of young Guineans in their apprenticeships and training despite the COVID-19 crisis.

[After several months of school closure, teachers and students are back to school](#). The Guinean authorities saved the school year with the effective resumption of classes for intermediate classes with the support of UNICEF.

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	33,390
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	1,150,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	4,350,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	625,000
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	75,700 (39,300 women and 36,400 men)
Number of students and teachers reached with critical supplies/hygiene items	1,800,000	1 270 948 (533,798 girls and 737,150 boys)
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	28,537
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	51,636 (35,830 women et 15,806 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	42,459
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	7695
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	315 (62 girls)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	1 273 (493 girls and women)
Number of UNICEF staff and partners (women and men) trained in GBV including SEA risk mitigation and survivor orientation	300	403 (85 women, 318 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	8 300 (4 233 women, 4 067 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	1036 (681 girls and 355 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%