



Situation in Numbers



1,954 total cases

26 deaths



Around 300,000
Children affected by
COVID-19 school
closures



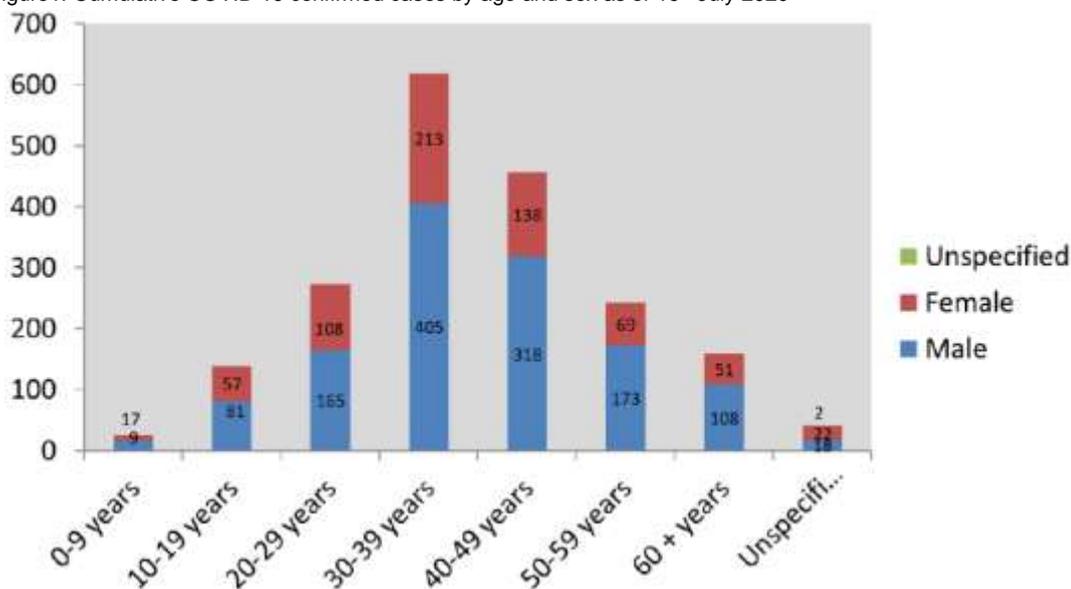
US\$ 3,2 M
funding required

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Guinea-Bissau’s capital (Bissau) records 1,764 confirmed cases out of the total number of cases (1,954) registered as of 19th July 2020. Among the confirmed cases, 250 are healthcare workers (HCWs) and 164 children (0-19 years old). A total 903 patients covered and the country registered 26 deaths. The COVID-19 pandemic has now spread to 6 regions of the country. There continues to be more confirmed COVID-19 cases among the 30-39 years age group in comparison to other groups, with 618 (31.6 %) cases. This is followed by the 40-49 years old age group with 456 (23%) cases, and then the 20-29 years group with 273 (14%) cases (see Figure 1 below).

The State of Health emergency has been extended until 30 July 2020. However, the curfew and other restriction measures have been lifted, enabling the reopening of public markets and public transportation

Figure1: Cumulative COVID 19 confirmed cases by age and sex as of 19th July 2020



UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health

The availability of oxygen remains a concern. The main national hospital for COVID-19 patients has limited and insufficient capacity to support patients with severe cases interned in other hospitals. To address this situation, UNICEF ordered 100 bottles of oxygen to increase the hospital's capacity and enable it to adequately support patients for two to three weeks.

Another challenge is the insufficient number of health workers to take care of COVID-19 patients and help the health system address the pandemic. According to a quick assessment conducted by the Ministry of Health, the country needs an additional 1,741 health workers in various domains to properly respond to COVID-19. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Health to speed up the process of training Community Health Workers (CHWs), to increase their capacity so that they are operational for COVID-19 prevention, in the weeks to come.

WASH

UNICEF continues supporting critical supply distribution and COVID-19 prevention activities in the 7 targeted regions. So far 868 communities, with a total of 269,602 people (139,923 women, 129,679 men and 37,744 under-five children) have benefited from the installation of handwashing devices and the distribution of soap - contributing to a sustainable adoption of COVID-19 preventive behaviour.

RCCE/C4D

During the reporting period, UNICEF continued to implement Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) through the National Red Cross volunteers in the Autonomous Sector of Bissau, supporting interpersonal sensitization activities among the population. So far, these interventions have reached 7,639 people (3,068 children, 2,559 women and 2,012 men). So far, 627,998 people have been reached through interpersonal communication being carried out in their community, through door-to-door visits, residences, main public markets and ports in the Autonomous Sector of Bissau, Cacheu and Biombo regions.

In addition, communication contents on coronavirus prevention continue to be broadcast through its traditional media partners (national television, national newspaper, and 29 national and community-based radios) countrywide. These contents are available in the most used local language of their communities. Through these media outlets, 1.6 million people have been

reached countrywide. In addition, UNICEF has received 177,376 comments/reactions through its social media platforms during the reporting period.



A volunteer conducting door-to-door sensitization on COVID-19

Education

During the reporting period, the Portuguese version of the Safe School Guidance was updated and shared with the Ministry of Education and Local Education Group (LEG) to ensure the health safety conditions of schools before reopening. UNICEF has taken steps to speed up the process for the implementation of the of an Education Accelerated Response to COVID-19, and the funds partially approved by the Global Partnership of Education (GPE). An implementation plan with the participation of all partners has been elaborated.

Child protection

Thanks to UNICEF and PAPEV project (UN High Commission for Human Rights), 240 adolescent girls, survivors of child marriage and violence, have participated in capacity building activities and received information to increase their knowledge on COVID-19 prevention, violence prevention (especially sexual abuse), referral mechanisms and available services to report and receive assistance and care. These activities were conducted together with the WASH sector and used as opportunities to also increase adolescent girls' knowledge on menstrual hygiene and menstrual cycle. These activities also included the development and distribution of awareness raising materials.

Social inclusion and cash transfers

UNICEF with WFP have now started implementing activities to build the capacity of the 7 NGOs which will support the cash transfer project targeting vulnerable households in the sectors of Sao Domingos, Bula, Mansaba, Cacheu, Sonaco, Bissora, Quinhamel, Bigene and Bissau. The activities included trainings sessions were organized in Bula, Mansaba, and Bafata with representatives of all the NGOs, with the aim to equip the NGO staff with the knowledge needed to

enable them to conduct the selection process for the beneficiaries of the project, focusing on the most vulnerable. The participants have also been familiarized with the tools and mechanisms that will be used for the targeting and registration of the beneficiaries, as well as the monitoring and evaluation system put in place to support the project.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

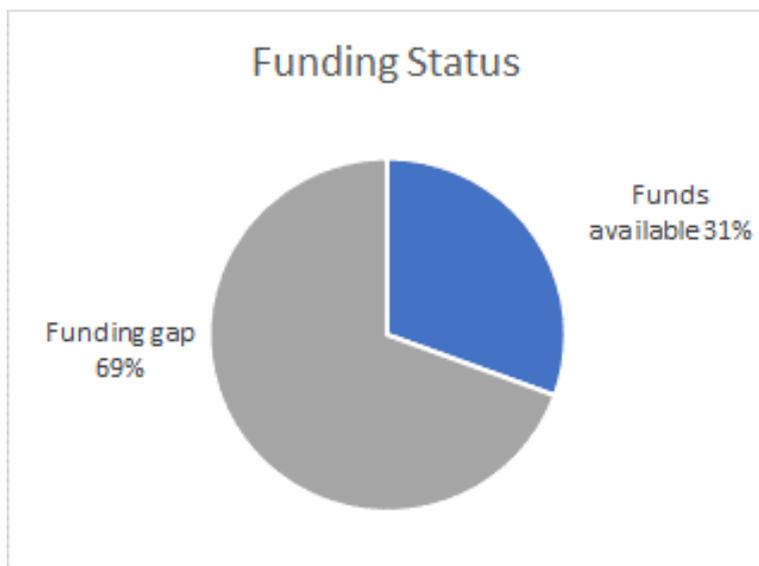
UNICEF development programmes have been adapted to the COVID-19 context by reformulating some activities, using programme resources to enhance COVID-19 interventions and adding sensitization on COVID-19 prevention to our current programmes. Midyear review meetings have been used by sectoral programmes to readapt their work plans in order to make a contribution to the COVID-19 response.

Health: To avoid stock out of vaccines and nutrition products and keep other basic services working, UNICEF continues its support the MoH on stock monitoring and distribution in COVID-19. With the recent arrival of vaccines (VPO, Pentavalent and PCV), the country has now an optimal stock of vaccines at all levels. Also, UNICEF is following up with the Regional Office and Supply Division the issue of total stock out of community health medicines.

Child protection: Child Protection actors have registered an increase in the number of cases of violence against children, including sexual violence at home and child marriage. UNICEF has reviewed and adapted its workplan with ongoing COVID-19 to respond to the identified cases, as well as strengthen referrals and case management.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF Guinea-Bissau has contributed to the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan with a request of USD 3.2 million for preparedness and response needs. The country office has redirected \$US 270,000 of its own resources to the response. The office also received US\$ 70,000 provided by the Education Sector Plan Development Grant (ESPDG) from GPE, US\$ 187,311 from GAVI, US\$ 100,000 from the Regional Office Emergency Fund, US\$ 200,000 from the Thematic Humanitarian fund, US\$ 100,000 from the MPTF COVID-19 Response and Recovery fund and US\$ 51,100 from Portuguese Cooperation.



Current resource mobilization efforts include the submission of funding proposals to the GPE COVID-19 Accelerated Funding window (up to US\$ 3,500,000), and to the African Development Bank jointly with WHO (US\$ 2,100,000).

EXTERNAL MEDIA

MEDIA ARTICLES

UNICEF doa materiais de combate a pandemia ao Ministério da Saúde Pública:

http://angnoticias.blogspot.com/2020/06/covid-19-unicef-doa-materiais-de_5.html?m=1

UNICEF oferece materiais para prevenção ao Ministério da Justiça:

<http://angnoticias.blogspot.com/2020/06/covid-19-unicefofrece-para-prevencao.html#links>

SOCIAL MEDIA

UNICEF Guinea-Bissau social media pages:

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and www.unicef.org/guineabissau

UNICEF Guinea-Bissau dedicated webpage for coronavirus content in Portuguese:

<https://www.unicef.org/guineabissau/pt/coronavirus-na-guine-bissau>

WEBSITE PAGES

[Tudo o que você precisa saber sobre como lavar as mãos para se proteger contra o coronavírus;](#)

[Principais Mensagens e Ações para a Prevenção do Coronavírus \(Covid-19\) em Escolas;](#)

[Marco de ação e recomendações para a reabertura de escolas](#)

[Covid-19: UNICEF makes available guidance to protect children and support safe school operations](#)

VIDEOS

New video: Weekly media briefing from WHO's Representative on the current epidemiological situation in the country, as well as, the UN's response to the coronavirus pandemic

<https://www.facebook.com/ONUGuineBissau/videos/1209216139427848/>

UNICEF donation of essential medical drugs & supplies for #COVID19 response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMOvEPEhE6c>

Videos produced by the young reporters' network, supported by UNICEF:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVa6HU48w7Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTEWSnuyet8>

<https://youtu.be/Mtgn1yQZ7ok>

<https://youtu.be/l6sCpWWRYXQ>

UN COVID-19 sensitization video on the use of the mask: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62yazoG5Ygc>

Summary of 3 months #COVID19 risk communication activities in Guinea-Bissau

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBVBU_9aEpE

MUSIC

National coronavirus song produced with support from the UN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFZNw6yzhkw>

PICTURES

Folder for pictures of COVID-19 interventions [here](#)

WASH DASHBOARD

Monitoring dashboard for COVID-19 WASH interventions: https://bit.ly/GNB_covid19_unicef_WASH

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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 1: Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	2,000,000	1,747,766
RCCE 2: Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	5,432	1,087
WASH and IPC		
IPC 1: Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	239,000	Total: 269,602 Male: 129,679 Female: 139,923
IPC 2: Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	4,338	-
IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control	4,338	190
Health		
Continuity of Health Care 1: Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women	440	159
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)	1,547	204
Child Protection and GBV		
Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 1: Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning	300,000	Total: 319,176 (0-5 y) Male: 163,416 Female: 155,760
Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	1,500	0
Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 3: Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	200	Total: 45 Male: 45 Female: 0
Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 4: Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	25,000	19,460 Male: 5,406/ 0-17y 3,253 Female: 6,614/ 0-17y 4,187
Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 5: Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors	150	130
Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 6: Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse	50,000	31,908 Male 10,689/0-17y 2,728 Female 14,887/ 0-17y 3,604

Annex B

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funding gap \$	Gap %
C4D / RCCE	170,000	74,000	96,000	56%
WASH & IPC	800,000	80,000	720,000	90%
Social Protection	800,000	122,000	678,000	85%
Health	710,000	510,311	199,689	28%
Child Protection	120,000	75,100	44,900	37%
Social Sciences Research	50,000	-	50,000	100%
Operational and staff costs	100,000	47,000	53,000	53%
Education	450,000	70,000	380,000	84%
Total	3,200,000	978,411	2,221,589	69%