**Situation Overview**

Mozambique recorded significant increase of COVID-19 cases in the last two weeks, raising the confirmed cases in all provinces of the country to 223, of which 207 are local transmission and 26 imported. This represents an increase of about 50% since the last Sitrep. The cases are now spread through the country, with all provinces having reported cases. Approximately 72% of the cases are male and 79% are nationals. According to Ministry of Health (MoH), 82 patients had recovered completely but there have also been two reported deaths, including a child of 13 years old. The majority of the cases are concentrated in Cabo Delgado (56%) followed by Maputo city (18.9%). The MoH indicated that the active cases (148) are all in home isolation except for two cases requiring hospitalized in Inhambane and Cabo Delgado.

Currently the COVID-19 pandemic in Mozambique has moved from sporadic cases transmission to cluster of cases transmission with increased cases over time and expansion to more geographical locations. Due to this situation, the Government of Mozambique extended the state of emergency for additional 30 days with end on 29 June 2020. With the extension, the Government of Mozambique stressed the full adherence of preventive measures including the mandatory use of masks in public spaces and in public transport, and restricted movement of people. The government continues to maintain school closures,

**Key Facts and Actions**

- COVID-19 cases in country increased by 50% since the last report with all provinces reporting confirmed cases.
- Government of Mozambique extended the state of emergency for additional 30 days with end on 29 June 2020.
- 2.7 million people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.
- First round of IPC WASH supplies for health facilities to the provinces (handwashing stations, soap, chlorine, sprayers). Dispatched.
- Charter flight arrived on 28 May with 11 metric tons of PPEs, including 134,000 surgical masks, 11,000 faceshields, 30,000 coveralls, among other items.

**Situation in Numbers**

- 233 Confirmed cases
- 2 Deaths
- 9,818 Tested
- 1,508 Active monitoring
- 82 Recovered

which have impacted 8.5 million students at all levels, with 14,667 pre-primary, primary and secondary schools currently closed.

The MoH also established treatment and isolation centers and Rapid Response Teams in all provinces. The MoH developed a Preparedness and Response Plan with actions in the following areas: coordination, disease surveillance and point of entry, laboratory, case management, supplies and logistic, human resources, infection prevention and control (IPC) and communication and social mobilization. Other Ministries also developed sectoral plans to respond to the secondary impacts of the pandemic.

**Coordination**
The Ministry of Health (MoH) established an Emergency Commission within the ministry to ensure effective coordination of COVID-19 prevention and response through the efforts of nine Technical Working Groups co-led by staff of the MoH and development partners. Internally, the Commission meets daily, and twice weekly in a broader group with the participation of key departments of the ministry, line ministries and development partners.

There are also ongoing coordination efforts targeted at mitigating the secondary impacts that may emerge as a result of the outbreak. To this end, the government disaster agency (INGC) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) are currently working with line ministries to identify the needs and priority measures to be taken. Aligned with this, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), led by the Resident Coordinator and composed of UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross, and donor representatives, is developing a Response Plan to COVID-19, focusing on sector specific impacts of COVID-19.

**UNICEF Response (during reporting period)**

**Health**
- The first Shipment of PPEs, procured by UNICEF, arrived in Mozambique and handed over to MoH. The equipment is sufficient to address 2 months of needs of 2000 front-line health workers (including 134,400 surgical masks; 30,375 coveralls; 10,752 faceshields; 600 googles and 192 infrared thermometers).
- Additional 119 community health workers (APEs) and 35 supervisors in Nampula and Cabo Delgado trained on COVID-19 risk communication and continuation of maternal and child health and nutrition services in communities.
- Oxygen flow system in the COVID-19 treatment centers of Pemba, Cabo Delgado province, established with capacity to supply oxygen to 150 patients.
- Supplied 9 tents to establish temporary clinical spaces in Machaze, Mussorize and Sussundenga districts (border districts), which are facing increase of suspected COVID-19 cases, in Manica province. This will improve the flows of mothers and children seeking care at hospital and ensure continuity of maternal and child health and nutrition services.
- A Call Center for COVID-19 supported by UNICEF was inaugurated Monday, May 25th, by the Minister of Health.

**Nutrition**
- Ongoing Integrated Nutrition Programme training for Community health workers (APE's) in 7 seven districts of (Balama, Mecufi, Meluco, Metuge, Muede, Nangade and Palma) in Cabo Delgado province.
- Distance mentoring for inpatient treatment services defined with MoH and Mozambique Pediatrician Association (AMOPE).
- Key nutrition and feeding practices messages in the context of COVID-19 published.
WASH
- Putting in place direct contracting for WASH IPC improvement (including infrastructure repair) in isolation wards works.
- Developed standard kit contents for WASH supplies for school reopening in collaboration with Education Cluster. Finalizing technical guidance for handwashing and disinfection activities.
- Dispatching first round of IPC WASH supplies for health facilities to the provinces (handwashing stations, soap, chlorine, sprayers).
- Consolidating data for water supply operators across the country with DNAAS, AIAS, AURA, and AFORAMO to support to continuity of water provision as operators are impacted by low payment revenue.

Communication for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR) phone survey base line implemented with 2,700 surveys conducted on COVID19 preventive practices conducted. Ongoing data analysis indicate more than 75% self-reported compliance to recommended behaviours (hand washing, wearing mask and keeping distance), yet only 64% know all three symptoms and little over 50% know what to do in case of symptoms.
- Almost 8,000 adolescents and young people reached with COVID-19 preventive measures and daily updates on COVID-19 cases in-country via SMS BIZ/U-Report.
- 2.7 million people reached on COVID-19 through digital engagement and messaging on prevention and access to services.
- Continued support provided to MoH to reinforce the coordination of the RCCE intervention across clusters (Health, WASH, Child Protection).
- Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) working group is completing a mapping of Collective Feedback Mechanism managed by different humanitarian partners to support the government multi-sectoral response.

Education
- Continuation of the transmission of distance learning radio and television programmes. Sign language included in tele-escola classes.
- Global Partnership for Education (GPE) grant Covid accelerated fund approved and received ($15 million).
- Proposal for ECD radio programme transmission presented to Radio Mozambique.
- Implementation of post cyclone intervention adapted to Covid for the distribution of school kits and exercises for students to do at home.

Child Protection
- Agreement with Association for Social Workers to provide on-line support and technical monitoring relating to the supervision of Psychosocial Support (PSS) and violence response implementation finalized.
- Provided technical and logistical (mobile phone, laptop and modem) support to MGCAS to re-activate Violence Against Children Survey (VACS) response plan in all provinces and providing specific training to social workers in Sofala provinces and selected districts that were not previously trained.
- From 19-March – 10 May Linha Fala Crianca (LFC) reported that 6,238 children had called to specifically ask information about COVID 19, and 2,251 adults (in both cases slightly more men/boys than women/girls).
- Following the temporary closure of Child Friendly Centers (CFSs), trained CFS facilitators to conduct home based PSS for children and reached 1,250 children (647 boys, 603 girls) with recreational activities, COVID 19 preventative measures, and techniques to cope with stress in absence of school.
- Out of 4,776 children who were previously in detention centers, 1,674 children reunified with their families; 3,102 remain in residential care in quarantine, under supervision of provincial Social Action department.
- Guidelines prepared for parents of children with disabilities on how to deal with their children during COVID-19 (with PATH for MoH), Prevention information posters to COVID-19 for people with disabilities (with Light for the World) and 3 radio spots (with Light for the World) on the rights and protection of children with disabilities in COVID-19 context.

Social Protection and Cash-Based Assistance
- UNICEF and WFP developed a joint strategy to support Government's social protection response, covering selected geographical areas with cash transfers (potentially up to 100,000 beneficiary households).
The Social Protection Technical Advisory Group (TAG), through active co-chairing of Embassy of Sweden and UNICEF, continues to be the main coordination platform in the sector, channeling both technical discussions on geographical targeting and enrolment of beneficiaries as well as strategic decisions of the social protection response.

Liaising with Gender and Disability specialists continue to make the social protection intervention responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups.

Government launched social protection response plan in all provinces with registration of beneficiaries of the unconditional cash transfers (PASD-PE Pandemia) starting in urban/peri-urban areas in selected provinces.

Supply and logistics

- UNICEF Supply Division PPE order arrived on chartered flight from China.
- Local procurement process for PPEs closed on 21st May. Ongoing analysis to pre-qualify suppliers and input on the Government procurement working group supplier database.
- New Global Supply Chain platform roll-out ongoing at national level through coordination with WHO and WFP.

Human Interest Stories and External Media

- Joint press release between MISAU-UNICEF-WHO-EU on the arrival of 11 metric ton shipment of PPE. The handover of the supplies took place with the Minister of Health and heads of UNICEF, WHO and EU delegation.
- Launch of the #reimagine campaign customized to advocate for rights of Mozambican children is planned during with the Ministry for Gender, Children and Social Action from 1-16 June 2020 through different national media outlets and programmes. The global campaign focuses UNICEF’s external communication and advocacy efforts on response, recovery and reimagining a better world for children post COVID-19.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

In support of the country efforts to prevent and contain the COVID-19 as well as address its impact, UNICEF has developed a 9-month preparedness and response plan with preliminary funding requirements of $16 million USD. As of end-May, the office has received ~US$ 1,600,000 for COVID-19 response thanks to the generous contributions from GPE, USAID, Netherlands, and Education Cannot Wait. In addition, UNICEF received $15 million from GPE as steward for the Government’s COVID Education response.

Challenges

- Increased complexity in the COVID-19 transmission chain with the increase of cases and spread throughout the country.
- Limited testing capacity at decentralized level.
- Delays in receiving clearance to import supplies for the response.
- High demand globally for key supplies limit the ability of the authorities and partners to act timely – long lead time for arrival of ordered supplies in country.
- Continued civil unrest and displacement in north of country.

UNICEF Mozambique: http://www.unicef.org.mz/
UNICEF Mozambique: http://www.facebook.com/unicef.mozambique
UNICEF Mozambique: http://www.youtube.com/UnicefMozambique
Annex A: Summary of Programme Results

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<td># of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services</td>
<td>15,000,000</td>
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<td># of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions</td>
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<td># of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms</td>
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<td># of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.</td>
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<td># of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)</td>
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<td><strong>CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE</strong></td>
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<td># of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women.</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>Number of caregivers of children (0-23 months) reached with messages on breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19</td>
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<td>Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)</td>
<td>19,000</td>
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<td><strong>ACCESS TO CONTINUOUS EDUCATION, CHILD PROTECTION AND GBV SERVICES INDICATOR</strong></td>
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<td># of children supported with distance/home-based learning.</td>
<td>1,112,137</td>
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<td># of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td># of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td># of UNICEF personnel &amp; partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation &amp; referrals for survivors, including for PSEA</td>
<td>326</td>
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<td><strong>SOCIAL PROTECTION</strong></td>
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<td># of households (economically affected by COVID-19) in urban and peri-urban areas receiving cash transfers for basic needs</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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1 Target revised to 15,000,000