Situation Overview

On 21 March 2020, the Ministry of Health of Angola announced the first two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country. As of 21 May, Angola has reported 60 confirmed cases of COVID-19, all of them in Luanda, (39 active), with eighteen recovered and three deaths. Of the 60 confirmed cases, 32 are local transmission. Government declared a state of emergency on 27 March, resulting in a two-week lockdown, up to 11 April, along with other restrictive measures. However, based on the continuing evolution of the epidemiological situation of the coronavirus in Angola, the state of emergency has been revised and extended multiple times and currently extended up to 25 May 2020.

UNICEF Response

UNICEF Angola has developed and is implementing a response plan that is aligned with the 2020 WHO Global Strategic Humanitarian Response Plan (SRP), Country Preparedness and Response Plans, and the 2020 UNICEF COVID-19 Humanitarian Action for Children appeal. ACO response interventions to COVID-19 focus on (i) coordination; (ii) risk communication and community engagement—RCCE; (iii) infection prevention and control—WASH; (iv) continuity of health and nutrition care; (v) continuous access to services (education and child protection); and (vi) social policy (cash transfer and social services referral).

The plan is targeting 713,133 people to benefit from infection prevention and control; continuity of healthcare service delivery, including nutrition; access to continuous education; and child protection and social protection (cash transfer and social services referral). In addition, the RCCE component is targeting up to 27 percent of the country’s entire population of Angola or 8 million people with risk communication and community engagement activities. In the last fortnight, ACO has completed the following interventions:

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1This number is calculated based on education targets (560,000), nutrition targets (42,000 children under 5 and 20,000 caregivers), WASH (90,000), Health (833) and Social Protection (300).

2Government of Angola National Contingency Plan for the control of the Coronavirus epidemic (2019-NcoV) was developed no cases have been reported. Government of Angola, February 2020.
Programmatically, ACO COVID-19 interventions include the following:

**Health**

- Through the United Nations Joint Team, in partnership with Angola Network of AIDS Service Organisations (ANASO), ACO finalized the UN support to *Gabinete Provincial de Saúde de Luanda* (GPSL) to organize and improve community response to COVID-19;
- ACO facilitated the training of 48 youth members of *Conselho Nacional da Juventude* (CNJ) in Cazenga municipality for the COVID-19 community response.

**Nutrition**

- Developed three e-learning modules for cascade training of frontline health workers on nutrition service delivery in the context of COVID-19, conducted from 18 to 29 May 2020 in Luanda, Bie, Huila, Cunene, Namibe and Cuando Cubango provinces;
- Developed guidance note on nutrition information management in the COVID-19 context to be used by nutrition health staff and partners while monitoring nutrition interventions and reporting data to the National Health Information System.

**WASH**

- Supported development of the WASH component of the UN Joint Response Plan to COVID-19, which provides critical IPC, control of WASH supplies, including improved WASH services in health care facilities, schools and communities;
- Supported the provincial Government of Luanda to develop the WASH component in the national COVID-19 response plan (guidelines, action plan and tools to strengthen Government’s preparedness and response to COVID-19);
- Supported the rapid needs assessment of WASH conditions in 14 health care facilities of Luanda in response to COVID-19 preparedness and Infection Prevention and Control;
- Procured emergency WASH supplies (30,000 bars of soap, bleach, 700 boxes of water purification tablets, 2,625 packages of water treatment products, 10,000 collapsible jerrycans, masks, gloves and alcohol gel/sanitizer) for up to 100,000 people in Luanda, Huila, Cunene, Uíge and other affected provinces;
- Supplied provincial governments of Luanda, Cunene, Huila and Uíge, Bié with essential WASH items (1,000 boxes of water purification tablets, 2,000 collapsible jerry cans, and 2,000 buckets with taps, 33,000 bars of soap) to strengthen infection prevention and control for 95,000 people for two months.

**Education**

- With support from the UNICEF and the World Bank, the Ministry of Education has developed a COVID-19 Education Sector Emergency Response Plan, as well as a costed Implementation and Operations Plan, to guide the response. The main objective of the plan is to ensure that all children and youth in Angola continue to benefit from their right to quality education during the COVID-19 pandemic, in a safe and healthy environment and prepare the conditions for safe return to school;

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3 Each box contains 14,000 tablets making it a total of 9,800,000 tablets
4 Each package contains 200 packs making it 525,000 products
As of 2 April 2020, the Ministry of education is providing distance learning support to students through variety of platforms. Daily TV classes from iniciação (Year 0) to grade 9 have been offered on the main national TV and Radio channels.

ACO has prepositioned 5,000 leaner kits in Huila province and 5,000 kits in Cunene province to distribute to students from remote communities together with communication materials on COVID-19.

Risk Communication

- 1,082,506 people reached with messages on COVID-19 prevention, access to health services and violence prevention disseminated through social media (UNICEF and MoH) and radio;
- 12,855 people engaged through UNICEF social networks with messages on COVID-19 prevention and access to essential services;
- 1,060 people shared their concerns on available support services through the COVID-19 helpline 111;
- MoH disseminated through its social networks messages developed with the support of UNICEF on how to prevent and report cases of COVID-19;
- The main national radio broadcast in Angola (National Radio of Angola) launched the initiative “Together for Children”, starting with a series of one-minute radio spots with tested messages on violence prevention. The partnership was developed in collaboration with Ministry of Justice;
- Online training modules for social mobilizers on biosecurity measures, risk communication and community engagement in times of COVID-19 were developed and tested. The first online training (with 1 facilitator on the ground) conducted for 110 social mobilizers of social protection program supported by UNICEF (APROSOCC) in the week of 11 May 2020.

Child Protection

- Support to National Institute for Children for development and implementation of child protection SOPs for emergency shelters and a CP referral mechanism which details each sectors’ responsibility to ensure a child friendly and gender-sensitive approach, with focus on prevention of family separation and strengthening of mechanisms for family tracing and reunification;
- In-kind support of WASH items to residential care facilities across Luanda province in response to the increasing number of children who have been referred to residential care due to country lockdown;
- Partnership with civil society organizations to mainstream psycho-social support and prevention of GBV in emergency shelters;

Social Protection

- Remote training sessions for CASIs were implemented and provided by ACO - MASFAMU. Twelve sessions were held covering the following multi-sectorial 4 modules: emergency social protection, biosafety, community engagement and cash transfers in the context of COVID-19. More than 180 participants (social activists, civil servants, members of CSOs and other partners) in Bie, Moxico and Uige participated. This capacity building activity will support the implementation of the cash transfer programme.
- Preparatory work for the planned cash transfer programme in Luanda completed, including drafting of an MoU with GPL (Luanda Provincial Government), budget design proposal, budget design for Cash Plus element, draft communication plan, a report on implementation in shelters, training contents for municipal focal points and NGO Atos staff, negotiation of agreement with service provider (Banco BAI), database on the target communities and weekly coordination meetings with all implementing partners.
Some of the main challenges for the cash transfers programmes include: weak coordination on programmatic choices by government counterparts; decision-making delays due to limitations for emergency response by the financial service providers; and the lack of clarity on budgetary management at the municipal level to support the logistical needs due to Covid-19.

**Funding Status:**

- UNICEF Angola COVID-19 Response Plan requires US$7,100,000 and currently the plan is underfunded by 88 percent.

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**Results Summary**

**1. Risk Communication and Community Engagement - RCCE**

1.1. C4D

People reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.

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² It includes RR allocated to programmes to quick start COVID-19 response.
People reached with critical medical and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies and services. | 90,000 | 95,000 |
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Healthcare facilities reached with critical WASH supplies and services. | 14 | 14 |

### 2.2. Health

Healthcare and nutrition workers trained on IPC | 833 | 103 |
Healthcare facilities staff provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | 833 | 0 |

### 3. Continuity of Health Care and Nutrition Services

#### 3.1. Health

Healthcare and Nutrition service providers trained in continuous healthcare and Nutrition service delivery to children, pregnant and breastfeeding women and in detecting and referral for appropriate management of COVID-19 cases | 833 | 0 |

Number of healthcare/Nutrition facilities and community health/Nutrition workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment | 833 | 0 |

#### 3.2. Nutrition

Primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms. | 20,000 | 0 |
Children under 5 years old reached with nutrition services | 42,000 | 0 |
Health workers providing nutrition services | 700 | 0 |

#### 3.3. Education

Children reached with access to education via distance/TV/Radio home-based learning | 560,000 | 0^7 |
Children supported access to education via printed instructions/home-based learning | 20,000 | 0^8 |

#### 3.4. Child Protection & Gender Based Violence

Women and children accessing gender-based violence response interventions | 25,000 | 100 |

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^6 Cascade trainings to frontline health and nutrition workers on provision of nutrition services in Covid-19 context to be undertaken from 18 to 29 May 2020 and service delivery to be monitored after the trainings were conducted.

^7 The viewership report from the state TV has not been submitted yet to estimate the number of children that are watching the TV classes.

^8 Learning materials will be distributed together with the individual learners’ kit.
Children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements | 2,500 | 100

System (including referral protocols) for alternative care for affected children/families established | Yes | Partially

### 3.5. Social Protection

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<td>Public sector actors receiving information and guidelines on social protection under COVID19 context</td>
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