Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

COVID-19:

- As of 8 September, out of the 18,778 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 58% are male and 42% female, 17,688 people (94.8%) have recovered, and 119 people (0.63%) have died.
- The official kick-off meeting for the 2020-2021 school year took place on 7 September in Grand-Bassam with the Minister of Education and UNICEF’s Resident Representative. The event also saw the participation of several ministers, including the Minister of Health.

Polio:

- 29 human cases of cVDPV2 polio, 22 contact subjects and 46 cases from environmental surveillance have been reported. This epidemiological situation requires a nationwide vaccine response with the Monovalent Oral Poliovirus Vaccine type 2 (mOPV2).
- The Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee meeting held on 4 September validated the period for the national campaign, which will take place from 18 to 21 September. To date, the required quantities of mOPV2 vaccines for the campaign have been positioned at the level of all districts and the other campaign inputs are being dispatched.

UNICEF’s COVID-19 Response

Health

In September, UNICEF provided infection prevention and control (IPC) equipment (e.g. chlorine solution, gloves, masks, gel, goggles, coveralls) to the National Institute of Public Hygiene with a view to support 122 health centres in Abidjan and help them maintain appropriate IPC practices. Additional equipment was also provided to the IPC Task Force for practical demonstrations as part of training sessions on the prevention and control of infection in the health facilities.

In order to reinforce the monitoring of COVID-19-related community activities and their integration into routine activities, UNICEF supported the distribution of 20,000 tools for the reporting of activities carried out by the 1,960 community health workers that were trained in the 24 districts supported by UNICEF. This M&E tool consists of a report card for community activities that community health workers conduct in the context of COVID-19. It was validated in August under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and is currently being integrated into the national health information system.

Weekly coordination meetings between UNICEF-WHO and the other actors involved in the fight against COVID-19 continue to be held every Tuesday afternoon.

WASH

In partnership with Caritas, ASAPSU and the Ivorian Red-Cross, the provision of WASH supplies is continuing to reach the most at-risk people with critical hygiene supplies. Over 26,260 people from 5,252 additional households in regions covered by UNICEF’s Man and Korhogo zone offices received handwashing devices and hygiene and disinfection products. The distribution of hygiene supplies is combined with awareness raising sessions. The sessions integrate prevention measures appropriate to control waterborne diseases in general and coronavirus infections in particular. A total of 40,123 people (20,744 men and 19,379 women) benefitted from these sessions.

Following the third round of replenishment of WASH supplies for UNICEF’s warehouses in the north and west of the country, 83 health centres received new disinfection and hygiene products.

A fourth round of replenishment, this time for water storage equipment, water treatment products, sanitation supplies and disinfection products, was organised for UNICEF’s warehouses in Man and Korhogo to be able to respond to needs should a humanitarian crisis occur in the north or the west of the country. This activity is done in the context of the reopening of circulation between Abidjan and the countryside, the upcoming October 2020 presidential elections and the increasing terrorist attack threats in neighbouring countries.

The installation of handwashing stations for the benefits of 111 schools that are connected to water supply network in COVID-19 high-risk areas is on-going. This activity aims to support the preparations for the 2020-2021 academic year and ensure the safety of students and school personnel. UNICEF, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, is in process of selecting the most appropriate model of contactless handwashing devices for schools that don’t have access to basic water supply services. UNICEF will support the large-scale provision...
of handwashing devices thanks to funding from the Global Partnership for Education.

**RCCE/C4D**

UNICEF achieved a cumulative total reach of over 352 \(^1\) million hits, including a reach of 3.2 million on traditional media (TV, radio and print), 10,443,495 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn), and over 3,098,296 consultations of the U-Report coronavirus information centre. In addition, UNICEF’s implementing partners (Red Cross, Caritas and ASAPSU) reached over 127,109 people through face-to-face community outreach activities.

So far, UNICEF’s campaign has generated a cumulative total of 1,054,028 engagements (likes, comments, shares) on UNICEF and U-Report’s social media platforms. To date, a total of 592,847 people engaged in COVID-19 related actions. This includes young reporters, young bloggers, Voix des jeunes (Voices of Youth), journalists, U-Report communities, religious leaders and people giving their opinion through U-Report polls and community mobilisation.

Thanks to the arrival of World Bank funds, UNICEF increased its capacity to respond and communicate at community level. Both its field offices in Korhogo and Man were staffed with UN Volunteers. An online campaign featuring heros fighting COVID-19 on the frontlines was also launched.

**Education**

The official kick-off meeting for the 2020-2021 school year took place on 7 September in Grand-Bassam with the Minister of Education and UNICEF’s Resident Representative. The event also saw the participation of several ministers, including the Minister of Health. The theme for this school year is "Together for a Resilient and Competitive School", a theme largely influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic. The education system will organise eight weeks of refresher courses for all students to catch up on the third trimester, which could not be completed because schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The refresher courses will start on 14 September. It was also decided to set up – in each school – committees to monitor whether COVID-19 awareness raising efforts are successful and whether preventive measures are applied, including the mandatory wearing of masks, the reactivation of student health clubs, the adaptation of teaching content and the respect of other barrier gestures against COVID-19.

The reopening of schools and restart of in-person classes is a priority for the Government of Côte d’Ivoire. Based on the lessons it learned during the COVID-19 crisis, the Government decided to maintain its distance-learning programme as an alternative learning method that will complement students’ in-person learning experience. UNICEF is providing the Government with technical and financial support in addition to contributing to the development of its national strategy.

**Nutrition**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in Côte d’Ivoire, a total of 9,018 children affected by severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were admitted for treatment in health structures, of which 47.1% were boys and 52.9% were girls. Performance indicators are in line with SPHERE reference indicators with 82% recovered children.

Since February, a total of 488,858 caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months and 495,404 pregnant women received Infant and Young Child Feeding counselling through health facilities and community platforms.

In August, UNICEF’s zone offices supervised its implementing partners more closely and strengthened their capacity to implement nutrition activities in the COVID-19 context. Following this, UNICEF’s implementing partner ASAPSU trained 242 community health workers on nutrition and organised 11,393 community outreach sessions on infant and young child feeding (including breastfeeding). Both activities focused on nutrition in the context of COVID-19. In the communities, 10,160 children under five years of age were screened for malnutrition and 314 children identified as malnourished were referred to health facilities for treatment.

**Child Protection**

Thanks to UNICEF’s advocacy and support, 31 children were released from prison. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, a total of 163 children have benefitted from an early release.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Côte d’Ivoire, 357 street children have been identified and referred to care. So far, 33 of them have been integrated into the national civic service and 25 have been reunited with their families.

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1: RCCE/C4D indicators in SitRep #17 contained errors which were corrected in this SitRep.
With the support of the Chinese Embassy, UNICEF provided 15,000 masks for the benefit of social services to the Ministry of Women, Family, and Children. The Chinese Ambassador to Côte d’Ivoire, the Minister of Women, Family, and Children, and UNICEF’s Resident Representative attended the ceremony.

UNICEF continues to support the national helpline to provide psychosocial support and referral to social services for children who are in a vulnerable situation due to COVID-19. Since June 2020, the helpline has received 27,791 calls, including 139 calls specifically related to COVID-19.

UNICEF provided technical support to UNDP relative to its study on gender-based violence in health-related emergencies linked to COVID-19.

**Social Protection**

The Parliament approved a bill on fiscal measures that aim to offset the impact of COVID-19 on the formal and informal economies. The measures range from temporary tax breaks on operations related to COVID-19 response to temporary tax exemptions for entrepreneurs and vulnerable households. The cost of these measures is estimated at 107 billion CFA francs.

Over the past two weeks, UNICEF has provided financial assistance through mobile money to 522 female heads of households. These funds will allow these women to carry out income-generating activities to support their children’s schooling and protect them against violence and exploitation.

**HIV & Adolescents**

UNICEF’s implementing partner CASES raised the awareness of 4,719 adolescents and youth on HIV and COVID-19 through WhatsApp.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, UNICEF conducted a mission in Boundiali, in the north of the country, during which it trained 20 adolescents and youth on life skills and COVID-19 prevention measures.

Thanks to UNICEF’s support, the Ministry of Health was able to train 74 health care workers and social workers on COVID-19-adapted psychosocial support service delivery for adolescents and youth. Equipped with personal protective equipment, community workers that are part of the U-Test project reached 1,523 adolescents and youth with HIV/AIDS prevention services during outreach activities.

**UNICEF’s Response to Polio**

29 human cases of cVDPV2 polio, 22 contact subjects and 46 cases from environmental surveillance have been reported. In response to this exceptional epidemiological situation, which requires a nationwide vaccine response with the Monovalent Oral Poliovirus Vaccine type 2 (mOPV2). UNICEF’s Headquarters and Regional Office have strengthened the country’s operational capacities by sending vaccine management and C4D experts in addition to the system that was already set up. The 12 consultants already deployed across the country as part of the cVDPV2 response and the strengthening of routine immunisation have supported the districts in the implementation of preliminary campaign activities. To date, the required quantities of mOPV2 vaccines for the campaign have been positioned at the level of all districts and the other campaign inputs are being dispatched. WHO and CDC have also deployed 15 and 10 consultants respectively to support the national surveillance and the active detection for polio and other diseases under surveillance.

The Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee meeting held on 4 September validated the period for the national campaign, which will take place from 18 to 21 September. The campaign will require special training and supervision of the implementing actors, because it will use the Monovalent Oral Poliovirus Vaccine type 2 (mOPV2). For this reason, the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in Côte d’Ivoire have carried out a national mapping of the positioning of consultants to support the health regions. The campaign will implement a set of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Adaptations to Ongoing UNICEF Progammes**

In partnership with Ministry of Hydraulics, UNICEF is studying the feasibility of installing a water supply system in 9 to 10 localities in the north of the country for communities, health centres and schools to use. The feasibility study aims to reinforce the resilience of populations in at-risk areas in Central Sahel. The construction of the new system and the rehabilitation of the existing system is planned for the fourth quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021.
Despite the COVID-19 context, the Ministry of Women, Family, and Children launched the Violence Against Children Survey (VACS) report. The VACS report features up-to-date data on different forms of violence against children in Côte d'Ivoire. UNICEF provided the Ministry with technical and financial support relative to the survey.

Vaccine coverage experienced a drop between March and May 2020. This is linked to the reduced number of people seeking health services for fear of COVID-19 infection. The Government’s activities aimed at raising the awareness of the population and strengthen IPC in health centres have enabled vaccination coverage to rise, but it remains below national objectives.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The US$14.8 million programmatic budget required for UNICEF’s multi-sectoral response plan for COVID-19 has been fully funded with a positive net balance of USD$7.1 for a total of US$21.9 million (+48%) resources mobilised. The amount is a combination of reprogrammed funds (15.6%) and new funding (82.6%) received from governments and private donors.

Following its mid-year review, UNICEF will be integrating COVID-19 response into its Country Programme Document and regular resource mobilization efforts.

External Media

Floods response photo album: https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408PRHWTU.
All graphic design content is available here: https://bit.ly/39eynLd.
All photos and videos are available here: https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408X0E416.

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# Annex A
## Summary of Programme Results

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<td>14,000,000²</td>
<td>14,000,000</td>
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<td>RCCE 2: Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions.</td>
<td>1,000,000³</td>
<td>592,705</td>
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<td>RCCE 3: Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms.</td>
<td>2,500,000⁴</td>
<td>1,957,990</td>
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<td><strong>Provision of critical medical and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies and improving Infection and Prevention Control (IPC)</strong></td>
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<td>IPC 1: Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>79,847⁵</td>
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<td>IPC 2: Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).</td>
<td>7,119</td>
<td>4,508</td>
<td>(2,598 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)</td>
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<td>IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).</td>
<td>13,106</td>
<td>11,643</td>
<td>(9,733 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)</td>
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<td><strong>Continuity of care for women and children</strong></td>
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<td>Continuity of Health Care 1: Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral, and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases.</td>
<td>12,123 HF staff</td>
<td>9,733 HF staff</td>
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<td>Continuity of Health Care 2: Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare, including prenatal, delivery and postnatal care, essential new-born care, immunization, treatment of childhood illnesses and HIV care through UNICEF supported community health workers and health facilities.</td>
<td>389,050</td>
<td>97,263⁶</td>
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<td>Continuity of Health Care 3: Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 through national communication campaigns.</td>
<td>1,200,000</td>
<td>331,008</td>
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<td>Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).</td>
<td>33,000</td>
<td>6,856⁷</td>
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<td><strong>Access to continuous education, child protection and GBV services</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 1: Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning.</td>
<td>1,247,097</td>
<td>839,935⁸</td>
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<td>Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols.</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 3: Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements.</td>
<td>1,381</td>
<td>1,302³</td>
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<td>Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 4: Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support.</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>101,841</td>
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<td>Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 5: Number of UNICEF personnel &amp; partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation &amp; referrals for survivors, including for PSEA.</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>72⁹</td>
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<td><strong>Social Protection</strong></td>
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<td>Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>1322</td>
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<td>Social Protection 2: Number of households benefitting from new or additional social assistance measures provided by governments to respond to COVID-19 with UNICEF support.</td>
<td>177,000</td>
<td>69,396</td>
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2: Target and results have been revised with HQ. The results indicate the number of people reached by SMS.
3: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 500,000 people to 1 million.
4: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 2 million to 2.5 million.
5: 19,876 boys, 18,091 girls, 20,228 adult women and 21,652 adult men.
6: The Health Information Department updates this indicator during the first quarter of every year.
7: 3,243 boys and 3,613 girls.
8: 0 children in pre-primary school, 391,022 in primary school and 448,913 in secondary school.
9: 705 boys and 597 girls.
10: Among the partners trained, 19 were women.
Annex B
Funding Status

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<td>C4D / RCCE</td>
<td>741,000</td>
<td>1,178,972</td>
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<td>WASH &amp; IPC</td>
<td>3,566,800</td>
<td>3,342,038</td>
<td>214,762</td>
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<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>594,700</td>
<td>1,178,250</td>
<td>-583,550</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>8,445,500</td>
<td>2,324,120</td>
<td>6,121,380</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Child Protection</td>
<td>483,800</td>
<td>965,000</td>
<td>-481,200</td>
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<td>Education(^{11})</td>
<td>538,000</td>
<td>11,642,000</td>
<td>-11,104,000</td>
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<td>HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>603,000</td>
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<td>Social Protection</td>
<td>460,200</td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>260,200</td>
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<td>Coordination</td>
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<td>511,350</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>14,820,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>21,944,730</strong></td>
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\(^{11}\): The funds raised for Education cover implementation until June 2021, whereas UNICEF’s COVID-19 response plan is for 2020.