Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 16th July 2020, the total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has reached 1,950 (see figure 1 for details)) with 903 recovered patients and 26 deaths. Among the confirmed cases, 250 are healthcare workers (HCWs) and 164 children (0-19 years old). The COVID-19 pandemic has now spread to 6 regions of the country. The capital, Bissau (1,754 cases) continues to be the epicenter of the pandemic. Contact tracing in Bissau and other regions is becoming challenging due to the community transmission pattern.

There continues to be more confirmed COVID-19 cases among the 30-39 years age group in comparison to other groups, with 618 (32 %) cases. This is followed by the 40-49 years old age group with 452 (23%) cases, and then the 20-29 years group with 273 (14%) cases, as shown in Figure 1 above.
UNICEF’s COVID-19 response

**Health**

To address shortcomings with the health response caused by the withdrawal of some international NGOs implementing partners from the country because of COVID-19, UNICEF is accelerating the transfer of NGOs’s competencies to health districts. Seven districts have started implementing community health interventions with direct technical and financial support from UNICEF. Thanks to that approach, Community Health Workers will soon be fully involved in COVID-19 response and prevention activities, especially at the community level. UNICEF have also supported the training of 75 health technicians in paediatrics care. The training includes a module on COVID-19 to improve the capacity of health technicians to effectively provide care to the increasing number of children with COVID-19.

**WASH**

As a member of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) committee, UNICEF took part in the joint assessment of public and private schools' capacity to ensure safe operations after reopening. The assessment which was led by the Ministries of Health and Education with technical assistance provide through partners, was conducted in 42 schools (12 public and 30 private). The assessment results prompted the Government to enjoin private schools that had reopened to close their schools given that preventive measures were not in place, to protect students and teachers from COVID-19. The assessment will enable the development of action points for schools in the public and private sectors to facilitate safe school reopening. In addition, UNICEF supported the installation the patients screening ward at the Bafatá Regional Hospital, providing tents and WASH supplies.

**RCCE/C4D**

UNICEF continued to focus on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) by supporting interpersonal sensitization activities among the population through the National Red Cross volunteers in the Autonomous Sector of Bissau. During the reporting period, these interventions have reached 9,133 people (3,530 children, 2,985 women and 2,618 men). So far, 601,058 people have been reached through interpersonal communication carried out in their communities through door-to-door visits, main public markets and ports in the Autonomous Sector of Bissau, Cacheu and Biombo regions.

On 15th July, UNICEF issued a press release to advocate for safe school reopening, which was widely disseminated. UNICEF also provided to the Ministry of Education on how to protect children and support safe school reopening. The guidance also includes critical considerations and practical checklists to keep schools safe and recommendations to national and local authorities on how to adapt and implement emergency plans for educational facilities.

Furthermore, UNICEF continued to air coronavirus preventive communication contents through its traditional media partners (national television, national newspaper, and 29 national and community-based radios countrywide. These contents are available in most widely used local language in the region. Through these media outlets, 1.6 million people have been reached countrywide. During the reporting period, UNICEF social media platforms have reached 174,985 comments/reactions.
**Education**

During the reporting period, UNICEF held a meeting with the ministry of education, the Word Bank and other partners to adjust and finalize the COVID-19 response proposal to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), the budget as well as the implementation plan. These documents will be validated by the Local Education Group before submission to the GPE. In collaboration with the NGO "Animar para Educar" UNICEF continued with the production and broadcasting of radio lessons for early learning.

**Child protection**

UNICEF’s support to social service workforce has helped sustain the provision of psychosocial support to families and children infected by COVID-19. During the reporting period, 19 children and families received appropriate psychosocial assistance (remote and home visits) and critical cases were referred to other social services that provide special assistance to vulnerable families. Families and children with urgent financial needs and food support were identified (11 cases) and referred to the social protection department. The department also responded to cases of children (9) facing stigma and discrimination within the family and neighbourhood. In addition, social assistants and medical teams provided support to children who were not aware of their COVID-19 status, as well as to parents who had difficulties speaking with their children about COVID-19. UNICEF is facilitating discussion between the social service workforce and to the High Commission for COVID-19 to ensure they are taken into account in the COVID-19 response and help with the development of child protection COVID-19 response.

**Social inclusion and cash transfers**

During the reporting period, UNICEF with WFP have finalized the tools that will be used for the targeting, the registration of beneficiaries and the monitoring of the cash distribution. The content of the training of the NGOs that will support the cash transfer Programme have also been finalized.

**Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes**

UNICEF development programmes have been adapted to the COVID-19 context by reformulating some activities, by using programme resources to enhance COVID-19 interventions or by adding sensitization on COVID-19 prevention to our current programmes.

**Health:** In order to avoid vaccines and nutrition products becoming out of stock, UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Health (MoH) on stock monitoring and distribution in the context of COVID-19 and updating the stock at all levels.

**Wash:** UNICEF is providing technical assistance to the Center for Operations on Medical Emergency (COES) which is the country leading body for COVID-19 prevention and response and will support the migration of the laboratory database on COVID-19 test results to a more stable, user-friendly platform. This will allow for automated publishing of test results and also enable the lab to organize the data analysis intake into four semi-independent workstreams: Lab results publishing, a searchable results database, Lab Monitoring visualization, and back-end data management.

**Child protection:** UNICEF Guinea-Bissau was actively involved in the first ever Portuguese speaking Webinar on the Child Protection response to the COVID-19. The countries’ presentations were conducted by Child Protection national responsible from each county (Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Angola and Cabo-Verde). In Guinea-Bissau, the webinar is being used to build the capacity of Child Protection actors.

**Funding Overview and Partnerships**

The Guinea-Bissau CO has contributed to the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan with a request of USD 3.2 million for preparedness and response needs. UNICEF Guinea-Bissau 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:

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:

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

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/I6sCPWRYXQ
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

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## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

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<td><strong>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 4</strong>: Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support</td>
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<td><strong>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 6</strong>: Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse</td>
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## Annex B

### Funding Status

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,200,000</strong></td>
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