Situation Overview

In Mozambique, 788 cases of COVID-19 were reported as of 25 June 2020. The cases continue increasing with a rise of 40% since the last report (10 June) as well as an increase in the number of patients recovered. The Ministry of Health (MoH) reports that there are 561 active cases (as of 25 June) of COVID-19 with a death toll of 5 and the majority of the covid-19 cases were from local transmission (718).

Most of the active covid-19 cases are in household isolation, there are 10 cases currently hospitalized in Nampula, Maputo, Sofala and Manica provinces. As of 22 June 2020, 52% of the cases in Mozambique were asymptomatic, 40% with light symptoms and 8% with moderate symptoms.

On 21st June 2020, the MoH declared Pemba city as the second geographical location with community transmission of COVID-19. Furthermore, the MoH classified Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Maputo city and Maputo province as provinces of high risk for COVID-19, and the remain provinces as of moderate risk. The Government has advanced on decentralization of testing capacity, with Beira city already equipped to conduct COVID-19 tests with plans to expand to Nampula province and Pemba city.

Key Facts and Actions

- Nampula and Pemba city were declared locations with community transmission of COVID-19;
- UNICEF supported the training of 73 Community health workers on COVID-19 IPC and continuity of services benefiting 15,000 children under the age of 5 years;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for health care workers donated by UNICEF has been dispatched by MoH to all provinces
- UNICEF dispatched waste management supplies to Cabo Delgado and Nampula for health facilities.
- Approximately 8 million people reached by 111 community radios supported by UNICEF with Covid-19 preventive measures.

Situation in Numbers

- **788** Confirmed cases
- **561** Active cases
- **5** Deaths
- **26,204** Tested
- **2,672** active contacts
- **221** Recovered

The current strategy of the MoH to control the outbreak is based on active finding of suspected cases, and contact testing, quarantine and isolation in order to break the transmission chain of COVID-19. Epidemiological surveillance will be reinforced by establishing additional surveillance posts as well as equipping the provincial laboratories for COVID-19 testing.

Moreover, the Ministry of Health has approved a Strategy for Community Response to COVID-19 focusing on community engagement for: a) COVID-19 risk communication, b) COVID-19 prevention interventions; c) COVID-19 Surveillance and contact tracing at community level and d) continuity of key essential community health services including maternal and child health, immunization and nutrition services. The strategy outlines infection control measures to be adopted by the community actors. The government of Mozambique has also approved a stipend to health care workers who are deployed to COVID-19 treatment centres to increase their motivation.

Local markets have been identified as areas with high risk of contamination and the country is undertaking markets re-qualification exercise in order to ensure social distance between sellers and between sellers and buyers as part of the COVI-19 pandemic prevention strategy.

The Government of Mozambique extended the state of Emergency until 29 June and during this extension the Government stressed the full adherence of preventive measures including the mandatory use of social masks in public spaces and in public transport, frequent hand washing with soup, maintain physical distance of at least 1.5 meter and restricted movement of people. The government continues to maintain school closures, which have impacted 8.5 million students at all levels, with 14,667 pre-primary, primary and secondary schools currently closed.

**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**

- Supported training of 73 Community Health Workers (APEs) on COVID-19 IPC and continuity of services in Cabo Delgado, whose activities will benefit 91,000 people.
- Supported finalization and approval of Strategy for community response of COVID-19 and continuity of health services in community.
- Supported development and printing of APEs COVID-19 register books and monitoring tools.
- Supported the development framework of Provincial level COVID-19 implementation plan in Nampula and Cabo Delgado in response to community transmission in these two provinces.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for health care workers (Coveralls, Surgical masks; googles) and infrared thermometers donated by UNICEF has been dispatched by MoH to all provinces.

**Nutrition**

- Vitamin A supplementation and Deworming included as part of the measles outbreak response activities in 5 provinces: Nampula, Cabo Delgado, Zambezia, Tete and Manica.
- Draft operational research protocol on family MUAC in COVID-19 context agreed with MoH.

**WASH**

- WASH repairs and upgrading ongoing in five isolation treatment centers in Nampula and Cabo Delgado. Finalizing agreements for isolation treatment center works in seven additional isolation treatment centers.
• Procuring COVID hygiene kits for 10,000 quarantine households.
• Waste management supplies dispatched to Cabo Delgado and Nampula for health facilities.
• In addition to the WASH Cluster lead and the MISAU technical working group for COVID focal point, UNICEF is now the focal point for the IPC group for the Maputo Municipality response planning.

**Communication for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability**
- 12 million people reached by Radio Mozambique and approximately 8 million people reached by 111 community radios through the active support to weekly radio programmes and daily radio spots (preventive measures and secondary impact).
- 43,404 people involved in participatory actions (recent U-Report poll on Adolescent well-being) related to COVID-19
- 73 people received a feedback to questions on COVID19 preventive measures and secondary impact along the live radio programme Ouro Negro.

**Education**
- Transmission of education radio messages motivating parents and learners to study in 4 community radios in Tete.
- Preparation of the PSS capacity building of 300-350 teachers in Cabo Delgado.
- Support to Ministry of Education for return to school planning.

**Child Protection**
- The Legal Aid Institute, the Police Unity for Victims of Violence and the Office of the Ombudsman are working to provide the assistance. UNICEF Child Protection specialists are part of Task Teams created by municipalities to provide support and ensure children and elderly are protected from different forms of violence during the epidemic.
- Following two incidents in which children were arrested for not complying with COVID prevention measures in the street, UNICEF advocated with the Ministry of Interior to respect child rights and find alternative means of responding to non-compliance with COVID prevention measures.
- 9,034 children have benefitted from individual psychosocial follow up through household visits and telephone conversation.

**PSEA**
- In collaboration with Linha Verde, Linha Falla Crianca and police (at national level), UNICEF is supporting a safe and accessible channel to reporting sexual exploitation and abuse by the beneficiaries across the Country. Further support will be provided in terms of training and sharing key prevention and response messages for awareness raising on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse.

**Social Protection and Cash-Based Assistance**
- UN (WFP, UNICEF and ILO) joint presentation to promote support to the National Social Protection response. WFP and UNICEF preparing joint implementation.
- MGCAS/INAS defined locations for direct cash transfers implemented by WFP & UNICEF (Quelimane, in Zambezia; Moatize and Zubue, in Tete).
- UNICEF and WFP working on multi-sector coordination (Communication, Gender, Nutrition, Protection) for the design and operationalization of the C4D and Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms & Referrals components of the program. UNICEF leveraging funds to expand C4D support to the broader National Social Protection Response.

**Supply and logistics**
- Supporting MoH on the development of new version of COVID-19 supply plan.
- Local PPEs tender analysis finalized, results being uploaded into supplier open database for broader use by relevant partners.
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 revised funding requirement of $25 million USD. As of end-May, the office has received $5,928,910 USD for COVID-19 response thanks to the generous contributions from Education Cannot Wait, European Union, Global Partnership for Education (GPE), Japan, Netherlands and USAID. In addition, UNICEF is managing $15 million from GPE as Grant Agent for the Government’s COVID Education response.

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## Annex A: Summary of Programme Results

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<td><strong>RCCE</strong></td>
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<td># of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services</td>
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<td>12,000,000</td>
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<td># of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>43,404</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>
<td>13,500</td>
<td>9,300</td>
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<td><strong>IPC</strong></td>
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<td># of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services</td>
<td>112,000</td>
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<td># of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)</td>
<td>2,500</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>
<td>261,100</td>
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<td># of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>3,102</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>
<td>9,034</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>
<td>149</td>
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<td># of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report SEA</td>
<td>164,488</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