Situation Overview and Needs

As of April 10, there are 305 confirmed cases of COVID-19 recorded in Nigeria. Of the confirmed cases, 240 are on admission, 58 have been discharged and there are seven deaths recorded. Deaths were recorded in Lagos (2), FCT (2), Edo (1), Katsina (1) and Delta (1).

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So far, over 5000 samples have been tested out which 305 were confirmed as COVID-19 positive. A cumulative total of 9003 passengers of interest (POI) identified and being monitored. As of 6 April, there are two new laboratories bringing the total to nine with capacity to test for COVID-19 in Nigeria in the following locations: Lagos (3), FCT (2), Osun, Ibadan, Edo and Ebonyi. There are six additional laboratories in progress in Borno, Kano, Sokoto, Port-Harcourt, Jos and Kaduna. Currently, national testing capacity is 1,500 persons/day, in addition COVID-19 starter packs have been deployed to all medical tertiary institutions and Federal medical centres. The NCDC has outlined priority needs including supplies such as personal protective equipment (PPEs), diagnostic and case management equipment and human resources for contact tracing and follow-up. Additional support for Risk Communication and Community Engagement as well as Infection Control and Prevention measures are required both at the Federal and

State levels. The Nigerian government received medical equipment and consumables including personnel protecting equipment (PPE) from China. The support also includes, doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians who will help strengthen testing and management of COVID-19 cases, especially those needing critical care in Nigeria.

Coordination and Partnerships
A Presidential Task Force was inaugurated to manage 10 functional areas for operation on the Nigeria COVID-19 response. These include epidemiology and surveillance; laboratory; case management; infection, prevention and control; risk communication and community engagement; security, logistics and mass care; research; coordination and resource mobilization; finance monitoring and compliance and point of entry. Daily meetings are being held both at coordination level and within the functional areas. UNICEF is active in the areas of coordination and resource mobilization, risk communication and community engagement, epidemiology and surveillance, case management, laboratory and infection prevention and control.

At State level, UNICEF is supporting the EOCs or government committees that have been established in Lagos, Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Oyo, Ekiti, Enugu, Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara and Borno State. UNICEF is providing technical support and guidance to the State governments under the above-mentioned functional areas. This includes assessments of isolation centres, articulation of preparedness and response plans, risk communication and community engagement strategy development and messaging and trainings of frontline healthcare staff and community-based workers.

Summary Analysis of Preparedness and Response Actions
Risk Communication and Community Engagement
At the national level, UNICEF is supporting the Risk Communication and Community Engagement functional area in developing and disseminating COVID-19 messaging and infographics across the country. UNICEF has utilized over three million U-Reporters engaged on the U-Report platform to support information dissemination.

UNICEF is providing technical support to the government of Kaduna on risk communication activities. In Bauchi and Gombe, UNICEF supported training of primary health care (PHC) facility managers, contact tracing teams and disease surveillance officers on risk communication. In Kano, UNICEF facilitated the dissemination of COVID-19 preventive actions in three key mosques through the Imams and further distributed 2,500 social behaviour change materials through the Volunteer Community Mobilisers (VCMs). Messages and jingles in English and other languages developed jointly with NCDC at the national level are currently being aired in Ekiti, Osun and Oyo states on radio and other social media platforms.

In Enugu, with UNICEF’s support to the ministry, flyers and posters have been produced in large quantities and are being distributed in 17 Local Government Areas (LGAs) and 11 radio and TV stations are currently airing jingles and awareness programmes on COVID-19.

In Zamfara, VCMs have intensified house to house sensitization on handwashing using soap and running water as well as social distancing. In Kebbi, VCMs reached 5,996 households educating women prevention of COVID-19, proper hand washing, of ANC/RI, child nutrition, exclusive breast feeding and Polio. Tailored communication activities about COVID-19 took place with 21 Religious leaders and 12 community leaders. on life-saving information on COVID-19, promotion of vaccination, and child safety and protection.

In Port Harcourt, UNICEF provided technical support for setting up a Mobile Rapid Response Risk Communication Team (RRT). So far, the RRT has visited 60 health facilities to undertake IPC trainings and implementation, 120 public places (market, seaports, public transports) for outreach communication. Additionally, UNICEF facilitated 42 civil society organizations (CSOs) to join the risk communication pillar to support community engagements.
In Kebbi and Sokoto, UNICEF through its structures and networks including VCMs is supporting the state in risk communication activities for COVID-19 preparedness and response. 300 VCMs, 30VWS, seven Religious Focal Persons and 72 PSGs sensitized and improved the knowledge gaps of caregivers and the communities on COVID 19.

In Borno and Yobe states, 300 Community Based Volunteers were trained on COVID-19 risk communication. UNICEF has engaged a partner on printing of IEC materials in English, Hausa, and Kanuri with additional translations being supported. In collaboration with WASH, motorised messaging on COVID-19 in ongoing through the use of nine vehicles in Shani, Biu, Askira/Uba, Kwaya Kusar, Bayo, Monguno, Hawul, MMC and Jere.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and WASH
UNICEF is continuing to support increased contact tracing and testing during the lockdown period to contain the spread of the virus. WASH activities across Nigeria have prioritize and increase in hygiene messages with a focus on handwashing, the identification of key IPC needs required in UNICEF supported health facilities. In Osun, Ekiti and Edo states UNICEF provided IEC materials on WASH to increase awareness. In Katsina, Kano and Jigawa, UNICEF is supporting a WASH preparedness and response plan for the three states focusing on hygiene sensitization and provision of WASH services and supplies. The plan also includes key activities such as hygiene kit distribution, WASH facilities, and technical support for training of community volunteers and crafting of messaging. In Borno, installation of handwashing facilities has begun with eight being constructed at the Bulumkutu Transit Centre where over 300 children reside.

Provision of Healthcare and Nutrition Services
UNICEF is carrying out sensitization for health providers on nutrition, leveraging on VCM tracking of malnourished children in Kebbi state. In addition, 32 secondary health facilities medical officers were trained on standard definition, while health care providers were trained on case management. In Kano, Katsina and Jigawa, UNICEF has shared the newly released global guidance on IYCF and wasting programming in COVID-19 pandemic with the State Nutrition Officers.

In Borno and Yobe states, UNICEF has supported the State Primary Health Care and Development Agency to procure 1000 litres of alcohol-based hand sanitizers and preposition essential medical consumable in key hotspot areas. UNICEF has provided five tents to the Ministry of Health to support in the establishment of isolations centres in Yobe and Borno. Social distancing has been implemented in all health and nutrition sites, with a reduction of people inside facilities and adequate bed spacing in stabilization centres.

Access to Continuous Education and Child Protection Services
UNICEF is supporting the development of communication and educative materials such as leaflets, audio and visual materials, including KIDS books and its dissemination to states and FCT for prevention and containment of COVID-19 pandemic. The mapping and contextualization of learning resource materials was carried out in co-ordination with state governments and other stakeholders for 36 States and FCT. UNICEF also supported state governments to prepare school schedules, including the facilitation and the transmission of learning resources. Currently, radio and television broadcast are available in most states reaching over one million children. Technical assistance is being provided in establishing remote monitoring tools- googleforms, whatsapp, tele calling, etc to monitor and measure the learning progress. Additionally, UNICEF is supporting the development of state-specific COVID-19 education response plans in co-ordination with state and federal governments. In Borno and Yobe States, UNICEF supported the State Ministry to develop a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for Bulumkutu to ensure continuity of child protection interventions for children residing at the centre.

Supply and Logistics
UNICEF has supported the NCDC to identify critical supplies for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. A preliminary order has been made for Personnel Protective equipment (PPE) and other essential supplies expected in
country on 16 April via a UNICEF chartered flight. UNICEF will use its extensive experience in medical supply chain to procure test kits, case management supplies and additional infection and prevention control items.

**Funding Overview**
The Nigeria CO has contributed to the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan with an initial request of USD 30.1 million for preparedness and response needs. ECHO Nigeria has provided UNICEF with 1.2 million Euros to support in risk communication and life-saving health and WASH supplies. UNICEF Field Offices have developed scenario-based costed preparedness and response plans to support their respective State governments.

**External Communication**
UNICEF has aligned with global campaigns on COVID-19 and has been disseminating information through its social network ([Twitter](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com), [Instagram](https://instagram.com)). Some media mentions are as follows:


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