Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

There are currently 1095 confirmed cases of COVID-19 recorded in Nigeria as of 23:30 24 April. 208 cases have been discharged with 32 deaths recorded. A cumulative total of 9,257 persons of interest (POI) were identified and being monitored, out of which, 99 per cent have exceeded the mandatory follow-up period of two weeks. As at 23 April, 10,061 tests have been carried out across the country with 25 states and the Federal capital Territory (FCT) having reported at least one confirmed case. This reporting week saw the first cases recorded in north-east Nigeria, an area home to over 1.8 million IDPs. A lockdown in Borno State commenced 22 April for a period of two weeks while contact tracing and testing is being conducted. On 22 April, Governors of the 36 states of the Federation agreed on an inter-state lockdown for two weeks from 27 April to mitigate the spread of the pandemic from state to state. This lockdown proposal is set to be reviewed by the Presidential Task Force for approval by the President.

Lockdowns in Abuja and Lagos continue, and airport closures were extended to 7 May. In both locations, there have reports of civil unrest, increased criminality and demonstrations against lockdown measures. 24 April marks the start of the holy month of Ramadan for many Muslims. However, with physical distancing recommendations and restrictions on movement in place, many places of worship are closed. In previous years in the north-east, non-state armed groups (NSAGs) have used this period to launch high-profile attacks, and despite COVID-19 restrictions on movement and religious gatherings there remains a possibility of attacks during this period.

UNICEF’s COVID-19 response

RCCE/C4D

UNICEF continued supporting the RCCE technical working group and developing partnerships at national and sub-national level. With 2,000 community workers and Volunteer Community Mobilisers (VCM)s, UNICEF reached over 2,000,000 through:

- Building the capacity of local government area (LGAs) and ward community leaders;
- Public sensitization and distribution of IEC materials took place in markets, business areas, ports, transport parks and villages though town announcers and motorized units;
- Dissemination of messages through radio jingles in five key languages using different platforms;
- Informing communities about prevention including handwashing, signs and symptoms and where to seek treatment
- Communicating the importance of Routine Immunization during the pandemic period;
- Mobile messaging and dissemination of celebrity videos through social media; and
- Engagement with Health Editors and Health correspondents on COVID-19

In Borno and Yobe, 795 mobilisers reached 325,195 individuals with awareness-raising on COVID-19 and 30,000 posters in local languages were distributed to health facilities.

Health

UNICEF is supporting the response in the scale up of testing capacities. Currently 14 labs are operational in the country (all molecular) with the Roche platform soon to be functional in the coming days. UNICEF is working towards better visualization of the COVID-19 response linked with the ongoing visual data architecture framework for systems strengthening. UNICEF is supporting the development of COVID-19 self-assessment tool and COVID-19 data governance and management guide.

UNICEF is providing ongoing technical support to the state EOCs on COVID-19 response. In Rivers State, UNICEF supported the deployment of five mobile Rapid Response Teams to support contact tracing, surveillance and case management and 150 health facilities have been supported on infection prevention and control measures.

In the north-east, UNICEF supported the training of Rapid Response Teams for Borno and Yobe. UNICEF is also supporting the ongoing training of health care workers in all functional facilities on case management and infection prevention and control (IPC) measures.

Nutrition
In Kano, UNICEF contributed to an analysis carried out to determine the immediate, medium and long-term impact of COVID-19 on nutrition. UNICEF and Katsina State Primary Health Care Agency collaborated to integrate the distribution of vitamin A and deworming tablets to State routine measles immunization in 2 LGAs. The state is also considering leveraging on the VCM house-to-house network for delivery of deworming tablets.

Health facilities in Kaduna (77), Nasarawa (15), Niger (5) are now offering Community Based Management of Acute malnutrition (CMAM) services with modifications in the context of COVID-19. State nutrition officers (SNO)s in Kaduna, Kwara, Niger and Nasarawa were sensitized on COVID-19 guidelines for providing priority nutrition interventions for: Infant and young child feeding; severe acute malnutrition (SAM) treatment; and Vitamin A Supplementation. The documents including guidelines on PHC Preparedness and Response Plan by national primary health care development agency (NPHCDA) were disseminated to partners.

In the north-east, 1867 community nutrition mobilizers received orientation on COVID-19 preventative measures for community sensitisation in 10 LGAs in Borno State. 49,829 caregivers were trained on mother MUAC screening across eight LGAs in Borno and three LGAs in Yobe State.

**WASH**

**Hygiene Promotion and Distribution of IEC materials**

In collaboration with respective state Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agencies (RUWASSA), IEC materials (including 2,729 COVID-19 prevention posters) for risk communication on COVID-19 were distributed across several LGAs in Anambra, Benue, Cross River, Ebonyi, Enugu, Kaduna, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara states. In Kaduna, 19,544 people (11,236 females and 8,308 males) were reached with key messages on COVID-19 prevention and handwashing awareness campaigns. In Plateau state, a television documentary was developed to facilitate effective handwashing and is currently being aired while radio stations in Gombe state have begun broadcasting hygiene promotion jingles on COVID-19 IPC measures.

**Distribution of WASH NFIs and other Items**

In Benue, distribution of buckets, soap and sanitizers, in addition to demonstration of effective handwashing with soap, took place in eight LGAs reaching 3,000 families (18,000 persons). In Borno, UNICEF provided one-month supply of soap to 44,500 individuals at 110 OTPs to enhance the adoption of handwashing practices. Also, 3.2 tons of HTH Chlorine was delivered to WASH partners to support ongoing COVID-19 IPC activities. 277 handwashing stations were provided for 202 PHCs, 33 motor parks and 42 Market places in Kaduna, and 10 handwashing facilities in public places in Rivers reaching at least 28,700 people with access to hygiene services.

**Decontamination Services**

In Enugu, UNICEF provided support to the Ministry of Environment for the disinfection of major markets, secretariats, schools, public buildings and roads across 17 LGAs while in Rivers, support was given to RUWASSA to second 10 Hygiene/decontamination specialists to the RRT’s COVID-19 decontamination and hygiene promotion response in 150 health facilities and 350 households in high-risk communities.

**Coordination and Technical Support to Government**

In Benue, UNICEF supported the formation and inauguration of State, LGA and ward level COVID-19 Action Committees with the UNICEF WASH Coordinator and Facilitator as LGA-level members to provide technical support and advice. In Kaduna, UNICEF continues to support the State Government in identifying WASH gaps as well as provide technical support in targeting for the ongoing state-funded COVID-19 WASH activities.

**Education**

Through UNICEF’s support to the Federal Ministry of Education, state governments and local administrations are providing continuation of learning through home-based alternate platforms such as radio and television. With support from UNICEF, a systematic schedule featuring all the core subjects was prepared and materials were mapped and contextualized for radio and television programmes. Currently, radio and television broadcast transmitting education programmes are reaching 4.9 million school aged children in Kano, Katsina, Bauchi, Jigawa, Borno, Yobe, Kaduna, Niger, Nasarawa, Zamfara, Sokoto, Ondo, Enugu and Bayelsa states. Assessment tools are being developed to measure the progress in learning to ensure continuity of learning and skill acquisition of children. Remote monitoring tools such as google forms are operational to monitor and measure the COVID-19 education response plan.

Support was provided in development of communication and educative materials such as leaflets, audio and visual materials, KIDS books. These educative materials have been disseminated with over seven million children across 36 states and FCT for prevention and containment of COVID-19 pandemic. A COVID-19 education strategic framework on continuing learning and opening better school initiative developed and discussed with FME for its operationalisation to mitigate the impact this pandemic on education and well-being of children.

Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Bauchi, Jigawa states piloted the radio learning programme for both IDP and host communities reaching over 300,000 children to engage
children in learning and academic activities. Additionally, over 1,500 radio sets in the pipeline to be provided to children from low-earning families.

**Child Protection**

UNICEF provided technical guidance to national coordination meetings chaired by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs for a COVID-19 child protection response plan focusing on the following priorities: safe decongestion of children in institutions; family reunification of *Almajiri* children in northern States; development of child protection specific COVID-19 messages and communication; and maintaining critical child protection services for child victims of violence in line with established guidelines and restrictions on movements.

During the week, 21 child survivors (17 girls; 4 boys) of sexual and physical abuse received medical, psychosocial and legal support in Adamawa and Lagos States leading to the arrest of 4 alleged perpetrators. In Adamawa, of a total of 6 (3 girls; 3 boys) unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), 3 were placed in alternative care, while the other 3 were reunited with their families.

In Sokoto State, UNICEF supported the establishment of a GBV and Child Protection response team comprised of the Ministries of Women and Children Affairs, Justice, Health, the Child Protection Network (CPN), child/gender units of the Police and other EU Spotlight Initiative implementing partners. UNICEF also reviewed a new draft regulatory framework for the establishment of Koranic schools as the Kaduna State’s response to the situation of more than 23,000 *Almajiri* children who were returned to their original homes across Nigeria as well as across the border to Niger as a measure to mitigate risks of infection and curb the spread of COVID-19.

In the north-east, UNICEF trained 70 community leaders, social workers, members of community child protection committees (CCPCs) and other volunteers on COVID-19 in three LGAs. In the same LGAs, UNICEF installed 14 handwashing stands at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in IDP camps and host communities.

More than 1,500 COVID-19 prevention IEC materials (in English, Hausa and Kanuri) were delivered to child protection centres, including the Bulumkutu Interim Care Center and CFSs in Maiduguri and Jere.

At least 8,000 children (51% girls) in 12 CFS in in three LGAs were oriented on identifying the symptoms and measures to mitigate risks to contracting COVID-19, including hand washing and physical distancing demonstration, while 159 caregivers (133 women; 26 men) and 50 selected foster parents (25 women; 25 women) received the same, with focus on mitigating measures for children in their care. Another 200,000 adolescents in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa will be reached with questionnaires on the impact of COVID-19 on GBV through U-Report.

**Supply**

UNICEF’s first shipment (10,000 protective gowns, 10,000 testing kits, 1462 face shields, 18820 gloves, 922 boot covers, 84 surgical caps, 1050 medical masks and 150 IR thermometers) was delivered to the Government and Presidential Task Force with a detailed distribution plan

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**Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes**

UNICEF Child Protection Section is working to sustain critical child protection services for child victims of violence and birth registration, while also leveraging new opportunities arising from the COVID-19 crisis using available funds until additional funds are mobilized, such as (i) the decongestion order for children deprived of their liberty and (ii) the removal of *Almajiri* children in the northern states. UNICEF is providing technical guidance and training to ensure family tracing and reunification and other alternative care measures are conducted safely and in line with global and national child protection principles and standards. UNICEF has also joined forces with UNODC to procure and disseminate basic protection material (soap, face masks, sanitizers) for children’s homes, correctional facilities, borstals and remand homes pending their release and will provide front-line workers such as social workers, civil registrars of the National Population Commission (NPC) and community surveillance groups support to facilitate their community-level safely.

While observing physical distancing and other government recommended COVID-19 prevention controls, UNICEF is ensuring the continuity of operations of WASH facilities in project communities. This is possible through the provision of adequate support and follow-up of already-established state WASH departments, communal WASH Committees, and village level operations and maintenance units to ensure systems are functional. Local area mechanics and community artisans are engaged, and spare parts are provided on a timely basis. Modalities for Emergency Procurement of WASH facilities with Price Benchmarking and Framework Contracting procedures have been established by UNICEF and will be utilized to continue increasing safe access to water during the COVID-19 outbreak.
Funding Overview and Partnerships

The Nigeria CO has developed an updated response plan outlining response activity, COVID-19 proofing measures and needs across all sections. USD 84.5 million is requested to support the government to respond to COVID-19 and reach an estimated 20 million Nigerians. ECHO Nigeria has provided UNICEF with 1.2 million Euros to support in risk communication and life-saving health and WASH supplies.

External Communication

UNICEF has aligned with global campaigns on COVID-19 and has been disseminating information through its social media network (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram).

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## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

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<td><strong>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</strong></td>
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<td>Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services</td>
<td>22,000,000</td>
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<td>Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms</td>
<td>22,020,000</td>
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<td><strong>WASH and IPC</strong></td>
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<td>Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services</td>
<td>780,586</td>
<td>110,744</td>
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<td><strong>Health</strong></td>
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<td>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 in UNICEF supported facilities.</td>
<td>6,061,266</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</td>
<td>780,586</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>9,000</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases</td>
<td>8,548</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).</td>
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<td>Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID through national communication campaigns.</td>
<td>656,000</td>
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<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children supported with distance/homebased learning</td>
<td>17,500,000</td>
<td>4,912,225</td>
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<td><strong>Child Protection and GBV</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements</td>
<td>29,500</td>
<td>6&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>605,000</td>
<td>8,021</td>
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<td>Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse</td>
<td>498,067</td>
<td>13,987</td>
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<td>Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on VAC/HP/GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>1091</td>
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<td><strong>Social Protection</strong></td>
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<td>Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs</td>
<td>120,000</td>
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<sup>1</sup> Results are cumulative from March 2020  
<sup>2</sup> North-east only  
<sup>3</sup> Indicator broken down to 5,000 CP and 2,000,000 Education and 100,000 CP and 500,000 Education (NE)  
<sup>4</sup> Indicator broken down to 250 CP and 500 Education and 221 CP and 150 Education (NE)