Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 27 May 2020, Togo recorded 422 confirmed cases of COVID-19, or 223 more new cases since the SitRep of May 11, 2020. Eleven children under the age of 5 (4 girls and 7 boys) are among the cases confirmed. The number of cured patients rose to 197, a proportion of 46.7%, while 13 deaths (including 6 women) were recorded, representing a fatality rate of 3.1%. The number of alert contacts investigated was 2,199 on the same date. The median age of confirmed cases is 32 years old and people in the 25-44 age group remain the most affected by the virus. The sex ratio (male / female) is 2.4 (298/124). The Lomé Commune region remains the most affected by the pandemic with 45% of confirmed cases.

UNICEF’s COVID-19 response

Health

As part of its support to strengthen the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF provided support for the revision of the national infection response plan with a view to better taking into account actions aimed at the continuation of essential health services to children and women.

The pursuit of essential services for children remains a priority for the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, which is supported by UNICEF for this purpose. At the end of April 2020, 77,750 children aged 0 to 11 months (77.1% of the target) received the three doses of pentavalent compared to 84,492 (77.8%) at the end of March, which could reflect a drop in demand for child immunization services. Nationwide, 75,695 women had at least one antenatal consultation and 53,708 women who had given birth benefitted from advice on infant and young child feeding in health facilities at the end of April 2020. In the two regions (Kara and Savanes) receiving the most support from UNICEF, 21,555 pregnant women had at least one antenatal consultation.

NUTRITION

UNICEF provided leadership in the coordination of the nutrition group in response to COVID 19. To date, 4 coordination meetings of the Technical and Financial Partners (TFP) group with the Nutrition Division have been organized and a nutritional response plan to COVID 19 has been developed.

A stock of nutritional inputs for the care of 3,000 girls and boys between 0 and 5 years of age with severe acute malnutrition is pre-positioned in the 6 health regions.

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health to develop a guidance note for providers on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in the context of COVID-19. Regional Health Directors and their nutrition focal points were briefed there.

WASH

With regard to support for the promotion of good hygiene practices and the strengthening of Infection Control and Prevention (ICP), the 2,856,200 people reached by UNICEF partner NGOs, including 491,266 children under 5 years of age continue to be monitored for the effective application of barrier measures in 19 health districts in the Kara, Savanes and Plateaux regions. The District of Tchaoudjo as well as certain districts of the city of Lomé continue to benefit from this intervention.

The handwashing devices, disinfectants and sprayers made available by UNICEF have so far improved the hygiene and sanitation conditions of more than 820,000 people, including 141,040 children under 5 years in the areas most at risk.

The assessment of hygiene conditions and the implementation of ICP is underway in more than 10 health facilities in areas at high risk of transmission of COVID-19 using the WASHFIT (Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool). This exercise will improve the situation based on the evidence. In addition, 240 additional health workers and hygienists have been
trained in ICP. Over 2,020 locally made masks were distributed to community health workers. An additional order of 19,000 local masks is made to be distributed to traditional leaders and facilitators working under the Community-Led Total Sanitation program (CLTS).

**Risk Communication and Community Engagement/C4D**

In the week from 25 to 30 May, 728 Health Training Managers (RFS) and 728 birth attendants in 39 health districts will be trained for the supervision of Community Health Workers (CHW) and Community Relays (RC). Then, the capacities of 5,818 CHWs/RCs will be strengthened to carry out not only awareness-raising activities but also community monitoring and reporting activities in the same districts. To date, this brings the total number of CHWs/RCs trained to 6,168 across the country. We should also note the capacity building of 73 radio journalists from the 5 regions.

At the same time, 5 C4D specialists are deployed in each of the 5 health regions for 2 weeks to provide technical support to the management teams of the regions and districts (ECR and ECD). It emerges from the findings of these support missions that the need to increase awareness of the population on barrier measures and community surveillance is critical. This is possible by strengthening community engagement strategies through closer collaboration between CHWs/RCs and community leaders in general and especially traditional and religious leaders within communities.

With technical support from UNICEF, the National Commission for Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) has created a technical committee to manage rumors and deviant behavior at the central level with precise specifications. In the coming days, regional and prefectural rumor management technical committees will be established and supported by UNICEF.

**Education**

As part of strengthening sectoral response coordination, UNICEF supported the supply of computer and office equipment for the benefit of the national coordination unit. This equipment batch consists of computers, scanners, photocopiers, printers and video conferencing equipment. The communication facilities of the coordination unit have been reinforced in order to facilitate continuity of work in the context of the pandemic. Support continues to the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education for the design and electronic recording of educational resources required for distance education.

**Child protection**

A teleconference, chaired by the Minister and facilitated by UNICEF’s Representative, brought together the Resident Coordinator and heads of agencies of the United Nations system alongside other TFPs on 19 May 2020. The 63 participants representing 20 governmental institutions, bilateral and multilateral cooperation or the civil society reflected on the proposals of the Ministry of Social Action for the social component of the Togolese government plan to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The TFPs expressed their support for the priorities proposed by the ministry and committed to support it in improving the document and mobilizing resources for its implementation. A 2-day workshop is being organized to ensure the finalization of the plan and the precise mapping of interventions.

Hygiene kits consisting of handwashing devices, soap and hydroalcoholic solution were given to the 14 deprivation of liberty structures in the 6 regions of Togo (13 prisons and the Juvenile Brigade in Lomé). This material has benefited 5,233 persons deprived of their liberty, including 61 adolescents (60 boys and 1 girl) who are detained in the juvenile quarters within these structures and who are now better equipped to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 in these facilities. UNICEF continues to work with children’s judges, prosecutors, state and civil society social workers and traditional leaders for the release of children and their social, family and professional reintegration. Joint work includes the evaluation of files, family negotiation for the reception of children, identification and implementation of measures to support the reintegration, the protection of the rights of detained children and advocacy for the use of deprivation of liberty as an exceptional measure.

**Social Protection**

As part of the National Solidarity Fund, the government has implemented since 1 April 2020, a Universal Solidarity Income program (called Novissi) consisting of a monetary transfer to the people most affected by the impact of COVID-19 or by containment measures. The program aims to provide the most vulnerable individuals and families with monthly financial support throughout the state of emergency (April 1 to June 30).

The total beneficiaries of the Novissi program as of 26 May 2020 is 562,036 people (65% of whom are women) and the overall budget exceeds 8.55 billion FCFA. UNICEF, UNDP and the Office of the Resident Coordinator are examining the possible involvement of the United Nations system in improving the impact of this program, particularly in terms of efficiency and reduction of disparities. In addition, UNICEF, which is the leader in social protection in Togo, has initiated contacts with technical and financial partners with a view to taking stock of support for government institutions. This will make it
possible to coordinate and strengthen the synergy of social protection interventions on the ground.

**Communication**

The office participated in a broadcast on Djena.info, a Togolese radio / TV on the web. It was an opportunity to communicate around the actions carried out by UNICEF in Togo in support of the country’s response, particularly in the area of protection of vulnerable children. These include girls and boys in street situations, in detention and / or victims of domestic violence.

At the instigation of UNICEF, an action plan was drawn up with young people, evolving in associations and movements united in a collective called Together 4 Change. The collective will have to carry out awareness-raising activities, informing their peers, advocacy initiatives via digital channels but also to contribute to conducting surveys with young people.

Under the coordination of UNICEF, reports on the impact of COVID-19 on the daily lives of families and caregivers are being produced in collaboration with member agencies of the Muskoka coalition (WHO, UNFPA, UNWOMEN).

New visuals featuring UNICEF goodwill ambassadors are being produced to strengthen awareness-raising efforts and ensure the visibility of the organization.

From April 30 to May 27, 2020, 388,653 people were directly reached by our publications on Facebook, the media most consulted by our followers (45,359 subscribers). Our Twitter posts have had 31,200 impressions in the last 28 days. To date, our Instagram account has 478 followers.

**Funding Overview and Partnerships**

UNICEF in Togo has received some contributions from resource partners since the start of the pandemic. The education sector received US $ 70,000 from the Global Partnership for Education to support the overall coordination of the education sector response. The Global Sanitation Fund has agreed to allocate US $ 90,968 from the budget for 2020 towards the response to COVID-19.

UNICEF and the Japanese government are in close discussion to agree on financial support for the WCARO region, from which Togo could benefit.

This still represents only 4% of the total funding needs, as indicated in our COVID-19 intervention plan.

Vlisco African Company (VAC) Togo donated 5,500 masks to UNICEF in Togo. This donation is intended for girls and boys on the street in Lomé, social workers who work for their reintegration, but also community health workers in the Kara and Savanes regions. These masks were designed using the manufacturing model defined by AFNOR SPEC S-76 001 standards, validated by Togo. Already certified by the World Health Organization (WHO), these masks are produced by certified stylists of VAC Togo, from the fabrics of the Vlisco group. The total value of this donation is $ 16,556 USD.

**External Media**

UNICEF Press release:

UNICEF WCARO Website - UNICEF et VLISCO
Vlisco offre plusieurs-milliers-de-masques-a-l-Unicef
Vlisco Togo offre 5,500 masques pour l’UNICEF
allafrica.com
africain.info
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togo.niooz.fr/vlisco-offre-plusieurs-milliers-de-masques-a-l-unicef
theworldnews.net/tg-news/vlisco-offre-plusieurs-milliers-de-masques-a-l-unicef

Publication on Social Media:
1. Facebook:
   UNICEF Togo Officiel
   https://www.facebook.com/uniceftogofficiel/videos/563713794286213/
   https://www.facebook.com/pg/uniceftogofficiel/posts/?ref=page_internal

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### Annex A

#### Summary of Programme Results

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<td>Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.</td>
<td>3,898,070</td>
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<td>Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions</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>2,000,000</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</td>
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<td><strong>Health</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children &amp; women receiving essential healthcare services, including immunization, prenatal, postnatal, HIV &amp; GBV* care in UNICEF supported facilities</td>
<td>735,090</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in infection prevention and control (IPC)</td>
<td>8,360</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition</strong></td>
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<td>Number of primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms</td>
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<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Child Protection</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children without parental of family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements</td>
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<td>Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support</td>
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<td>Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors</td>
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<td><strong>Social Inclusion</strong></td>
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<td>Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs</td>
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Annex B

Funding Status

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<td>WASH &amp; IPC</td>
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<td>5,702,000</td>
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<td>Operations</td>
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<td>5,200</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>10,149,200</td>
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