




ETHIOPIA
Novel Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

Situation Report No. 12

30 May-15 June 2020

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Situation in Numbers

 **3,521 confirmed cases**

 **29 in critical condition**

 **60 deaths**

 **620 recoveries**

Highlights

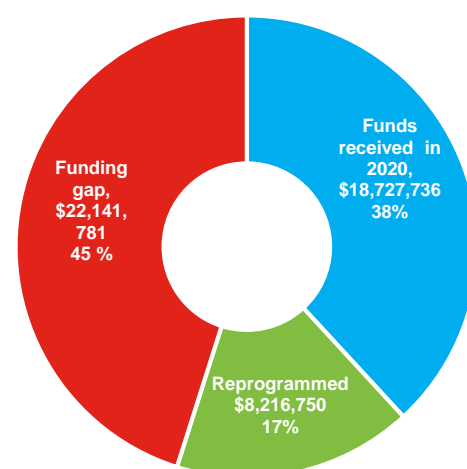
- UNICEF has provided 1,817,991 people, including 32,000 refugees, with critical hygiene items that include soap and sanitizers to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.
- During this reporting period, Ethiopia has recorded 60 deaths of persons testing positive for COVID-19. Amongst these, 31 (50 percent) tested positive after their deaths, suggesting people may still not be aware of COVID-19 symptoms and when to seek health care. This may also indicate a lack of easy access to health care or fear of being stigmatized.
- The significant rise in cases of COVID-19 is expected to have an adverse impact on children's access to routine health services, especially as the lack of personal protective equipment continues to be a challenge. This is further challenging given that 65 per cent of new cases are attributed to community transmission.

Epidemiological Overview¹

As of 15 June, Ethiopia had confirmed 3,521 cases (1,219 females and 2,302 males), which represent an increase around 265 per cent since 29 May (968 cases). Please refer to the chart on page 2. These cases have been reported mostly in Addis Ababa, and all regions now. Gambella reported its first positive COVID-19 case during this reporting period. As a region with 316,807² refugees, the potential spread of the pandemic among the refugee population is especially worrying. The number of children aged 0-12 years who have contracted the infection are 91.

Addis Ababa is the most affected city, with 70 per cent (2,455) of all reported cases in the country. Five sub-cities are most affected and contribute over 73 per cent of total cases reported: Addis Ketema (590), Bole (411), Gulele (286), Lideta (265) and Kolfe Keranio (243). Please refer to the map on page 2.

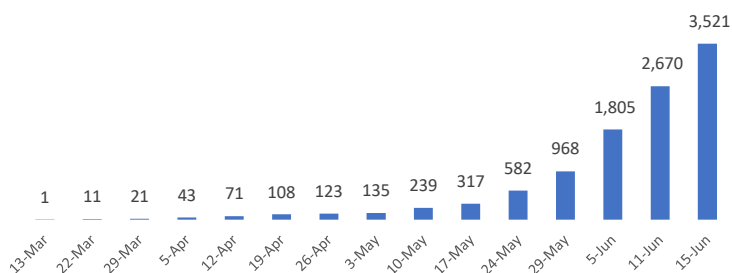
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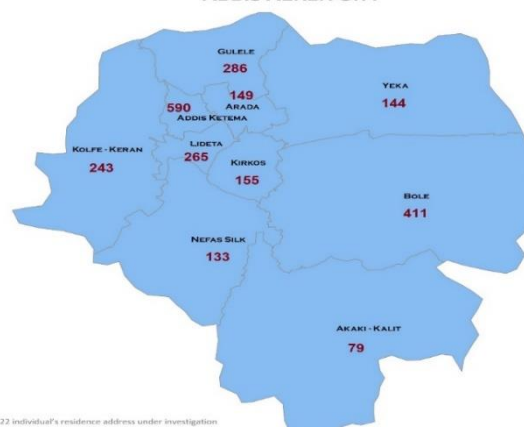
¹ All data from EPHI daily sitreps No. 128-143, Minister of Health updates @lia_tadesse, WHO and Government of Ethiopia statements. See also <https://www.covid19.et/covid-19/>, <https://ethiocovid19.info/> and <https://covid-19.epseth.com/country-region/Addis-Ababa/language/en>

² UNHCR data

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia , June 15,2020



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED COVID 19 CASES IN ADDIS ABABA CITY



122 individual's residence address under investigation

As of 15 June, some 620 people had recovered, 60 deaths had been recorded, and 29 people were in critical condition. Testing capacity continues to expand, and laboratory tests have been carried out on 186,985 samples. As of 14 June, 3,884 people (1,526 international travelers and 2,358 returnees) were under mandatory quarantine at designated hotels and selected sites and some 8,321 have completed 14 days follow-up and discharged from quarantine.

Funding Overview

UNICEF Ethiopia has updated its initial response needs to US\$49 million until the end of 2020, that includes US\$8 million for 300,000 refugees; and 50,000 returnee migrants. The plan supports the government in health (largely procurement of essential supplies, including protective equipment and essential drugs but also support to the primary health care system), risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), access to water, sanitation and hygiene and secondary impacts across sectors such as education (remote learning and preparations for a future reopening of schools), nutrition (prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition) and child protection (case management, psychosocial support and interim care/family tracing and reunifications). The plan also considers strengthening accountability to affected populations and ensuring that beneficiaries are protected from gender- based violence and the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse through monitoring and the strengthening of capacity and complaints mechanisms. Our response plan currently faces a 45 percent funding gap (see table on page 8 for details).

Preparedness and response actions

Health

During this reporting period, UNICEF continued to support national and sub national emergency operation coordination platforms for the COVID-19 response.

In Gambella, which reported its first COVID case this week, UNICEF has provided seven Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC) kits to provide adequate space and equipment for screening suspected COVID-19 cases. Each CTC kit includes two tents, 10 beds, plastic sheets, chlorine disinfectants, chlorine sprayers, soaps, and other items needed for infection control and prevention. In addition, UNICEF distributed nine emergency drug kits (EDKs) and four renewable kits to refugee health centers, able to cater for a total of 22,500 people for three months. Renewable kits provide additional medical supplies that may be needed to 'top-up' supplies in EDKs.

In the Tigray Region, another refugee hosting region, UNICEF has supported the development of audio messages on COVID-19 prevention for refugees in partnership with BBC Tigrigna. The messages will be used in quarantine and isolation centers and will also be mounted on audio vans.

In Amhara Region, the local media has been engaged to encourage community members to continue to access essential health services. This initiative is being conducted in partnership with Amhara FM Radio and TV and has reached 8.5 million people on radio and 5.5 million people on TV.

UNICEF has procured and distributed to the Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Supply Agency (EPSA) 145,000 N95 face masks and 95,000 bottles of hand sanitizers with funds from Irish Aid. The masks and hand sanitizers will be used to equip essential health staff who will be taking part in the upcoming national measles vaccination campaign. Similarly, UNICEF has begun delivering 3,000 coveralls (6,000 distributed already) to Regional Health Bureaus (RHBs) and 12,200 face

shields (28,800 distributed already) through EPSA. This essential protective gear is only a small contribution to a significant need. Meeting PPE needs remains a significant challenge and will remain a focus of UNICEF's efforts to protect frontline workers and beneficiaries. UNICEF likewise distributed 110 autoclaves, that are used to sterilize equipment to all regions and is in the process of recruiting a firm to undertake the installation.

Communication for Development

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, UNICEF has reached over 23.6 million people through its risk communication initiatives delivered through house-to-house engagement, local and regional mass media outlets, such as TV and radio, mobile audio vans and mini-media (broadcasting with mega phones for smaller groups in communities). Risk communication and prevention messages are now available in six national languages. In this reporting period, over six million people have been reached nationally. In addition, 31 refugee community leaders have been equipped to disseminate COVID-19 prevention messages in refugee camps in all seven Gambella refugee camps, reaching 17,904 refugees. Anecdotal evidence from the field indicates that the level of knowledge is strong, but an impact assessment to be conducted by VIAMO is in the pipeline which will provide more accurate and representative results on the impact of the above-mentioned activities.

During the reporting period, three additional RCCE technical assistants have been recruited by UNICEF and deployed in the Oromia and Amhara regions and Dire Dawa city, to support community-based community engagement activities and offer expert technical support to local authorities on COVID-19 prevention and response messaging.

Regional RCCE plans have continued to be implemented by regions with the technical support of UNICEF. The regional RCCE actions involve reaching the population through local/regional mass media, religious sermons, and interpersonal communication including during house-to-house surveillance activities. In this reporting period, RCCE initiatives have reached over 47,134 people, including children and 5,022 refugees. The refugees were reached in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee, while the remaining were engaged through community platforms with UNICEF's direct support.

UNICEF in collaboration with Save the Children has produced eight TV spots targeting children ([Children Video](#)) reaching an estimated 9.2 million children and parents/caregivers on positive parenting and addressing mental health concerns ([Positive Parenting and MHPSS](#)). These spots have been aired nationally through TV programs designed specifically for children.

WASH

The WASH team have been working in close collaboration with the Federal Ministries of Water and Health and the respective regional Water and Health Bureaus in coordinating COVID-19 responses. A partnership agreement has been signed between UNICEF and Action Against Hunger to deliver WASH services for an estimated 275,000 people across the country.

To date, 102,400 people, including 45,000 refugees, out of a target of 500,000, have benefitted from improved basic sanitation. In Oromia Region, UNICEF has worked with the Moyale Zonal authorities to undertake water trucking operations to meet the needs of 358 returnee migrants, and 744 people in other quarantine sites.

Child Protection

In the reporting period, a total of 113 migrant returnee children, including 20 that were unaccompanied, returned from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Djibouti, Sudan and Kuwait. They have been quarantined for a mandatory 14-day period in quarantine sites across the country. They are being supported by social workers, funded by UNICEF and deployed by the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth (BoWCY) and the Bureau of Labor and Social Affairs (BoLSA). The main role of the social workers is to provide mental health and psychosocial support, registration, family tracing and reunification.

UNICEF provided case management training to six court social workers and provided them with PPE (face masks, hand sanitizers and gloves) to facilitate the release of 81 children from an Addis Ababa remand home. A total of 21 social workers and *woreda* level BoWCY officers in host communities in Benishangul-Gumuz were equipped to address the case management of children, sensitive to COVID-19. They were also provided with PPE (face masks, sanitizer and gloves) through UNICEF support.

UNICEF is working in partnership with the International Rescue Committee in refugee and host communities in Benishangul-Gumuz and Somali Regions, as well as the Norwegian Refugee Council in Tigray (Shire) to provide frontline workers with self-care materials and messages, to ensure the continuation of case management in a COVID-

19 adaptive manner, and to reach children, families and community members in refugee and host community settings with mental health and psychosocial support to address and reduce the psychosocial stressors of the pandemic.

A total of 442 community members (173 men, 269 women) in Quara *woreda* of Amhara region were reached with basic information to address the mental health needs of children and their caregivers in response to COVID-19. Similarly, with UNICEF support, an agreement has been signed with the Afar regional radio and TV channel to broadcast child sensitive MHPSS messages to enable caregivers and community members to better meet the psychosocial needs of children. Further, a total of 374 children (248 males, 126 females) and their caregivers were reached with MHPSS by UNICEF supported social workers in SNNP (149) and Oromia (225) regions.

Education

Ten (10) Regional Education Bureaus from Addis Ababa, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Dire Dawa, Gambella, Harari, Oromia, SNNP, Somali and Tigray have been broadcasting radio and TV lessons for children with support from UNICEF and other partners, including Save the Children to reach an estimated 5.1 million primary and secondary school children (46 percent girls).

In the Oromia Region, UNICEF and partners are supporting the development of a holistic plan for distance learning and safe school re-opening that highlights back-to-school social mobilization activities, provision of hygiene supplies for schools, and capacity-building of teachers. Similarly, in Gambella, the UNICEF safe schools' guidelines have been translated into local languages to support planning for school reopening. Schools have been mapped out and 63 identified for installation of UNICEF-designed, leg-pedalled school handwashing facilities.

The Oromia Education Bureau in partnership with UNICEF and the non-governmental organisation, Imagine One-Day, have developed radio lessons to benefit both internally displaced and host community children. These lessons are also accompanied by COVID-19 prevention messages. The Bureau has prepared model exam questions which have been uploaded to telegram (a mobile App akin to WhatsApp) to help students prepare for national exams. Similar activities of radio education broadcasting have been implemented in Somali, Tigray and Gambella and SNNP regions, as well in coordination with the Regional Education Bureaus (REBs).

In Tigray, the REB organized a review of ongoing distance education to gather feedback from stakeholders, including UNICEF, script writers, presenters, school principals and the radio station managers to improve the quality of the distance radio learning programmes. In Somali region, UNICEF supported the Somali REB to identify gaps in broadcasting capacity and current broadcasting coverage.

UNICEF is also supporting a collaborative effort that brings together the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Women Children and Youth to mitigate the risk of child marriage following concerns about the risks, especially to girls, during prolonged school closure. In Addis Ababa and the Oromia Region, UNICEF is supporting the development and broadcasting of radio messages that put emphasis on how to protect oneself from sexual violence and where to report a case of sexual violence, harassment or unwanted pressure to get married.

In addition, in partnership with UNDP Ethiopia the [#innovationchallenge](#) has been launched for Ethiopian youth to take part in the nationwide fight against COVID-19. A total of 1,000 youths have registered so far and will have an opportunity to improve their digital and design thinking skills. At the end of the Challenge, participants who complete it will receive an online certificate by Cartedo and UNICEF.

Nutrition

Since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, a total of 83,553 primary caregivers of children aged 0-59 months, including 2,901 refugees, have received counselling on infant and young child feeding practices through facilities and community platforms. Some 14,753 children, including 253 refugee children, have been treated for severe acute malnutrition.

A further 197 health workers and health extension workers in this reporting period have been equipped with knowledge on the delivery of nutrition services in the context of COVID-19, in line with new national technical guidance in Amhara, SNNP, Oromia and Somali regions.

Communication, Advocacy and Partnerships

UNICEF's advocacy and communication efforts in the reporting period included several stories and an opinion piece. The opinion piece by UNICEF's Representative in Ethiopia, on [Mounting worries that COVID-19 could lead to increase in child malnutrition](#) highlights how the secondary impacts of COVID-19 could lead to higher cases of child malnutrition. In addition, several stories have been published on the UNICEF Ethiopia website including a story from the field: [Young Hanawi teaches children in Afar how to prevent COVID-19](#). Another published story is entitled [Time to](#)

[do wonders on the web, says a young software developer](#) and features Bethelhem, who is a young woman inspiring young people through her talent and initiative during COVID-19. UNICEF Ethiopia will be partnering with Bethelhem on promoting activities and initiatives for young people as part of the Generation Unlimited initiative. A third story has been published on UNICEF Ethiopia's webpage on how UNICEF is supporting [children in Ethiopia to continue learning during COVID-19](#).

In the reporting period, 1,510,687 have been reached and over 50,000 of them engaged on Facebook and Twitter alone. Social media efforts during the reporting period focused on the [Global Day of Parents](#) reminding the viewers of the important job that parents are doing in keeping their children safe and in supporting them to reach their potential.

Another featured story that has run in the reporting period is that of CNN Hero Of The Year, Freweini Mebrahtu: [How to make a menstrual hygiene pad at home](#), which is part of this year's Menstruation Matters campaign, focusing on COVID-19 with a theme of 'Periods don't stop during pandemics'.

[Our post](#) on the Global UNICEF Facebook page has over 2 million likes and celebrates a social worker from Ethiopia who is helping migrants, including children, who have returned home due to COVID-19. This same story has been shared by the [Ethiopian Herald](#) as well.

Other highlights from the social media activity during the reporting period include:

- [2nd consignment of medical supplies arrived at Bole Airport](#)
- [Messages on #COVID19 prevention and protection shared regularly](#)
- [Our support to returnees and migrant children in partnership with IOM](#)

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse / Gender based Violence

As part of UNICEF's commitment to ensuring beneficiaries are protected from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), 148 UNICEF personnel have received refresher training on preventing and reducing the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse, including how to put measures in place to ensure safe, confidential and accessible reporting and complaints mechanisms in all programme sites. UNICEF is also working with its partners to identify the key challenges and to strengthen their PSEA systems. Eight national CSO partners are undertaking SEA risk assessments with UNICEF's support and the use of the PSEA Toolkit³. They will be supported to develop an Action plan to address some of the identified challenges to advance PSEA.

In the Oromia field office, 20 UNICEF staff completed training on GBV risk mitigation and how to provide safe referrals for survivors, focusing on the principles of survivor-centred response, the impact of COVID-19 in increasing the risk of GBV including intimate partner violence due to tensions in the household as people are asked to stay home, and on the importance of ensuring life-saving care and support to GBV survivors continues in the current context of COVID-19.

Challenges

The quickly evolving number of positive community transmission COVID-19 cases being reported has seen the country enter a new stage of the crisis. These cases are currently being reported from some of the most congested sub-cities within Addis Ababa. UNICEF will start targeting interventions in these locations through our risk communications efforts and supplemented by WASH, and Health. However, overcrowding will continue to pose challenges to physical distancing strategies that are being employed.

The lack of PPE for health care and frontline workers such as social workers, continues to be a key hurdle. Without adequate personal protection, health and frontline workers remain at risk of being infected and infecting others, amplifying the risk of transmission. UNICEF and partners continue to explore local and overseas opportunities for faster procurement and distribution.

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³ Please see [Information Brief PSEA Assessment & PSEA Toolkit](#)

Annex A Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs				Cluster/Sector Response	
	2020 Target	Total Results	2020 Refugee Target	Total Refugee Results	2020 COVID-19 Target	Total Results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement including social science						
Health						
# of people trained/oriented to sensitize the community on COVID-19 prevention and control measures	5,000	4,441	1,000	31		
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services ⁴	30,000,000	23,657,846	700,000	17,904		
C4D						
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions ⁵	9,000,000	3,232,301 ⁶	300,000	8,265		
Communication, Advocacy and Partnerships						
Number of impressions on social media (Twitter and Facebook) for COVID-19 stories / prevention messages ⁷	20,000,000	1,510,687 ⁸		-		
Number of social media engagements on COVID-19	2,000,000	52,809 ⁹		-		
Child Protection						
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to child protection / GBV services	30,000	-	500	-	300,000	
Improve Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) and provide critical medical and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies						
Health						
Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment	10,000	6,000	1,500	-		
WASH						
Number of facilities (treatment, isolation quarantine sites) accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene through emergency water trucking, roto tanks to prevent COVID-19 transmission.	200	18	15		426 ¹⁰	
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services ¹¹	2,500,000	1,817,991	100,000	32,000	2,694,005	
Number of people with access to basic sanitation services	500,000	102,400	200,000	45,000	2,694,005	
Number of health care facilities with improved sanitation	200	119	15	11	326	
Support the provision of continued access to essential health and nutrition services for women, children and vulnerable communities, including case management						
Health						
Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control	550	-	50	-		

⁴ This is one directional communication that includes the Ethio-telecom initiative that replaces ringtones with COVID-19 prevention messages and broadcast of COVID-19 prevention and control messages through local media channels (TVs, Radio)

⁵ These refer to two-dimensional communication activities

⁶ This includes 871,729 people engaged in RCCE activities through the WASH programme

Education						
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning ¹²	6,079,349	5,155,033	29,542	653	6,200,000	
Number of households receiving a solar radio (with USB Capacity) ¹³	60,000	-	40,000		500,000	
Child Protection						
# of social workers supported with materials for self-care and messages on lifesaving / behaviour change messages on COVID-19	750	226	500	21 ¹⁴	1,000	
# of child protection cases reported and referred (by type of service)	12,000	1,700 ¹⁵	500	17	2,500	
Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	9,000	1,315 ¹⁶	200	-	2,500	
Number of women and girls of reproductive age provided with dignity kits	8,000	706 ¹⁷	2,000	-	70,000	
Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	40,000	9,937 ¹⁸	1,000	-	66,000	
Nutrition						
Number of staff trained or oriented on appropriate nutrition (IYCF, SAM treatment, nutrition for COVID-19 patients) in the context of COVID-19	40,762	721		-	n/a	
Number of primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months and 24-59 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms.	73,260	83,553	3,680	2,901	42,474	
Number of number children 6 to 59 months affected by SAM admitted for treatment ¹⁹ .	73,260	14,753	3,680	253	36,630	
Support access to continuous education, social protection, child protection and gender-based violence (GBV) services						
Field Operation and Emergency						
Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse	20	-		-	n/a	
Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors	100	20		-	n/a	
Education						
Number of boys and girls provided with learning materials for back to school / school reopening after COVID-19 (IDPs)	60,000	-	40,000	-	355,000	
Number of pre-primary and primary schools equipped with handwashing and school cleaning supplies	439	-	65	-	n/a	

⁷ This is a new indicator and replaces the previous indicator that measured the number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services, with a focus on social media engagement. This indicator has been discontinued, noting the challenge of measuring unique individuals, by impressions.

⁸ Reach: On [Facebook](#)-18 posts,1,510,687; Twitter-18 tweets; 32,600 impressions (2-9 June 2020)

⁹ Engagement: Facebook 52,418 engaged Twitter-391 engagements (2-9 June 2020)

¹⁰ This target is a combination of two indicators Water trucking/tankering and rehabilitation and maintenance of water schemes and Pipe-line expansion in HRP June 2020

¹¹ Includes urban safety net beneficiaries with access to hygiene assets (soap, IEC materials etc) managed by the SPESI programme, funded by WASH

¹² Primary and secondary school students aged 7- 17

¹³ Solar radios procured and distributed to children affected by school closure and displacement (refugee / IDP and host communities).

¹⁴ In this reporting period, two social workers in Gambella region were equipped with knowledge on COVID-19 tools, PPE and provided PSS to quarantine sites and other services to affected children.

¹⁵ This figure includes 84 returnee migrant children, 5 in Addis Ababa, 14 in Dire Dawa, 45 in Amhara and 10 in Tigray and 4 in Afar regions.

¹⁶ This includes 113 returnee migrant children 40 in Addis Ababa, 106 in Somali, 7 children in Amhara, 32 in Oromia regions.

¹⁷ This includes returnee migrant adolescent girls and women. 300 adolescent girls in Addis Ababa Sidist Killo campus and 406 in Somali region Jigjiga University and Danwale quarantine center. This number is cumulative since the start of the reporting and not just for this reporting week.

¹⁸ This includes 25 returnees, 25 in Benishangul-Gumuz, 442 in Amhara, 225 in Oromia, 367 in SNNPR regions

¹⁹ The results for the treatment of SAM children in the context of COVID-19, will be delayed, until June 2020 due to the reporting timetable.

Number of schools implementing safe school protocols ²⁰	439	-	65	-	n/a	
Number of children accessing formal and non-formal education with handwashing and school cleaning supplies	315,187	-	140,655	653	500,000	
SPESI						
Number of beneficiaries (affected by COVID-19) receiving cash transfers through existing safety nets	90,000	-		-		

Annex B: Funding Status

Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Received Current Year	Reprogrammed	\$	%
Nutrition	6,027,372	671,513	2,880,099	2,475,761	41%
Health	14,318,065	8,380,883	1,341,360	4,595,822	32%
WASH	11,737,062	5,482,629	741,914	5,512,519	47%
Child Protection	3,256,939	1,040,873	1,668,514	547,552	17%
Education	9,106,268	1,225,382	786,936	7,093,950	78%
C4D	1,898,765	1,891,286	0	7,479	0%
SPESI	2,678,832	0	797,928	1,880,904	70%
Communication Advocacy and Partnerships	34,344	35,170	0	0	0%
Field Operations	28,620	0	0	28,620	0%
Total	49,086,267	18,727,736	8,216,750	22,141,781	45%

²⁰ This result will be postponed until, schools are reopened.