

# COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING APPEAL

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## BACKGROUND

Jordan is operating on scenario 3 and scaling up the COVID-19 measures in line with the national preparedness and response plan.

Jordan recorded its first case of COVID-19 on 3 March 2020. On 14 March a number of measures were introduced including school and KG closures to deal with the global pandemic. The number of testing and quarantine facilities has increased, and a dedicated hotline '111' has been launched to respond to concerns and questions from the public.

UNICEF is working closely with the Government of Jordan and partners to stop the transmission of the COVID-19 and to keep children and their families safe and healthy, as well as to minimize the secondary impacts of the outbreak and related control measures on children, including school closures, the burden on local health systems for the delivery of primary care, as well as protection risks and economic pressures felt by the most vulnerable in our society.

UNICEF expects that communities with low coverage of social services and high levels of vulnerability will be particularly at-risk (Syrian refugees living in informal tented settlements, Dom communities and Jordanians living in hard-to-reach areas, etc.). In refugee camps, risk factors are exacerbated by high population density and socio-economic vulnerability. UNICEF is working under the coordination of the Government, UNHCR and UNRWA to intensify prevention and response efforts in its sectors of concern.

## OBJECTIVES

UNICEF Jordan's response is aligned with the 2020 WHO global Strategic Response Plan (SRP), and the 2020 UNICEF COVID-2019 Humanitarian Action for Children appeal. UNICEF is targeting up to 3.5 million people with preparedness and response activities, in the following pillars:

- 1 Limit human-to-human transmission and protect individuals from exposure to COVID-19;
- 2 Prevent and address the secondary impact of the outbreak – minimize the human consequences for children and their communities;
- 3 Enhance risk reduction and in-country preparedness including coordination.

## SITUATION UPDATE

- 831 COVID-19 cases as of 9 June.
- National confinement measures entered effect on 18 March.
- UNICEF supports the Government in key response areas including:
  - Risk communication and community engagement;
  - Infection prevention and control (including health and WASH);
  - Education and child protection.

**2020 requirements:** US\$ 22.7 million

for 9 months. *All UNICEF-supported group activities for children and parents have been suspended as of 15 March but efforts continue to reach them through digital and other means.*

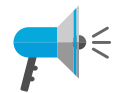
## STRATEGIES



### PROCURE SUPPLIES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO THE OUTBREAK

Health, WASH, hygiene supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) are urgently needed to support the protection of frontline workers and strengthening MOH capacity in clinical management of COVID-19. Procurement of sufficient hygiene supplies for distribution in camps and vulnerable communities is also needed to ensure availability of cleaning and disinfection supplies to maintain a high level of hygiene at a household level to support Infection Prevention Control (IPC).

UNICEF will strengthen the government's capacity in planning for health and WASH supply needs, selection of supplies and equipment and their effective delivery and distribution, leveraging the capacity of the UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen (Procurement Services) for the timely delivery of urgently needed supplies at competitive costs, in line with international quality standards.



### RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INCLUDING DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

UNICEF will continue working alongside the Ministry of Health and WHO to implement the risk communication and community engagement action plan and continue providing technical assistance. RCCE efforts focus on behaviour change communication and adapted social norms, through strategic partnerships with key stakeholders and private sector, social mobilization and community engagement, to directly track misinformation, reinforce preventive behaviours and respond to the dynamic situation surrounding COVID-19 in Jordan and to ensure that all members of the community, including the most vulnerable, are being reached.



## PREVENT AND ADDRESS THE SECONDARY IMPACT OF THE OUTBREAK – MINIMIZE THE HUMAN CONSEQUENCES OF THE OUTBREAK

Given that a pandemic magnifies all existing inequalities, with Jordan seeing a 33 per cent increase of domestic violence since the beginning of the lockdown, UNICEF will also continuously assess the vulnerability of women and children and ascertain the risks of violence, abuse and exploitation and effects of COVID-19 including stigma, discrimination, psychosocial distress and family separation.

- Continuous access to education services: UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to design and implement plans for the mitigation of learning losses and safe re-opening of schools, ensuring that the most vulnerable children are able to re-engage in education. Children with disabilities will continue to be supported with rehabilitation sessions through home visits in the camps and HC. Up to 6,000 children attending the Drop Out programme prior to the lockdown continue to learn with support from facilitators trained to deliver distance learning. Teachers in over 1000 schools continue to provide life skills education (Nashatati) to students through online videos. UNICEF will also support teacher professional development, through the design of courses in online safety and distance learning pedagogies.
- Shock-responsive social protection services for the most vulnerable: UNICEF will support cash assistance and other complementary social protection services for the most vulnerable children and their families, in close collaboration with the government and other social protection actors.
- Continuous access to child protection services: UNICEF will ensure that children, adolescents, and women have access to specialized case management services, protection services for children left without a care provider including adequate alternative care arrangements, as well as a helpline to report violence and seek psychosocial support. UNICEF will also provide mental health and psychosocial support, counselling and rehabilitation support to children, adolescents, and families impacted by COVID-19, and will support the implementation of referral pathways to other organizations for specialized MHPSS protection services.



## MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF HEALTH AND WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE SERVICES

- Continuous health & nutrition services in camps: UNICEF will ensure continuity of primary health care and essential nutrition services in camps in coordination with UNHCR and the Ministry of Health. UNICEF will also ensure catch-up campaigns for vaccination and routine vaccination following the interruption of services in camps. Nutrition services have been adjusted to include the dissemination and implementation of appropriate breastfeeding recommendations in the COVID-19 context.
- Provision of safe water, sanitation and hygienic conditions plays an essential role in protecting human health. WASH interventions focus on supporting governmental and other actors in the continuity and enhancement of essential water and sanitation services, promotion and dissemination of key hygiene practices and information supported with hygiene materials and supplies.



## ENHANCE RISK REDUCTION AND IN-COUNTRY PREPAREDNESS INCLUDING COORDINATION

- UNICEF will advocate for timely sharing of information and advice to affected populations, will increase visibility and resource mobilization to ensure affected and at-risk children and communities have equitable access to diagnostics, care and treatment services.
- UNICEF is closely monitoring for any secondary impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, specifically on girls and women including disruptions to health, education and other social services delivery (including due to overburdening of local health systems), changes in care seeking behaviour, impact on the local economy and livelihoods, new/increased protection needs and impact on the local economy and livelihoods. The latter will focus on women as the burden of care is more likely to fall on them, leading to a greater loss of livelihoods and increased pressure at the household level.
- UNICEF will support accountability to affected populations by actively engaging in coordination on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse; ensuring beneficiary feedback mechanisms are in place; conducting regular safety audits of facilities to identify barriers to access, safety risks and identify programmatic changes needed.

## FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

UNICEF requires **US\$ 22.7 million** to support the Government of Jordan with urgent priority response interventions. This funding requirement is part of the 2020 UNICEF COVID-2019 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal, which will be revised as the needs evolve across the various countries.

INTERVENTION	PLANNED (IN US\$)
1 Strengthening risk communication and community engagement (RCCE)	600,000
2 Providing critical Health supplies, including medical equipment, ventilators and personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as continued access to Health services	2,800,000
3 Provide essential Water and Sanitation services in refugee camps and vulnerable host communities and WASH supplies – including soap and hygiene kits	7,837,000
4 Supporting access to education for children out of school (including online and distance learning) and strengthen youth engagement opportunities for at-risk communities	4,072,753
5 Provide immediate access to shock responsive Social Protection services for the most vulnerable children	6,700,000
6 Support child protection and Gender-Based Violence programmes to provide support to most vulnerable / at-risk children and women	700,000

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