



Hand washing in Pemba market -UNICEF

Reporting Period: 16-30 April 2020

Mozambique

COVID-19

Situation Report No. 2

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Key Facts and Actions

- Mozambique government extends state for emergency for additional 30 days, until 30 May.
- Ministry of Health reported the first pediatric case of COVID-19 located in Cabo Delgado, Pemba city.
- UNICEF supported virtual training of 169 maternal and child health nurses on continuity of services in 22 districts of Zambezia province.
- With UNICEF support, COVID19 prevention messages are broadcasted daily on 64 community radios, in local languages.
- The amnesty bill issued by Justice authorities, allowed 457 children age 16-18yrs and 1,231 youth age 19-21 to be released from detention.

Situation in Numbers

76 Confirmed cases

0 Deaths

2,076 Tested

248 Active monitoring

10 Recovered

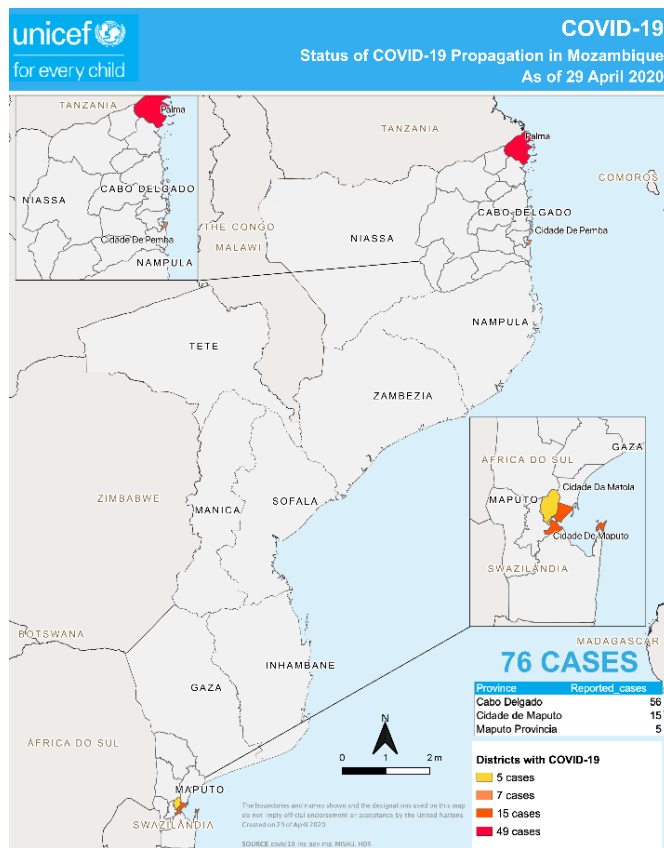
Source: Ministry of Health-<https://covid19.ins.gov.mz/>

Situation Overview

Mozambique health authorities have reported 76 cases of Covid-19, of which, 68 are due to local transmission. The confirmed cases are distributed among the three provinces of Maputo city, Maputo province and Cabo Delgado province, with the latter recording most of the cases (56). Of the 76 confirmed cases, 10 have recovered. On 26 April, the Ministry of Health reported the first pediatric case of COVID-19. Approximately 83% of the cases to date are males and 63% of the total are Mozambicans.

One month after the declaration of state of emergency on 30 March by the President of Mozambique, the Government reassessed the situation and extended the state of emergency for another 30 days until 30 May 2020. The Government analyzed the level of implementation of the state of emergency measures and stated that not all measures yet effective, including: 1) limitation of people movement, 2) promotion and reorientation of industrial sector, and 3) adoption of fiscal and monetary policy measures.

The Government of Mozambique will continue with the restriction measures for another month to prevent the further spread of the virus in the country. The government has closed border posts, put in place surveillance measures



at borders that remain open, closed schools and universities for additional 30 days and placed limits on size of public gatherings. The school closures have impacted 8.5 million students at all levels with 14,667 pre-primary, primary and secondary schools currently closed.

The Ministry of Health is also establishing treatment and isolation centers and Rapid Response Teams in all provinces. The Ministry of Health has developed a Preparedness and Response Plan with actions in the following areas: coordination, epidemiological, disease surveillance and point of entry, laboratory, case management, supplies and logistic, human resources, infection prevention and control (IPC) and communication and social mobilization. Other Ministries had also developed sectoral plans to respond to the secondary impacts of the pandemic.

Coordination

The Ministry of Health (MoH) has established an Emergency Commission within the ministry to ensure effective coordination of COVID-19 prevention and response through the efforts of nine Technical Working Groups co-led by staff of the MoH and a development partner. Internally, the Commission meets daily, and twice weekly in a broader group with the participation of key departments of the ministry, line ministries and development partners.

There are also ongoing coordination efforts targeted at mitigating the secondary impacts that may emerge as a result of the outbreak. To this end, the government disaster agency (INGC) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) are currently working with line ministries to identify the needs and priority measures to be taken. Aligned with this, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), led by the Resident Coordinator and composed of UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross, and donor representatives, is developing a Response Plan to COVID-19, focusing on sector specific impacts of COVID-19.

UNICEF Response (during reporting period)

Health

- Supported MoH to develop COVID-19 operational plan and COVID-19 procurement plan.
- Provided technical support on key COVID-19 working groups for response coordination, case surveillance, case management, and procurement.
- Facilitated virtual training of 169 maternal and child health nurses on continuity of services in the context of COVID-19 from 22 districts of Zambezia province.
- Supported the development of training SOPs for community health workers on COVID-19 response and continuity of essential services at community level.

Nutrition

- Provided technical support to MoH for the definition of a COVID-19 contextualized protocol for the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition for the outpatient care program and for inpatient management of acute malnutrition.
- Defined the key messages for infant and young child feeding in the context of COVID-19, including breastfeeding support and prevention of violations of the commercialization code for breastmilk substitutes.
- Updated the national inventory of nutrition therapeutic and supplemental supplies for COVID19 response and forecasting for rest of 2020.
- Developed draft of Nutrition response plan adapted for COVID19 pandemic, under review by MoH and nutrition partners.

WASH

- Completed WASH IPC assessments of all identified isolation treatment centers together with GoM and cluster partners. Developing partnerships to respond to identified needs for WASH related rehabilitation in these facilities.
- Leading WASH cluster response together with line ministry as well as the WASH technical working group within MoH.

- Ongoing international procurement for HTH for disinfection of health facilities, local procurement for WASH IPC supplies health facilities, emergency handwashing stations, and industrial washing machines for isolation wards.
- Procuring 14 laptops and 79 modems for WASH GoM national and decentralized teams to support virtual work environment of government staff.

Communication for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability

- Establishment of a national Accountability to Affected Population (AAP) working group for emergency response, led by UNICEF.
- Radio posts on COVID19 prevention broadcasted daily in 64 community radios and live radio programme with the engagement of traditional and religious leaders, using local languages.
- Short videos on promoting COVID-19 preventive actions broadcasted in Canal Zero and disseminated through social media.
- SMS Biz: from April 2nd to April 23rd, a total of 23,725 queries on COVID-19 were answered by SMS BIZ counsellors.
- Myth buster survey sent via U-Report. Out of 55,553 participants, 34% of respondents still think that coronavirus cannot be transmitted in Mozambique as it is a hot and humid country, 39% still believe mosquito bites can spread coronavirus, and 28% believe hand driers can sterilize and kill the coronavirus.

Education

- Partnership with MoE established for the transmission of education programmes for all education levels in national and community radios.
- 64 Modems and 18 laptops ordered to support Government partner online connectivity in work from home context.
- Supported the MoE to finalize proposals of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) accelerated fund and COVID-19 (Global Partnership Education).

Child Protection

- General guidelines on protection of children in times of COVID have been finalized, pending Governmental approval.
- Contributed to the draft MoH document that aims to guide community-based workers on COVID related prevention and mitigations activities, including secondary impact (prevention and response to violence against women, children and people living with disabilities).
- Supported the Mozambique Child Help Line (Linha Fala Crianca- LFC) to continue providing services via new work modality respecting emergency decree measures. Supported the establishment of new call center in Manica province with 12 trained counselors.
- Parliament approved the amnesty bill prepared by Ministry of Justice, creating the opportunity to release from jail 4,000- 5,000 of the 21,000 incarcerated people, including children. Based on the criteria in the bill, courts have initiated amnesty hearings and 457 children age 16-18 yrs and 1,231 youth age 19-21 have been released.
- Requests for connectivity and business continuity equipment received and processed – supporting online connectivity of GoM partners with provision of 148 modems and 73 laptops.
- Supported Police Department of Family and Children to support functioning of domestic violence response services.

Social Policy and Cash-Based Assistance

- Ongoing support for the development of a social policy cash transfer program. To date, 75 million USD leveraged for the government to scale up social protection response (WB 50 million, SIDA 15 million, DFID 10 million).
- Supported the development of TORs for the Technical Advisory Group and technical meetings with the government as part of the development of the operational plan.
- Supporting coordination of civil society organizations for ensuring services provided vulnerable population, including people living with disabilities.

Supply and logistics

- Co-leading Health Procurement Technical Working Group (HPTWG) together with USAID. Developed Procurement Tracker for partners to monitor and coordinate COVID-19 related supply/equipment procurement.
- Coordinating with Central Medical Stores (CMAM) from the MoH on ongoing work done by the including updating on deliveries of the supplies ordered and ongoing challenges at the global, regional and local level.
- Supported partners to place UNICEF Procurement Services order of test kits and laboratory equipment, as well as PPE supplies through UNICEF global Supply Division.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

In support of the country efforts to prevent and contain the COVID-19 as well as address its impact, UNICEF has developed a 9-month preparedness and response plan with preliminary funding requirements of \$11.3 million USD. As of end-April, the office has received ~US\$ 820,000 for COVID-19 response thanks to the generous contributions from USAID, Education Cannot Wait and Global Partnership for Education.

Challenges

- The country has limited capacity for laboratory testing equipment and reagents.
- Global crisis affecting other countries at greater scale, which make difficult for supplies or funding to see Mozambique as a priority.
- High demand globally for key supplies for response which will affect the ability of the authorities and partners to act timely – long lead time for arrival of ordered supplies in country.
- Continued civil unrest in north of country.

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UNICEF Mozambique Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/>

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Annex A: Summary of Programme Results

Indicators	Target to 31 Dec 2020	Results as of 30 April 2020
RCCE		
# of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	7 million	12,000,000
# of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	2,500	0
# of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	13,500	2,000
IPC		
# of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.	112,000	0
# of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	2,500	0
CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE		
# of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women.	2,500	169
Number of caregivers of children (0-23 months) reached with messages on breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19	100,000	0
Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)	19,000	753
ACCESS TO CONTINUOUS EDUCATION, CHILD PROTECTION AND GBV SERVICES INDICATOR		
# of children supported with distance/home-based learning.	1,112,137	261,100
# of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	400	0
# of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	10,000	0
# of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation & referrals for survivors, including for PSEA	326	149
SOCIAL PROTECTION		
# of households (economically affected by COVID-19) in urban and peri-urban areas receiving cash transfers for basic needs	200,000	0