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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report No. 1

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Highlights

- Chad declared its first case of COVID-19 on 19 March 2020. The individual had been travelling in the past weeks through two other African countries already reporting more cases.
- As of 13 April 2020, there are a total of 23 confirmed COVID-19 cases, of which 19 hospitalized in the Farcha Provincial Hospital and 1 hospitalized in the quarantine site of Abéché Provincial Hospital, all being in stable condition, 1 was evacuated to his country of origin, and 2 patients recovered. 52% of all cases (12 cases) are due to local transmission¹.
- 23 confirmed cases have been registered in three provinces: N'Djamena (21 cases), Chari-Baguirmi (1 case) and Ouaddai (1 case)².
- 22 out of 23 confirmed cases have been male: 15-24 years: 1 case; 25-34 years: 4 cases; 35-44 years: 7 cases; 45-59 years: 6 cases; >60 years: 4 cases. 1 confirmed female case is aged between 45-59 years.
- As of 13 April 2020, a total of 339 out of 339 (100%) of contacts have been traced and are followed up³. A group of 2,717 Chadian students, mostly returning from Cameroon had to be quarantined on return, with 1,316 already released after the mandatory two-week period.
- Under the leadership of the newly set up Health Monitoring and Safety Unit (*Cellule de veille et de sécurité sanitaire*) coordinated by the Minister Secretary of State at the Presidency, the Government finalized the National Contingency Plan for Preparedness and Response to the Epidemic of Coronavirus COVID-19 (*Plan National de contingence pour la préparation et la riposte à l'épidémie de la maladie coronavirus COVID-19*) and is seeking the UN and development partners' support.
- In addition, to prevent the spread of the disease, the Government has taken a series of measures with the major ones focused on: suspension of all international flights, closure of schools, universities, places of worship, and of non-essential businesses, a ban on public transport, closure of the main markets and a curfew in the capital of N'Djamena and 4 provinces of Logone Occidental, Logone Oriental, Mayo-kebbi Ouest and Mayo-kebbi Est.
- In support of the Government National Contingency Plan, the UN has developed a UN joint COVID-19 Operational Support Plan and is positioning its assistance in the critical areas of communication, disease surveillance and testing including at critical border entry points, distribution of health consumables/essential drugs and equipment and capacity building of health personnel and frontline workers for case management and surveillance, water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and child protection.
- Key challenges include: Limitation in consumables, personal protection equipment (PPE) and equipment for critical clinical care to equip Farcha Provincial Hospital and render the unit entirely functional; reinforcement of surveillance, tracing and case management capacity at provincial level; increase in laboratory capacity in N'Djamena and in the

Situation in Numbers



23 COVID-19 confirmed cases (12 of local transmission)

0% children among the confirmed cases

0 COVID-19 deaths

2 COVID-19 cases recovered



3,023,602 children aged 3 to 17 years of age immediately affected by COVID-19 related school closures



US\$ 5.1 million funding required

¹ WHO/MoH Chad, COVID-19 Situation Report No. 21, 13 April 2020.

² Idem.

³ Idem.

provinces; lack of infrastructure and sanitation of quarantine sites; and strengthening assistance provided to Chadian students returning from Cameroon.

UNICEF Response

In support to the Government of Chad COVID-19 Preparation and Response Plan, UNICEF response strategy and interventions focus on the following:

- Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE);
- WASH and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures;
- Capacity strengthening of medical personnel and provision of medical consumables, essential drugs and equipment;
- Frontloading procurement of commodities (RUTF) for treatment of children with SAM as increased numbers may be expected due to the impact of containment on household livelihoods especially in vulnerable peri-urban areas;
- Support to children living on the streets of the capital of N'Djamena;
- Psychosocial support and continuous access to basic social services;
- Social protection interventions to mitigate the socio-economic impact on households.

Summary Analysis of Programmes Response

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

In order to ensure effective communication, awareness-raising and community engagement around the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF RCCE strategy currently includes the following:

- Visuals (flyers, posters) on how to protect against COVID-19 were developed in French and Arabic. 140,000 copies will be printed to be distributed all over the country. Translation into local languages is ongoing. A child-friendly version of the posters has been produced and the production of a comic book and a cartoon is also ongoing.
- Together with local artists, 7 one-minute clips about hand washing, social distancing, and the negative impact of rumors have been recorded in different languages and broadcast on the national and local radios and TV stations. Collaboration with 17 local radio stations is expected to result in targeted radio spots and micro-programmes.
- On a daily basis, several messages are posted, ranging from tips, visuals, videos and content specially created for Facebook. U-report is currently entirely devoted to COVID-19 and is a platform for lively exchanges and questions.
- 100 journalists were trained, in collaboration with the United Nations Communication Group (UNCG), and 206 community relays in N'Djamena were trained on the why and how of COVID-19 communication.
- UNICEF, through its sub-national offices, is finalizing its provincial communication plans in close collaboration with local authorities, traditional and religious leaders, local radio stations and other opinion leaders.
- An agreement has been signed with 17 local radio stations to start broadcasting spots in local languages on COVID-19 protection. 25-minute programmes will be produced with specialists from the Government, UN and local partners to inform the population on COVID-19 and to answer questions from listeners.

Medical and WASH supplies, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF provided a total of 16 Calcium Hypochlorite (HTH) containers of 45kg to the Ministry of Health and to the municipality of N'Djamena to support hand washing in public places. Additionally, during the reporting period, 216 healthcare facility staff and community health workers (of which 204 community health workers) were trained jointly with WHO in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).

Continued access to essential health care and nutrition services

UNICEF supported the Government and partners to develop the National Contingency Plan for Preparedness and Response to the Epidemic of Coronavirus COVID-19. In line with the response plan and in partnership with WHO, during the reporting period, 14 healthcare providers were trained in detection, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases including among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women. 36,306 children received treatment for severe acute malnutrition.

In order to ensure service continuity and access to Anti-retroviral (ARV) supplies for people living with HIV (PLHIV) including in emergencies, the Government is being supported to provide ARVs to PLHIV in advance and for a period of at least three months to prevent any disruption of services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the Nutrition Cluster has set up a task force to provide updated guidelines on Nutrition Programming in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Access to continuous education services

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF and other technical and financial partners are supporting the Ministry of Education and Civil Promotion in developing a response plan and mobilizing resources, including from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and Education Cannot Wait (ECW). The response plan will include the provision of educational programmes through radio or TV. The material will also cover COVID-19 awareness. UNICEF has also developed and shared communication materials for school children with the Ministry of Education, to be distributed to children and teachers nationwide. In addition, UNICEF has provided 70 handwashing kits with soap to the Ministry of Education to ensure effective prevention measures.

Access to continuous child protection and GBV services

UNICEF has supported the setup of a Task Force led by the Ministry of Social Affairs to protect vulnerable children living in the streets, including separated and unaccompanied children using the services of N'Djamena's public social centres or under the care of national NGOs. A mapping of all existing social services supporting street children in N'Djamena was carried out, with plans to reach 2,500 street children. A total of 5,375 children throughout the country will be reached with psychosocial support in the context of COVID-19 response.

Access to continuous social protection services

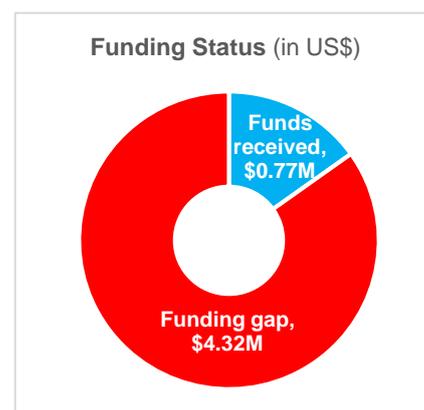
In order to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable populations, especially children and women, UNICEF and WFP have prepared a joint concept note to support the Government's Emergency Health and Resilience Plan (*Plan d'Urgence Sanitaire et de Résilience*) that the Government is currently formulating to address the broader economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, two emergency measures have been proposed, including: a cash transfer 'plus' programme to support poor households in urban and peri-urban areas in N'Djamena (targeting an estimated 7,494 children), including a package of support measures in WASH, food and nutrition, health; and a programme to analyse and monitor the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and their families.

Supply and Logistics

UNICEF procured US\$ 67,000 worth of materials including handwashing devices, soap, and others in the local market to respond to the COVID-19 emergency in support of local partners. Additionally, UNICEF launched orders to procure US\$ 272,000 worth of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) via the Supply Division. New Sales Orders are in preparation to procure additional equipment, essential drugs and oxygen cylinders to support the Farcha Provincial Hospital, which is the reference hospital to respond to COVID-19 cases.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

- In response to the fast-evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF has revised its original appeal of US\$ 2 million to US\$ 5.1 million to address the critical multisectoral needs and scale up the response in Chad.
- As of 15 April, UNICEF has received US\$ 770,000 thanks to generous contributions from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and CERF.
- UNICEF is in discussion with partners to secure additional funding through new allocations or reprogramming. UNICEF thanks partners for flexible and timely funding to support an effective and efficient COVID-19 response.



External Communication

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

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Summary of Programme Results in response to COVID-19

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response		
	Target	Total results*	Change since last report ▲▼
Risk Communication and Community Engagement			
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	2,774,674	0	
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	0	0	
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	0	0	
WASH and IPC			
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	399,675	0	
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	1,175	0	
Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	1,775	216	
Health			
Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women	200	14	
Nutrition			
Number of primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms	235,751	0	
Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition	377,703	36,306	
Education			
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning	500,000 ⁴ (preliminary)	0	
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	1,000	0	
Child Protection and GBV			
Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	2,895	0	
Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	5,375	0	
Number of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation & referrals for survivors, including for PSEA	0	0	
Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse	0	0	
Social Protection			
Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs	7,494 ⁵ (preliminary)	0	

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Annex B

Funding Status*

Sector	Requirements	Funds received	Funding gap	
			\$	%
Communication & Hygiene	600,000	40,000	560,000	93%
WASH	634,631	300,000	334,631	53%
Nutrition	1,281,405	-	1,281,405	100%
Health & HIV/AIDS	450,000	240,000	200,000	44%
Child Protection	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	100%
Education	520,000	70,000	450,000	87%
Cash-based Transfers	500,000		500,000	100%
Total	5,086,036	770,000*	4,316,036	85%

*Of the US\$ 770,000 received so far, US\$ 660,000 has been allocated, with the rest to be allocated shortly.

In addition to the US\$ 770,000 secured, UNICEF is discussing with partners for new funding and reallocation of existing Grants in the amount of around US\$ 1.3 million.