

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 30 May, over 58,726 people have been tested, out of which 9,302 tested positive with 35 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) having reported at least one confirmed case. Kogi State became the last but one state to record infections. The NCDC reported two cases during this reporting period leaving Cross River State as the only remaining state without a reported case. Within the reporting week, states that reported the highest number of cases were Lagos, Kano, Federal Capital Territory, Katsina, Borno and Jigawa. Of the total admitted, 2,697 cases have been discharged and there have been 261 deaths recorded.

The Federal Government and the Ministry of Education informed that schools will not be reopened until the health and safety of children can be guaranteed. They are developing plans to rollout guidelines for the reopening of schools across the country, while considering morning and afternoon classes to ensure physical distancing. This is in addition, to developing sector specific advisories for the reopening of various sectors of the economy. The Federal Ministry of Health confirmed that Nigeria along with number of African countries including South Africa has agreed to partake in the UN's solidarity trials which is seeking a vaccine for the virus.

At the moment, the Government recommended lockdown measures are still partially lifted with guidelines on general prevention measures. However, the measures are not fully observed or enforced across the states which could lead to spikes in infections.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

RCCE/C4D

UNICEF continues to focus on sensitization and the capacity building of partners in all targeted states. Oyo State is focusing on social distancing and encouraging community testing. Akure focused on engagement with traditional leaders and market women in promoting the use of face masks. Sensitization on COVID-19 signs, symptoms, prevention and referrals were conducted during Eid prayer sessions in Taraba and Kaduna States.

UNICEF continues RCCE through mobile messages, radio, television, print materials and billboards. Video skits on key hygiene messages including hand washing with soap, staying at home and physical distancing and other key behaviours are being disseminated through various social media platforms and a 'COVID-19 Talk' radio talk show was aired for a third week in Enugu State.

UNICEF has produced and distributed IEC materials for COVID-19 and measles awareness to state teams in Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara states. Town Announcers for COVID-19 and measles awareness were also trained to support routine immunization. Meetings with religious and traditional rulers were conducted to plan the training of local mosque officials on safe burial practices to increase compliance and cooperation within communities.

The wife of the Governor of River State was appointed champion for RCCE. She constituted and launched a COVID-19 task force with the collaboration of the Vice President and other LGA women.

North-east C4D response

COVID-19 jingles continue to be aired through BRTV and Peace FM in Hausa and Kanuri languages in Borno while Volunteer Community Mobilizers (VCMs) in Borno and Yobe continue to disseminate information in small groups where possible on COVID-19 reaching 68,838 caregivers. VCMs continue to make wider use of the telephone tree in order to maintain contact with their community families for AFP surveillance; COVID-19 surveillance; and follow-ups with caregivers on routine immunization and intensification.

Religious leaders in Borno and Yobe are actively engaged in the COVID-19 response, 647 religious leaders were sensitized and will disseminate the messages in their respective Islamiyah and Tsangaya schools as and when they reopen.

Health

UNICEF continues to provide technical support to the Presidential Task Force and the NCDC. UNICEF facilitated the shipment of 8000 Cobas tests, 1900 Abbott tests and 6,000 Cepheid tests funded by UNITAID/CHAI. The shipment arrived on 25th May in Abuja.

Situation in Numbers



9302 COVID-19 confirmed cases (30 May)

261 deaths



46,000,000 Children affected by COVID-19



US\$ 65 M funding required

UNICEF is supporting IPC interventions for high burden COVID-19 LGA areas.¹ This includes establishing screening/triaging points at every health facility, assessment and monitoring of IPC implementation, organising trainings for health care workers, assessing WASH needs of both public and private health facilities and assessing PPE needs of public hospitals.

UNICEF is providing continued support to the national primary health care development agency (NPHCDA) in planning for the health care workers step down trainings at LGA and community level.

UNICEF is supporting the case management pillar to improve data quality, reporting from isolation-treatment centres and collation at the national level. UNICEF will work to assist in analysing the data for informed action on risk communication for prevention and promotion of health seeking behaviours as well as appropriate resource allocation in response to the outbreak.

At the state level, UNICEF Field Offices continue to provide ongoing technical support to the state Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) on COVID-19 response; participating in coordination team meetings and providing technical and operational support to the different pillars. UNICEF continues to support intensified active case finding, contact tracing and follow up in all affected settlements and communities across the states.

In Kaduna state, UNICEF is supporting facilitation of the ongoing State training of trainers (TOT) for 300 health care workers on COVID-19. UNICEF is also supporting the state in activating the third COVID-19 diagnostic laboratory at Yusuf Dantsofo Memorial Hospital Tudun Wada, Kaduna. In Kano state, UNICEF provided technical inputs in the development of guidelines on protocol and operationalization of home-based treatment.

UNICEF is supporting the Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board and the Ministry of Health to set up a state-wide Emergency Information System (EIS) to track, monitor and respond effectively to COVID-19 cases. This real time information management system will generate data on a daily basis and automatically process it to enable quick and effective decision making.

UNICEF provided technical support to Oyo, Osun and Ogun states in conducting LGA risk assessments in preparation for the face to face LGA and ward level training of Health facility and community health workers on PHC Preparedness and Response to COVID-19.

In Akure State, UNICEF supported a two-day training of 130 health workers from the isolation-treatment centres on case management of COVID-19.

In Enugu state, UNICEF supported the integrated training of 40 frontline health workers on IPC, Case Management and Surveillance.

Nutrition

All existing health facilities providing community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) services have continued to treat children 6 – 59 months with severe acute malnutrition (SAM). MUAC screening and SAM treatment for children 6-59 months have been integrated into essential health services package in primary health facilities to ensure wider coverage for SAM treatment and reduce missed opportunities.

The joint State committee on Food and Nutrition (SCFN) held a coordination meeting in Kaduna, Kwara, Niger, Nasarawa to discuss the continuity of essential nutrition services. It provided a forum for sharing specific state approaches, lessons learned and achievements in coordinating, planning and implementing nutrition activities during COVID-19 as well as mitigating its impact.

Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) services are on-going at health facility and community levels. A total of 957,903 caregivers of children aged 0-23 months were reached with messages on IYCF including aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 through interpersonal communication and projector sessions by Health Workers. Messages are also reinforced in the context of COVID-19. UNICEF continues to support Government partners across the states to provide routine nutrition counselling and support, and all other essential nutrition supplementations such as vitamin A supplementation and deworming of children 12 – 59 months.

North-east Nutrition response

Sensitization of Community Nutrition Mobilizers on COVID-19 prevention using IEC materials (posters) and training for mother-MUAC screening was carried out with CNMs reaching 36,509 caregivers with vital information. To reinforce IPC at the health centres, UNICEF distributed 260 units of sanitizers, 208 packs of hand gloves (100 pieces per pack) and 178 cartons of soap (50 pieces per carton).

WASH

Hygiene Promotion and Distribution of IEC materials

During the week, an additional 71,260 COVID-19 prevention posters were distributed across several LGAs in Kaduna (560), Kebbi (14,700), Zamfara (27,000), Sokoto (20,000), Kano (2,000), Katsina (4,000), and Jigawa (3,000) states. They were used to complement hygiene promotion campaigns and placed in critical places such as hospitals, markets, public offices and other public places. The distribution and placement were carried out through the respective state Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agencies

¹ Kano: Tarauni, Nassarawa, Gwale; Katsina: Katsina, Daura, Ingawa; Jigawa: Duste, Awyo, Birnin Kudu; Oyo: Ibadan North and

West, Ido ; Edo: Oredo, Ikopoba-Okha, Egor; FCT: AMAC, BWARI, Gwagwalada

(RUWASSAs), LGAs WASH units, COVID-19 coordination teams and Village Hygiene Promoters (VHPs).

Jingles on COVID-19 awareness and prevention were developed in collaboration with C4D continue to be aired on a daily basis in English, Pidgin, Hausa, Igbo, Kanuri and Yoruba languages by various radio stations across 17 states continuously reaching an estimated number of 8.5 M people.²

Awareness on COVID -19 prevention emphasizing on hand washing, and physical distancing is ongoing through ward officers, volunteer hygiene promoters at community level with at least 93,038 people reached during the week in different LGAs of Jigawa, Kano, Katsina and Kaduna states. In addition community sensitizations on construction of Tippy taps is ongoing and a total of 88 tippy taps were constructed by communities in market places, motor parks and PHCs in eight LGAs of Kaduna state.

Provision of Soap and Handwashing Facilities

Through in-kind contributions from UNILEVER, UNICEF distributed 59,100 soap bars to 9,850 patients and caregivers in 244 PHCs and 450 Tertiary hospitals in Wamako, Sokoto North and Sokoto South LGAs in Sokoto. Concurrently, 428,999 soaps were distributed to 94 tertiary health facilities (17,370 beneficiaries) and 10,500 households (62,165 persons) across eight LGAs in Kano Metropolitan area to enable the practice of proper hand hygiene to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

Coordination and Technical Support to Government

With financial support from DFID and UNILEVER, a COVID-19 WASH Campaign to be implemented by UNICEF was launched in Sokoto state by the state governor and other dignitaries. The campaign aims at providing WASH services in four LGAs within the state to control the spread of COVID-19, including the distribution of soaps, construction of WASH facilities in communities, intensive handwashing campaigns and provision of coordination support to the state government.

UNICEF continues to provide coordination and technical support to state and LGAs' COVID-19 EOCs, Task Force and Prevention Campaign committees in identifying WASH gaps and implementing appropriate WASH interventions across all WASH project states.

North East WASH response

During the reporting week, 261 COVID-19 awareness and prevention posters were distributed through implementing partners in Rann LGA, while 12,745 persons were reached

with key messages on COVID-19 prevention and control in Dikwa, Konduga, Jere, Rann, Gwoza and MMC LGAs of Borno. Soaps were distributed to 593 households (3,560 individuals) in Jere LGA in Borno state and to a COVID-19 isolation center in Yola in Adamawa state benefitting 12 persons to support handwashing.

UNICEF, with funding from the Netherlands government, supported the Borno State Government to restore safe water supply to the COVID-19 Isolation centre at Family Support Center in Biu LGA through the rehabilitation of a broken down handpump and a solar motorized water system. These facilities will benefit more than 3,000 vulnerable persons, including patients and caregivers at the isolation centre.

Education

With continued technical assistance from UNICEF, the Federal Ministry of Education and State Governments of Education are engaging children with learning through alternate home-based platforms such as radio, television, online/internet based and take-home learning resources. Thus far, an estimated over 20 million children accessing learning and other academic opportunities through these alternate home-based modalities across 36 states and Federal Capital Territories.

Continued support is also provided in mapping, contextualising and development of scripts for radio and TV programmes. Kano, Kaduna, Niger, Katsina, Bauchi states have developed mobile apps using google form to monitor community level activities and home teaching support provided to children by teachers. Remote monitoring tools such as U reports, WhatsApp's groups, google forms are now operational to monitor and measure the COVID-19 education response plan.

Further, support was provided in development of communication materials for children in the prevention and containment of COVID-19 such as leaflets, audio visual, and kids' books. These educative materials have been disseminated for the benefit of over 22 million children across 36 states and FCT. Technical contributions were provided to the Federal Ministry of Education's COVID -19 Education Strategic Response Framework and its Implementation Plan for the operationalisation of continuing learning and safe school reopening.

North East Education response

Borno SUBEB radio programming successfully began with Dandalkura FM Radio (98.9) Maiduguri. The implementation started with airing lessons in three subjects; English,

² Edo, Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Bauchi, Kebbi, Sokoto, Zamfara, Ebonyi, Anambra, Benue, Cross River, Borno, Yobe. Approximately 500,000 per state

mathematics, and basic science. It is estimated that approximately 280,000 (48% females) children tuned in for the first lessons. Additionally, 500 radio sets are being distributed to promote radio based learning. In collaboration with the Communication section, the section developed a Human Interest Story (HIS) on home learning and is reviewed at the National level for publication

Child Protection

The week was dominated by a number of UNICEF-supported high-level engagements and dialogues as well as commemoration of the national children's day and community outreach activities to address violence against children and harmful practices.

As part of the northern States' measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by returning children to their home or state of origin, UNICEF supported the family reunification of 310 *Almajiri* children, following their 14-day quarantine at temporary shelters in Kaduna (213), Gombe (40) and Yobe (57). With UNICEF support, the Governor of Kaduna State visited the *Almajiri* children and committed to providing education and other reintegration support through a signed MoU.

In commemoration of the 2020 *Almajiri* Child Rights Day, the *Almajiri* Child Rights Initiative (ACRI) hosted a webinar to discuss the situation of the *Almajiri* children with support from UNICEF and the MacArthur Foundation. The panelists included the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, UNICEF Country Representative, religious leader and ACRI Executive Director discussed implications as well as some of the solutions to ensure that all children are protected and to help map the medium and long-term policy actions needed to address the *Almajiri* situation. The ACRI led webinar, attracted over 800 registered participants and another 4,000 who followed through social media.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF continues to innovatively support WASH interventions to ensure increased access to clean water and hygiene facilities to target beneficiaries. The procurement of spare parts and implementation of the emergency e-procurement is in progress to support the government in bridging gaps in access to water services to unserved populations and extending WASH services to health facilities in eight states Kano, Yobe, Jigawa, Katsina, Zamfara, Bauchi, Benue and Kaduna states. Other plans to adapt WASH programmes across the country are ongoing.

Virtual coordination, planning and implementation meetings with government partners and other stakeholders continues to take place across all thematic areas to support continuity of services in the context of COVID-19. UNICEF led and coordinated the review of a survey tool for Adolescent Girls and Young Women; reviewed the draft investment case for costed HIV AYP programming and contributed to the review of the Global Action for Measurement of Adolescent health—selected Adolescent Health and Development indicators. UNICEF is actively advocating with the NPHCDA/ FMOH to address acute shortage of sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine used for intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnant women. UNICEF is providing technical support in the costing of the National Pneumonia control strategy. The Quality Assurance Plan for procurement of Point of Care equipment has been completed with support from the supply team.

Following several virtual exchanges to advance the decongestion order for children and juveniles deprived of their liberties, UNICEF held a formal meeting with the Comptroller General of Nigerian Correctional Services who committed to conducting a rapid assessment and support the safe release and reintegration of juveniles in borstal and correctional centers.

Child Protection in Emergencies response

22 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), including 9 girls and 13 boys in Bama, Borno State, were provided with alternative care arrangements. Placement monitoring visits were conducted to 16 children (13 girls, 3 boys) in alternative care and five standby foster parents (all men). All were reached with child protection messages, focusing on violence, exploitation and abuse of children in foster arrangement during a pandemic.

A total of 913 persons (107 boys, 259 girls, 292 women, 208 men, and 47 who indicated neither their age nor gender) in conflict affected north-east Nigeria were reached with PSEA messages through the U-Report platform and protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) posters on how to access safe and secure reporting channels for allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse. The programme distributed 38 posters in English (10), Kanuri (12) and Hausa (16) that increased outreach on awareness raising on the prevention of SEA and the reporting channels. The PSEA reporting channels received 38 calls and 6 messages from the dedicated phone lines from Adamawa, Borno, Kaduna, Enugu, Gombe, Yobe States across Nigeria. Most of the callers sought for more information about PSEA, a few reported cases of VAC and GBV and were referred to relevant services, while others called regarding accessing humanitarian aid, while others wanted confirmation on the PSEA hotline for future reporting of SEA cases.

39 community volunteers conducted house-to-house visits in Ebonyi State to provide integrated interpersonal communication (IPC) sessions on EndFGM, EndVAC, increased birth registration services and COVID-19 prevention and risk management. The community volunteers reached an additional 155 households and 1,299 household members (321 men, 287 boys, 305 women, 386 girls).

UNICEF delivered a goodwill message at the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs' commemoration of the national children's day, echoing the Honorable Minister's appeal to maintain critical child protection services to provide timely prevention and response interventions for vulnerable and at-risk children, including child victims of sexual violence and exploitation, *Almajiri* children and children deprived of liberty. The Minister also stressed the importance of protecting and empowering the girl children by facilitating their access to education

UNICEF also supported the Borno State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (BSWASD) with the family tracing and reunification (FTR) of 44 boys with their parents in Maiduguri and Jere LGAs. The children had been held at Giwa Barracks for their alleged association with non-state armed groups (NSAGs) before being handed over by the Nigerian Security Forces (NSF) to civilian authorities. All children received child protection services (PSS, basic literacy and skills training) at the Bulumkutu Interim Care Center management by the BSWASD and will now benefit from community-based socio-economic reintegration.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The Nigeria CO has developed an updated response plan outlining gaps and needs, COVID-19 proofing measures and response activities across all sections. USD 65 million is requested to support the government to respond to COVID-19 and reach an estimated 20 million Nigerians. ECHO Nigeria has provided UNICEF with 1.2 million Euros to support in risk communication and life-saving health and WASH supplies.

External Communication

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

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Summary of Programme Results

Sector	2020 target	Total results ³
Risk Communication and Community Engagement		
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	22,000,000	17,595,190
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	22,000	23,738
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/ clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms ⁴	2,020,000	601,586
WASH and IPC		
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	1,340,782	351,945 ⁴
Health		
Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare, including prenatal, delivery and postnatal care, essential new-born care, immunization, treatment of childhood illnesses and HIV care in UNICEF supported facilities.	6,061,266	2,627,892
Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	780,586	41,676
Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	20,000	32,638
Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases	8,548	23,361
Nutrition		
Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM). ⁵	558,189	90,809
Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID through national communication campaigns.	656,000	957,903
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/homebased learning	17,500,000	20,115,974
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	29,500	2,352
Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support ⁶	2,605,000	172,024
Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse	498,067	144,919
Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on VAC/HP/GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors ⁷	1121	488
Social Protection		
Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs	120,000	-

³ Results are cumulative from March 2020

⁴ 68,200 persons reached through UNICEF advocacy/technical/mobilization support, using government funds

⁵ Target is calculated as all children with SAM from March 2020 to December 2020 including HRP, HRP addendum and estimated caseloads

⁶ Indicator broken down to 5,000 CP and 2,000,000 Education and 100,000 CP and 500,000 Education (NE)

⁷ Indicator broken down to 250 CP and 500 Education and 221 CP and 150 Education (NE)