

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 13 August, out of the 16,847 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 58% are male and 42% female, 15,892 people (94%) have recovered, 844 cases (5%) remain active and 105 people (0,62%) have died.

- Despite the COVID-19 crisis, the Child Health Days campaign was implemented: 5,506,830 children aged 6 to 59 months have been supplemented with vitamin A and 4,981,103 children aged 12 to 59 months have been de-wormed (97% coverage). Children with disabilities were also included. 829,765 children aged 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition (98% coverage).
- In the context of COVID-19, 28 human cases of cVDPV2 polio, 22 contact subjects and 46 cases from environmental surveillance have been reported. Upcoming actions include the deployment of 12 UNICEF consultants across the country as part of the cVDPV2 response, strengthening of routine immunization, and microplanning of the immunization campaign.
- UNICEF launched an intensive and innovative participative communication campaign with U-Report communities in hotspots in Abidjan and in rural communities. U-Report communities operated handwashing stations and distributed reusable masks in key hotspots, such as markets and transportation hubs. 15,487 interpersonal interactions were conducted by 1,060 U-Reporters.

Situation in Numbers:



16,847 confirmed COVID-19 cases and **105** deaths



Over **6.3M** children affected by new school arrangements due to COVID-19

UNICEF's COVID-19 Response

Health

On July 30, the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Task Force – composed of the Ministry of Public Health, Management Sciences for Health, WHO, the United States Agency for International Development, the Centres for Disease Control (CDC), the United Nations Population Fund and UNICEF – organized a workshop to validate COVID-19 guidelines on the effective implementation of IPC measures in health centres, including diagnostic tools for health centres, an IPC toolkit for COVID-19, terms of reference for IPC focal points and standard operating procedures. The IPC Task Force organized capacity building sessions for 18 focal points from 9 priority entrance points into the country, including Félix Houphouët Boigny airport, the autonomous port of San-Pédro, the borders of Ouangolodougou and Minignan to the north, Soko, Niablé and Noah to the east, Sipilou to the west and Tabou to the southwest.

On August 5, a workshop on improving the immunization coverage in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic was held in Yamoussoukro. It brought together all the regional health directors of the country. Participants reviewed the performance, achievements and major challenges related to the implementation of immunization services, epidemiological surveillance, rumour management in the context of COVID-19, vaccine management in regional deposits and challenges for the second half of 2020.

On July 27, a first videoconference was held to present the draft community indicators for COVID-19 proposed by UNICEF. This meeting saw the participation of the Directorate of Community Health (DSC) and the Directorate of Informatics and Health Information (DIIS).

WASH

Following the reopening of circulation between Abidjan and the interior of the country, UNICEF intensified the distribution of hygiene kits in the western regions for the benefit of 2,939 additional households with over 14,695 people. 1,061 vulnerable households who previously received hygiene kits received soap replenishments.

Door-to-door and focus group awareness-raising activities on handwashing and other COVID-19 preventive measures have continued through the direct intervention of UNICEF's implementing partners in 33 localities in the west and the north of the country for the benefit of over 9,501 women and 10,296 men.

To complement the operational strategy on handwashing practices in schools, UNICEF in partnership with the Ministry of National Education's Directorate for School Life designed an architectural plan and the technical description of handwashing stations for schools that are connected to the water supply network. 60 primary schools in Abidjan and in the northern regions were identified for the installation of such facilities and the total number will increase to up to 120 schools. Construction will begin in the coming weeks to ensure that the facilities are available at the start of the new school year.

A third round of replenishment of disinfection products, water storage equipment and water treatment products was organized for UNICEF's warehouses in the west and in the north of the country, organized by UNICEF's Man and Korhogo sub-offices. 24 health centres on the northern border and 4 reference hospitals have received supplementary handwashing devices and

hygiene products. 477 primary schools in 2 northern regions received additional handwashing devices and hygiene products in anticipation of the new school year.

RCCE/C4D

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UNICEF achieved a cumulative total reach of over 318 million hits, including a reach of 2,8 million on traditional media (TV, radio and print), 9,278,305 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) and 3 million consultations of the U-Report coronavirus information centre over the last two weeks.

UNICEF's campaign has generated a cumulative total of 982,298 engagements (likes, comments, shares) on UNICEF and U-Report's social media platforms. To date, a total of 592,705 people engaged in COVID-19 related actions. This includes young reporters, young bloggers, Voix des jeunes (Voices of Youth), journalists, U-Report communities, religious leaders and people giving their opinion through U-Report polls.

Education

To accelerate the implementation of the education sector's support project against COVID-19 (funded by the Global Partnership for Education), an operational plan was developed in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and representatives of the Technical and Financial Education Partners Local Group (GLPE).

As part of the preparations for the new school year which will start on 14 September, UNICEF is supporting the development of a communication campaign on the return to school while ensuring the dissemination of health, administrative and education protocols in all regional offices.

The report of the national survey on the "My School at Home" distance learning programme which was implemented during the school closures was produced. The report reveals that 83% of students took remote classes while schools were closed. UNICEF continues to support the Ministry of National Education regarding the sustainability of this programme, which will resume its broadcasts with a double objective: to prepare

students for the resumption of classes and to support students with learning difficulties by introducing interactions between teachers and learners.

Nutrition

Since the beginning of COVID-19 epidemic in Côte d'Ivoire, a total of 331,008 caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months and 416,265 pregnant women received Infant and Young Child Feeding counselling through health facilities, mass media, and community platforms.

As of 13 August, 5,506,830 children aged 6 to 59 months have been supplemented with vitamin A out of a target population of 5,698,091 children (97% coverage). 4,981,103 children aged 12 to 59 months have been de-wormed out of a target population of 5,158,850 children (97% coverage). Children with disabilities were also included. 829,765 children aged 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition out a target population of 843,224 children (98% coverage). 9,283 children were identified as malnourished, including 1,975 severely malnourished and 7,308 moderately malnourished children. Among the malnourished children, 6,843 children (74%) were admitted for treatment.

Child Protection

153 additional street children were identified and hosted in temporary accommodation and supported by UNICEF. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Côte d'Ivoire, 357 street children have been identified and benefited from alternative care.

With UNICEF's support, the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization validated and launched the annual vital statistics on the African Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Day, on 10 August, taking into account the COVID-19 pandemic.

47 additional boys were release from prison thanks to UNICEF's support. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF helped 184 children benefit from an early release from prison.

722 new women-headed households will benefit from cash transfers to respond to the economic impact of COVID-19. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 1,322 households headed by women and the families of children previously living on the streets have benefitted from UNICEF's financial support through social service centres.

Social Protection

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, with UNICEF's support, developed a national communication strategy on social protection. This strategy sets the foundation for a large communication campaign on the various available social protection instruments, including those put in place as a response to COVID-19. On 10 August, Government counterparts validated the document during a workshop organized by UNICEF with the participation of donors, including the Delegation of the European Union.

HIV & Adolescents

Over the last two weeks, UNICEF raised the awareness of 4,041 adolescents and young people on HIV and COVID-19. Further to UNICEF's 48 HIV screening sessions, 16 adolescents and young people were counselled after testing positive for HIV.

UNICEF and NGOs (Heartland Alliance, COVIE and CASES) carried out HIV/AIDS prevention activities that reached 1,179 adolescents and young people, of which 53% are part of key populations. In addition, five adolescents and young key population were screened to assess their eligibility for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment.

Adaptations to Ongoing UNICEF Programmes

The study report on the consequences of COVID-19 on vulnerable children, adolescents, youth and women was validated by the reference group on 10 August under the joint leadership of the Ministry of Planning and UNICEF's Representative in Côte d'Ivoire. This meeting allowed UNICEF to: **(i)** share its main findings; **(ii)** discuss how to leverage the findings to strengthen community-based COVID-19 response and fine-tune the COVID-19 response plan; and **(iii)** identify remaining information gaps. UNICEF is planning to further the study the consequences of COVID-19 in order to set up a system to monitor the social impact of COVID-19, particularly in relation to left-behind people or those at risk of being left behind.

UNICEF organized a joint mid-year review of its 2020 workplan, which was chaired by the Ministry of Planning. To limit the number of in-person participants, the review was also held online to allow remote participation via videoconferencing. It was an opportunity for focal points from ministries and civil society organizations to discuss UNICEF's main achievements regarding its Multisectoral Response Plan for COVID-19, which was aligned with the Government's response plan. The discussions held during the joint mid-year review highlighted the need to focus on four main issues. First, there is a need to assess the implementation of the distance learning programme and to reflect strategically on the approaches and mechanisms that are needed to increase its sustainability. These approaches and mechanisms must focus on responding to the digital divide, increasing the technical preparation, and backstopping the teachers, among others. Second, there is a need to assess the impact of prejudices on the use of health services during the COVID-19 crisis. Third, the use of the '116' hotline for the denunciation of violence during the COVID-19 crisis needs to be documented. Finally, there is a need to address the challenge relative to the targeting of vulnerable households in the COVID-19 context. These issues, raised during the session dedicated to UNICEF's COVID-19 response, will be considered as priority information needs for the second round of the study of the impacts of COVID-19, which is planned during the fourth quarter of 2020.

Humanitarian response, within the framework of Standby Agreements (SBAs), includes the identification of potential areas for reinforcement of the artisanal soap production to sustain the practice of handwashing with soap in medium and long term. 45 women soap makers in remote area in the northern regions were identified. Discussions relative to reinforcement needs are on-going and will help define the support and steps needed to cover the emerging demand for awareness-raising activities on handwashing among their respective communities.

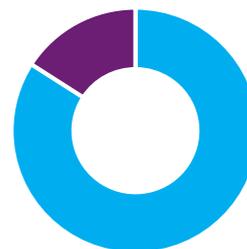
In the context of COVID-19, 28 human cases of cVDPV2 polio, 22 contact subjects and 46 cases from environmental surveillance have been reported. Faced with this epidemiological situation, UNICEF supported the investigation of human cases of cVDPV2 and the preparation of the campaign budget, logistics and communication plan. Upcoming actions include the deployment of 12 UNICEF consultants across the country as part of the cVDPV2 response, strengthening of routine immunization, and microplanning of the immunization campaign. UNICEF's consultants, combined with those from WHO and CDC, will cover the entire country.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The US\$14.8 million programmatic budget required for UNICEF's multi-sectoral response plan for COVID-19 has been fully funded with a positive net balance of USD\$7.1 for a total of US\$21.9 million (+48%) resources mobilised. The amount is a combination of reprogrammed funds (15.6%) and new funding (82.6%) received from governments and private donors.

Following its mid-year review, UNICEF will be integrating COVID-19 response into its Country Programme Document and regular resource mobilization efforts.

Funding status



■ New funds \$18.5M (82.6%)

External Media

Floods response photo album: <https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408PRHWTU>.

All graphic design content is available here: <https://bit.ly/39eynLd>.

All photos and videos are available here: <https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408X0E416>.

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Annex A

Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)		
RCCE 1: Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.	14,000,000 ¹	14,000,000
RCCE 2: Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions.	1,000,000 ²	542,278
RCCE 3: Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms.	2,500,000 ³	1,957,990
Provision of critical medical and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies and improving Infection and Prevention Control (IPC)		
IPC 1: Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.	100,000	53,587 ⁴
IPC 2: Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).	7,119 (4,013 HF staff + 3,106 CHWs)	4,508 (2,598 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)
IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).	13,106 (10,000 HF staff + 3,106 CHWs)	11,643 (9,733 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)
Continuity of Care for women and children		
Continuity of Health Care 1: Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral, and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases.	12,123 HF staff	9,733 HF staff
Continuity of Health Care 2: 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 through UNICEF supported community health workers and health facilities.	389,050 Children: 325,617 + Women: 63,456	Data not available
Continuity of Health Care 3: Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 through national communication campaigns.	1,200,000	307,032
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).	33,000	6,856 ⁵
Access to continuous education, child protection and GBV services		
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 1: Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning.	1,247,097	839,935 ⁶
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols.	1,000	0
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 3: Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements.	1,381	1,245 ⁷
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV S. 4: Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support.	100,000	101,841
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 5: Number of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation & referrals for survivors, including for PSEA.	80	72 ⁸
Social Protection		
Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.	2,000	1322
Social Protection 2: Number of households benefitting from new or additional social assistance measures provided by governments to respond to COVID-19 with UNICEF support.	177,000	69,396

1: Target and results have been revised with HQ. The results indicate the number of people reached by SMS.

2: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 500,000 people to 1 million.

3: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 2 million to 2.5 million.

4: 13,339 boys, 12,141 girls, 13,575 adult women and 14,531 adult men.

5: 3,243 boys and 3,613 girls.

6: 0 children in pre-primary school, 391,022 in primary school and 448,913 in secondary school.

7: 648 boys and 597 girls.

8: Among the partners trained, 19 were women.

Annex B

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements (\$)	Funds available (\$)	Funding gap (\$)	Gap (%)
C4D / RCCE	741,000	1,178,972	-437,972	0%
WASH & IPC	3,556,800	3,342,038	214,762	6%
Nutrition	594,700	1,178,250	-583,550	0%
Health	8,445,500	2,324,120	6,121,380	72%
Child Protection	483,800	965,000	-481,200	0%
Education ⁹	538,000	11,642,000	-11,104,000	0%
HIV/AIDS	0	603,000	-603,000	0%
Social Protection	460,200	200000	260,200	57%
Coordination	0	511,350	-511,350	0%
Total	14,820,000	21,944,730	(7,124,730)	(48%)

9: The funds raised for Education cover implementation until June 2021, whereas UNICEF's COVID-19 response plan is for 2020.