

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

With 9,526 confirmed COVID19 cases, 8,574 cured, 60 hospital deaths, and a current positivity rate of 6%, the Coronavirus pandemic continues to spread in Guinea.

Nationwide, 32/38 health districts in the country have reported cases of COVID19 to date, with 8 of them having registered no new cases for more than 28 days.

The government has decided to reopen places of worship as of September 4, 2020, for only Fridays and Sundays.

UNICEF supported Guinea's Ministry of Education in the safe reopening of schools and the conduct of end-of-year exams. So far, no cases of COVID19 have been recorded in schools.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health

Three ambulances and a second set of PPE and hygiene kits purchased with World Bank funds have been received by UNICEF and will be hand over to the National Agency for Health Security (ANSS) this week. These equipment and supplies will strengthen the capacity of the 5 treatment centres in the capital city and the 11 others at the regional level.

WASH

UNICEF has partnered with the Ministry of Social Affairs to distribute 850,000 bars of soap (Colgate donation) to vulnerable people in the capital Conakry. This initiative supports the National Health Security Agency's (ANSS) strategy "Stop COVID19 in 60 days". A total of 1,270,948 school children (533,798 girls and 737,150 boys) and 31,801 teachers from 5,339 schools in the 8 regions of Guinea received essential hygiene kits (hand washing kits, soap and disinfectants).

Nutrition

UNICEF has been supporting the Guinean government's efforts to ensure the continuity of essential nutrition services. So far, 27,823 SAM children have been cared for and 98,171 children aged 6 to 23 months benefited from integrated stunting prevention services, including home fortification of food to prevent anemia. 42,927 people, including 28,841 women and 14,086 men, were sensitized on optimal feeding practices for young children, including in the context of COVID19.

Situation in Numbers



9,526 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

60 deaths



2,900,460 Children affected by COVID-19 school closures



US\$ 9,821,858 Funding GAP

RCCE/C4D

UNICEF in collaboration with WFP has launched community engagement activities targeting the most vulnerable families in three regions of Guinea. The identified families will receive food assistance and Covid19 prevention messages through young volunteers who have been recruited and trained. Solar powered radio sets will also be distributed to some of the most vulnerable families to facilitate their access to messages on Covid19 and other social services.

Besides, the nationwide COVID19 prevention campaign led by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization with financial and technical support from USAID, the Ministry of Health/ANSS and UNICEF has been intensified with more than 100 radios programme broadcasts with the participation of community leaders and other opinion leaders. Rumors are being monitored and messages developed to address them.

Education

To date, an estimated 1,843,689 students, including 829,660 girls, from primary and secondary schools have benefited from distance learning using radio, television, online platforms and hard copies of learning materials distributed by the regional Education inspectorates.

Despite challenges in accessing remote rural areas due to poor road conditions during the ongoing rainy season, UNICEF continues to support the delivery of required COVID19 prevention kits to schools to ensure a safe learning environment for all children. The Ministry of Education announced the administrative and educational measures taken for the reopening of intermediate classes across the country starting September 1st, 2020.

Child Protection

UNICEF provided alternative care support, family tracing and reunification, and PSS support to 126 children (21 girls) in Conakry, Kankan and Labé. An additional 7 newly released children (one girl) from Conakry central prison were handed over to their parents by the Conakry juvenile court. 33 additional persons (28 women) were trained in Labé and Koundara on GBV and child safeguarding including PSEA in the context COVID19.

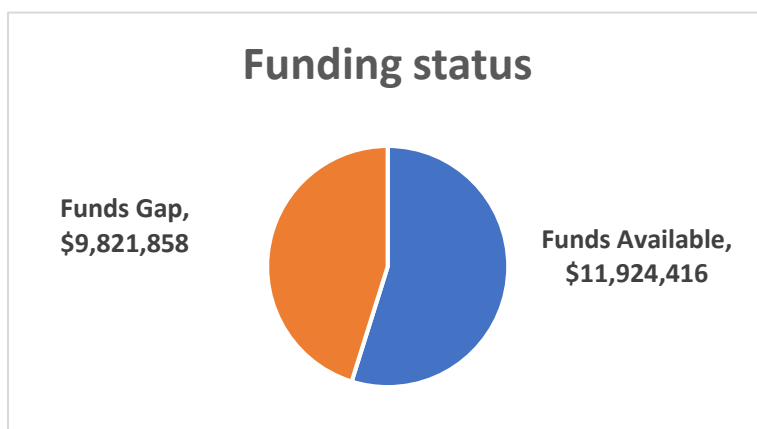
Gender Equality

During the reporting period 775 women (26 years+) and 415 young girls (15-25 years) participated in the community dialogue sessions on the prevention of conflicts arising from the current COVID19 crisis, including SGBV and VAC in the 5 districts of Conakry. These sessions were facilitated by community volunteers (women and men) and aimed to promote women and girls' empowerment and their engagement in the peace building process and the national response to COVID19.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF, the Ministry of Health and its partners have validated the continuity of health services plan within the context of COVID-19. The Plan is funded by the World Bank, GAVI and the Global Fund. The first batch of PPE for health facilities is expected in country this week. It will enhance the protection of health agents who are among the most affected professional categories.

Funding Overview and Partnerships



The funding gap as of 1st september 2020 was \$9,821,858 i.e. 45 per cent of the funding requirements. Filling this funding gap will help support prevention and control of COVID19, continued access to essential, quality and inclusive social services, including the protection of children affected by the COVID19 pandemic. UNICEF is awaiting confirmation of additional funding from donors.

External Media

UNICEF Guinea's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) are regularly updated with messages to raise awareness about good practices during the campaign against the coronavirus.

During the reporting period:

- Messages shared on Twitter earned 9.8K impressions over this 15 day period (7.8K impressions during the last reporting period).

- 221,422 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once (172,051 followers during the last reporting period).
- [UNICEF Guinea's website](#) had 910 additional new visitors during the reporting period. The site was updated with a link to UNICEF global page dedicated to COVID-19 and is regularly updated with articles on how child rights are handled during the pandemic in Guinea.

[On August 5, 2020, the national exams were held throughout the country, with the support of UNICEF.](#) In this period of pandemic, the respect of prevention measures issued by government authorities remain mandatory in all exam centers in the country.

[The awareness-raising campaign against COVID-19 at the community level was launched on August 8, 2020,](#) thanks to the technical and financial support of USAID through UNICEF. This campaign, which will run until December 2020, aims to mobilize local stakeholders to strengthen awareness of local populations on COVID-19 through the media (TV, rural radio, private radios, websites ...) to curb community transmission of the virus.

[UNICEF has provided the National Health Security Agency with personal protective equipment and hygiene kits.](#) This handover was made possible thanks to funding from the World Bank.

UNICEF Global COVID-19 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/covid-2019>

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Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement		
Number of people trained/oriented to sensitize the community on COVID-19 prevention and control	34,200	27,000
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	950,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	4,000,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	445,000
WASH and IPC		
Number of COVID-19 health care facilities supported with minimum WASH package	10	3
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	150,000	75,700 (39,300 women and 36,400 men)
Number of students and teachers reached with critical supplies/hygiene items	1,800,000	1 270 948 (533,798 girls and 737,150 boys)
Health		
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers (women and men) provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	500	0
Number of children (girls and boys) receiving essential health care including immunization with Penta 3 vaccine in UNICEF supported facilities	45,000	26,820
Nutrition		
Number of primary care givers (women and men) of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms	50,000	42,927 (28,841 women et 14,086 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	27,823
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1, 843,689 (1,014,029 boys; 829,660 girls)
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	9,936	5558
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	292 (59 girls)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	1110 (430girls and women)
Number of UNICEF staff and partners (women and men) trained in GBV including SEA risk mitigation and survivor orientation	300	133 (61 women, 72 men)
Number of children and adults (women and men) who have access to a safe and accessible channel for reporting sexual exploitation and abuse	10,000	100 (33 women, 67 men)
Social Protection		
Evidence on socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Guinea is available	Yes	Yes
Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs	3000	0
Number of children (girls and boys) benefitting from humanitarian multi-sector cash	5000	0
Gender		
Number of adolescent girls and boys who participate in or lead civic engagement initiatives, including online, through UNICEF COVID-19 supported programmes	200	490 (455 girls and 35 boys)
Number of women's networks and youth groups engaged in programme design, delivery and monitoring as well as in targeted messaging and feedback mechanisms.	75	218

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funds Gap	Gap %
Risk Communication and Community Engagement	\$800,000	\$762,671	\$37,329	5%
WASH & Infection Prevention and Control	\$1,280,000	\$273,250	\$1,006,750	79%
Nutrition	\$3,085,000	\$0	\$3,085,000	100%
Health	\$4,000,000	\$3,092,495	\$907,505	23%
Child Protection	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	100%
Education	\$6,824,274	\$7,560,000	\$-735,726	-11%
Social Inclusion	\$2,170,000	\$236,000	\$1,934,000	89%
Gender	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	100%
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	100%
Coordination & Technical support & Operational cost	\$1,977,000	\$0	\$1,977,000	100%
Total	\$21,746,274	\$11,924,416	\$9,821,858	45%