

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 21 July 2020, the COVID19 pandemic has led to 6,652 confirmed cases and 41 deaths in Guinea. The Government and its partners continue to scale up efforts to curb down the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Head of State has extended the state of health emergency for an additional month. The curfew for Greater Conakry (Conakry, Coyah and Dubréka) is now from midnight to 4 a.m. The wearing of masks remains mandatory. In a recent Address to the Nation, the Guinean Head of State announced the gradual reopening of the country's borders, starting with Conakry International Airport on 17 July 2020. This is conditional on travellers' compliance with a certain number of measures, and in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.

With funding from the World Bank, UNICEF has procured important quantities of hygiene kits and personal protective equipments and has made these available to the National Health Security Agency to contribute to the fight against COVID19 in Guinea.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health

UNICEF continues to build the capacity of health personnel in fixed structures as well as that of community health workers and to provide support to local response committees in Guinea's 8 regions. To date, 138 health workers and 1,713 community health workers have been trained on COVID19 prevention and control. They have also been equipped with communication tools and locally manufactured face masks to protect themselves during the home visits they carry out to sensitize household members.

WASH

993,224 additional school children and 26,045 teachers from 3,554 schools in all 8 regions of Guinea have been reached with critical hygiene kits (hand washing kits, soap, and disinfectants). As a contribution to the new national strategy 'Stop COVID-19 in 60 days', a screening process has been established to identify vulnerable households to benefit from hygiene kits, this in partnership with the national health security agency (ANSS). The WASH cluster is facilitating collaboration between UNICEF and the World Bank to ensure synergy and complementarity in the distribution of hygiene kits in the capital city Conakry, the epicenter of the COVID19 pandemic in Guinea.

Nutrition

UNICEF is providing support to women's groups to enable them raise awareness on COVID-19 prevention and essential family practices. So far, these women's groups have held 2,652 group awareness sessions, including 591 cooking demonstrations and 6,606 home visits, reaching 32,680 people (20,235 women and 12,445 men) with important messages on regular hand washing with soap, mask wearing, immunization, growth monitoring, vitamin A supplementation, and antenatal and post-natal care.

RCCE/C4D

New awareness spots on COVID19 prevention have been broadcast via 36 rural radio stations. Mobile telephone companies have continued to send out messages to local population on topics related to COVID-19. In terms of digital communication, 250,000 people have watched videos posted on the health security agency (ANSS) Facebook page. 100,000 people have been sensitized on the new community strategy "Stop COVID19 in 60 Days".

Situation in Numbers



6,652 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

41 deaths



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



US\$ 9,821,858 Funding GAP

Education

To date, an estimated 1,843,689 students, including 829,660 girls, from primary and secondary schools have benefited from distance learning courses using radio, television and online learning platforms. This number also includes those who received hard copies distributed by the regional education inspectorates (IRE). UNICEF continued to support the Ministry of Education to provide schools with necessary materials to ensure a safe learning environment for all children.

Following the training of principals and teachers on safe reopening of schools, field missions were conducted to ensure compliance with health security measures. To date 3,554 schools are implementing safe school protocols.

In addition, UNICEF is collaborating with the Ministry of Education to monitor school attendance which is gradually improving to reach 96% (primary level) three weeks after the reopening of exam classes.

Child protection

UNICEF provided alternative care support, family tracing and reunification and PSS support to 19 children on the move (including eight girls) in Boke and Labe. A national task force was set up under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Vulnerable Persons in order to plan and organize the return and the reintegration of unaccompanied Guineans children on the move identified in Senegal.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF in collaboration with other partners has developed a costed action plan for the continuity of MNCH, EPI, Malaria, HIV, and community health services. The World Bank, UNFPA, WHO, GAVI and the Global Fund have pledged funding for this important area. UNICEF's support to the continuity of services focusses on immunization;

18 members of Child and Youth Councils in 2 Municipalities (Baro and Sengbedou) have been trained in a 2-day workshop on their roles and responsibilities following the Child Friendly Community Initiative (CFCI) and an action plan drawn for the implementation of their advocacy on child rights. In addition, 22 members of Municipality Accountability Boards in these same municipalities (Baro and Sengbedou) have been trained on participatory planning, budgeting and monitoring at local level.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The funding gap as of 21 July 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 in the campaign against the coronavirus.

During the reporting period:

- Messages shared on Twitter earned 19.1K impressions over this 15 day period (13.9K impressions during the last reporting period)
- 164,892 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once (239,941 followers during the last reporting period).
- [The country office website](#) had 1,174 more 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.

UNICEF Guinea Representative, was in Kindia, the 2nd most affected area by COVID-19 in the country to discuss the pandemic situation with local authorities and to inquire about progress and challenges in the fight against COVID19.

This field mission also led him to Bangouya, Boke, Koba, Fria, Mamou, Sengbendou and Faranah. In each of these steps, he discussed with local authorities and communities on the continuity of services for children during the pandemic.

<https://twitter.com/UNICEFGuinea/status/1277731753252270081>

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<https://twitter.com/UNICEFGuinea/status/1281663535358107648>

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Nurses and midwives play a central role in health promotion, disease prevention and the provision of primary health care, and are on the front line in combatting COVID19. Their role is not only key in caring for those infected and affected by Covid-19, but also in trying to contain the outbreak of the epidemic.

[UNICEF Guinea has given the caregivers a voice to reveal their realities, their daily struggles and now those against the Corona virus.](#)

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	20,000
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	410,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	2,550,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	330,000
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	7,000
Number of students and teachers reached with critical supplies/hygiene items	1,800,000	1,019,269
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	23,905
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	32,680 (20,235 women et 12,445 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	20,211
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1, 843,689
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	9,936	3,554
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	145 (38 girls)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	958 (403 girls and women)
Number of UNICEF staff and partners (women and men) trained in GBV including SEA risk mitigation and survivor orientation	300	87 (30 women, 57 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	87 (30 women, 57 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	75
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	25

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%