

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of June 23rd, 2020, the number of confirmed COVID19 cases was 5,040, with 28 deaths, one of the lowest case fatality rates in West Africa.

As local transmission is still on the rise, the Government of Guinea is accelerating the implementation of its new community based response strategy “Stop COVID19 in 60 days”. This strategy, which is being rolled out in urban epicentres, with UNICEF’s support, focuses on contact tracing, home confinement with cash and food support for mild cases, and referrals to treatment centers for cases needing hospitalization. This strategy relies on community mobilization and accords an important role to community relays, neighborhood chiefs, and other community leaders.

To support Government’s efforts to control the pandemic in the countryside, UNICEF has deployed technical teams to all Guinea’s 8 regions, to implement the national Risks Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) plan.

The Government has approved the Ministry of Education’s action plan to reopen schools on 29th June 2020, starting with exam classes.

UNICEF’s COVID-19 response

Health

UNICEF has deployed field teams to Guinea’s eight regions to strengthen local response committees and to reinforce the capacity of health personnel at fixed structures as well as that of community health workers. Of particular attention is the need to address the growing concerns regarding COVID19 infection among health care workers. 41 health workers and 292 community health workers were trained on coronavirus infection prevention and control. They were also equipped with communication tools and locally manufactured masks for household’s sensitization during the home visits.

WASH

The COVID19 treatment Centre of Nongo in Conakry is now autonomous with the completion of the water supply system set up with UNICEF’s support. In response to 19 new confirmed COVID19 cases detected in Macenta (N’Zerekore region), 100 hygiene kits have been made available in this affected prefecture to swiftly improve hygiene conditions in 2 health facilities. The decentralization process of WASH cluster coordination is on-going, with regional coordination platforms recently set up in Labe and Kankan regions.

Nutrition

UNICEF continues to support the efforts of the Ministry of Health in the area of continuity of nutrition services, especially in SAM children management which has been extended to all national health centers. Thanks to the supplies provided by UNICEF and the World Bank, 16,419 SAM children were managed. Advocacy is ongoing to mobilize more resources to purchase Ready To Use Food (RUTF).

RCCE/C4D

At community level, messages on COVID 19 have reached 200,000 people. 130 neighborhood heads in Conakry were briefed and engaged to support the new community driven “Stop COVID 19 in 60 days”. SMS messages sent with support from Orange mobile company have reached over 1,000,000 people. In terms of digital communication, 100,000 people have watched videos posted on ANSS Facebook on the new “Stop COVID19 in 60 days”. 25,000 people have called the ANSS 115 dedicated phone number to ask questions and get answers on COVID-19. More than 100,000 face masks have been distributed free of charge to the most vulnerable populations.

Situation in Numbers



5,040 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

28 deaths



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



US\$ 10,321,858 Funding GAP

Education

An estimated 1,725,424 pupils including 737,627 girls from primary and secondary schools benefited from distance learning courses using Radio, TV and online education platforms. Following Presidential guidance, the scientific committee approved the Ministry of Education's strategy and action plan for the reopening of schools which are planned to reopen on 29th June 2020, first for children in exam's classes. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education for the validation and the effective implementation of safe school protocols prior to the reopening of classes.

Child protection

Three additional children including 1 girl have been released from detention in Conakry during the reporting period. In collaboration with the child protection services at the governorate of Conakry, UNICEF provided support to identify 20 children including 2 girls living in the streets for alternative care, Psychosocial Support (PSS) services and family tracing and reunification. Following strong advocacy by the Ministry of Social Action and Vulnerable People (new name of the Ministry of Social Action, Women promotion and Childhood as a result of the Government reshuffle of 19 June 2020), five social workers have been appointed to the COVID 19 treatment centers in Conakry to provide PSS to affected persons. A training of trainers of 16 doctors, nurses, and community workers including 4 women was conducted by WHO and the Ministry of Health on medical, nutrition and PSS support following the new

validated national protocol. UNICEF and the Ministry of Social Action and Vulnerable People facilitated the session on PSS. During the reporting period, 76 children including 41 girls (Boke 63; Kankan 13) living in affected households by COVID 19 have received psychosocial support. To date, a total of 899 people including 9 women, 519 boys and 371 girls have been receiving psychosocial support including distant listening, counseling, and follow up organized by social workers.

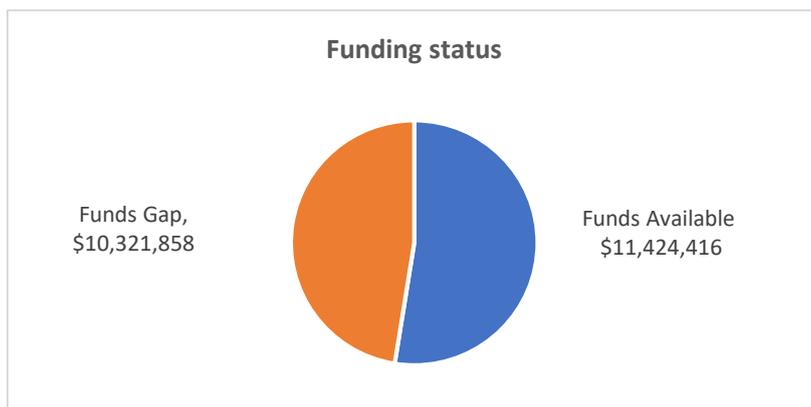
Social Inclusion

Results from the study on the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Guinea has been shared with the national technical and steering committees. The findings are being integrated into the National COVID19 Response and Recovery Strategy (SNLC 2020-2022). In addition, the targeting exercise of the UNICEF/WFP/WHO joint MPTF/COVID social protection programme has started and a beneficiary list is expected during the first half of July 2020. Furthermore, UNICEF has supported the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, our main counterpart for the Communes de Convergence Initiative, to develop a 2-year and half plan to support municipalities respond and recover better from COVID-19 and its socio-economic impact.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF is working closely with other partners on the continuity of basic social services to reduce the negative impact of COVID-19 on communities, especially the most vulnerable. Already, existing data reveal a decrease in the number of children vaccinated particularly in the region of Conakry which is the epicenter of the pandemic in Guinea. During the 23rd epidemiological week, the country has notified 517 confirmed cases of measles and 15 deaths. With support from UNICEF's Regional Office, the government and its partners have undertaken the risk/benefit analysis to respond to this outbreak in the targeted districts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding Overview and Partnerships



The funding gap as of 23 June 2020 was \$ 10,321,858 i.e. 47 per cent of the funding requirements. The new strategy "Stop COVID19 in 60 days" requires substantial funding to cover contact tracing, health services provision including hospital and home care, community engagement, risk communication, and cash/food support to the confined households. While this strategy focuses on the urban epicenters of Conakry and its environs, substantial funding is also required to support continuity of basic social services, and

expansion of the COVID19 control interventions in the countryside.

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 13.4K impressions over this 15 day period (46.5K impressions during the last reporting period)
- 304,975 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once (563,723 followers during the last reporting period).
- [The country office website](#) had 689 more visitors in addition to 940 visitors during the last 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 Global COVID-19 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/covid-2019>

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Annex A

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	12,000
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	150,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	1,950,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	250,000
WASH and IPC		
Number of COVID-19 health care facilities supported with minimum WASH package	10	1
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	150,000	0
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	19,088
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	17,378 (11,688 women et 5,690 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	16,419
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1,725,424
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	9,936	0
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	92 (1 girl)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	899 (371 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	No
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		
Gender responsive and multisectoral strategy developed and implemented	Yes	No

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	\$11,424,416	\$10,321,858	47%