

## Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

With 4,258 confirmed COVID19 cases, 2,942 cured and 23 hospital deaths, COVID19 continues to spread in Guinea. Consequently, the government has stepped up its efforts to contain the pandemic. National screening capacity has been strengthened allowing now for nearly 1,200 tests per day. Large quantities of reliable rapid test kits, and PPEs have been procured for health care personnel.

The government launched its new strategy “Stop COVID19 in 60 days” with the aim of halting community transmission in the most affected neighborhoods of Conakry and its environs, the epicenter of the disease. This strategy will mobilize local communities and government officials to identify, test, and confine, for 14 days, contacts of confirmed cases, with food and cash assistance provided to confined households.

UNICEF continues to support Guinea's Ministry of Education in the safe reopening of schools and the conduct of end-of-year exams. To date, 55 children have been released from detention centres across the country and 54 children are now reunited with their families.

### Situation in Numbers



4,258 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

23 deaths



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



US\$ 10,321,858 Funding GAP

## UNICEF's COVID-19 response

### Health

UNICEF and other partners have been working with the Ministry of Health to develop a national response to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the continuity of health services. The weekly situation reports issued by the government show that health workers are among the most affected professional categories, mainly because of the lack of PPE. This is fueling communities' fears for utilizing health services. UNICEF has been in touch with its Supply Division to accelerate the procurement of PPEs on behalf of the Guinea government.

### WASH

Water supply has been improved in the COVID19 treatment Centre of Nongo in Conakry with the completion of a second new borehole, thus increasing its capacity to accommodate up to 300 patients. UNICEF has also advocated with the national water supply company (Société Guineenne des Eaux (SEG)) for the conduct of a feasibility study to connect the COVID19 treatment centres of Nongo and eventually

Matam to the national water network. The WASH cluster coordination has been reinforced by the involvement of new actors such as the European Union in Guinea. A contact list of all partners is being updated for effective communication and continuous engagement of all actors.

### Nutrition

As part of our partnership with Hellen Keller International (HKI), UNICEF supported field missions in 19 communes of convergence in Boké, Faranah, Kindia and Kankan regions to assess the continuity of nutrition services (management of SAM cases, routine Vitamin A supplementation; and prevention of stunting). The implementation of community health activities by community health workers during this Covid19 period was also assessed. Despite some constraints, such as the stockout of some inputs and management tools, it appears that the direct participation of officials from municipalities and health councils in social mobilization activities and awareness campaigns helped to lessen the negative impact of Covid-19 on service continuity. Nevertheless, efforts to raise communities' awareness must be intensified in order to remove some looming resistance to use vaccination, vitamin A supplementation, and deworming services due COVID-19.

## **RCCE**

RCCE interventions focused on “Stop COVID19 in 60 days”, a community driven strategy launched by the government to stop the spread of the virus in sixty days in the six most affected neighborhoods of Conakry and its environs. Families with confirmed coronavirus cases or contacts will be quarantined for 14 days and will be provided with food and medical care. So far, 500 officials from city councils, civil society organizations and the media have been engaged to support the campaign. Besides, community outreach activities on COVID19 have reached 100,000 people in Conakry. 3,794 social mobilisers have been trained and engaged in community activities. SMS messages have been sent with support from Orange Mobile, reaching over 1,000,000 people. In terms of digital communication, 20,000 people have watched videos posted on ANSS Facebook page on the new “Stop COVID19 in 60 days” strategy. 20,000 people have called the ANSS 115 dedicated phone number to ask questions and get answers on COVID-19. More than 50,000 face masks have been distributed free of charge to the most vulnerable population.

## **Education**

UNICEF continues to support the efforts of the Ministry of Education in deploying sustainable distance learning approaches. The number of students benefiting from distance learning has increased to 1,372,575. UNICEF has been working with the Ministry of Education to ensure that photocopies of learning materials are available to children in remote areas where full access of distance learning is a challenge. A package is also being developed for use to train teachers and supervisors on the COVID19 Safe School protocol.

## **Child protection**

Following UNICEF advocacy, an additional 13 children in conflict with the law, all boys, have been released and reunited with their families in Conakry (1), Nzérékoré (4), Labe (5) and Mamou (3). UNICEF provided protection kits, clothing, hygiene kits and food to 69 children, 8 infants living with their mother and 1

pregnant woman still in detention pending their release or trial in Conakry. Furthermore, through the child protection system, additional 14 children including 8 girls on the move have benefited from alternative care before reunification with their families.

During the reporting period, 497 children including 253 girls in contact with a confirmed Coronavirus case or living in households affected by COVID19 have received psychosocial support. To date a total of 800 people including 9 women, 464 boys and 327 girls have received psychosocial support including counseling and follow up visits by social workers.

The online training cycle on gender-based violence and the PSEA, in collaboration with UNICEF Gender section, is ongoing. 14 UNICEF UNVs (including 7 women), 45 social workers and responsible for children's issues (including 14 women) were newly trained, bringing the total number to 87 people including 30 women.

As part of the continuity of juvenile justice services during the context of COVID19, and in collaboration with WCAR and MENA regional offices and the International Association of Youth and Family Magistrates, the Republic of Guinea was invited to share the country experience with other countries as Lebanon, Canada and Brazil. The exchanges were rich in lesson learnt such as introducing technologies in legal procedures.

## **Social Inclusion**

A technical committee was set up for the analysis of the data of the socio-economic study of COVID19 in Guinea with the support of UNICEF and UNDP.

UNICEF is working with WHO and WFP to implement a small-scale, multisectoral social protection programme under the MPTF COVID19 funding to help vulnerable families and artisans to better protect themselves against COVID, and for them to also have access to food and nutrition supplements for their families and children.

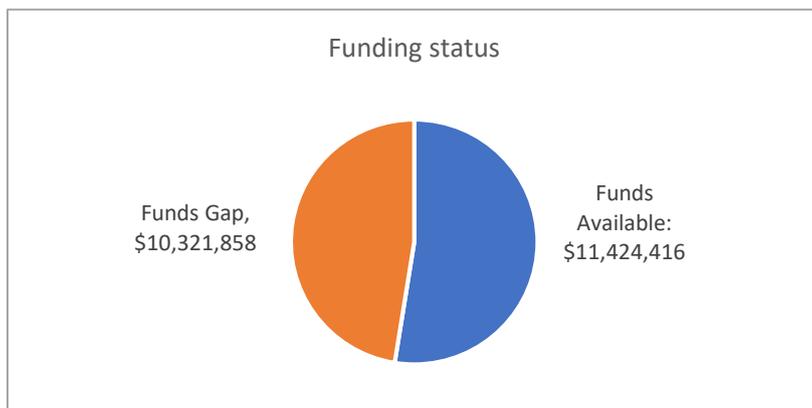
## **Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes**

To ensure continued access to potable water, UNICEF has signed a contract with a private company to construct 17 boreholes equipped with hand pumps in communities and schools located in the regions of Labe, Kankan and Nzerekore. Monitoring of these activities are carried out by the government partner SNAPE (in charge of water points nationwide), with support from UNICEF. SNAPE will also train water committees to ensure sustainability of services.

UNICEF is currently implementing the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach using hand washing as entry point into communities. This approach will not only give a boost to awareness raising on COVID19 prevention, but also serve as a lever for implementing CLTS while responding to this emergency and pursuing the ultimate goal of ending open defecation (ODF) in Guinea. This approach will also be an opportunity to fine tune the program's post ODF strategy.

The new radio synergy programme schedule (national radio (RTG) and 35 rural radios) includes airtime to discuss key themes relevant to UNICEF-supported programmes in the context of COVID19 such as practical advice on and encouragement to use of health/immunization services, distance education, management of children's time, psychosocial support, etc.

## Funding Overview and Partnerships



The funding gap as of 9 June 2020 was \$ 10,321,858 i.e. 47 per cent of the funding requirements. UNICEF Guinea secured a grant of US\$7,490,000 under GPE's COVID19 accelerated funding to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the education sector and to support recovery as well. Following its updated COVID19 response plan, the office is strategizing on how to expand its funding base. More than ever, the office needs flexible and timely funding to meet the most critical needs as the epidemic evolves in Guinea.

## 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 46.5K impressions (18.6K impressions during the last reporting period)
- 563,723 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once ( 507,058 followers during the last reporting period).
- [The country office website](#) had 940 more visitors in addition to 1,172 visitors of the preceding 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.

Water is a essential for handwashing with soap, one of the most important barrier measures to prevent COVID19 infection. UNICEF provided the COVID19 continues to improve access to clean water at the government's COVID19 care centers More here :

- [COVID-19, UNICEF rehabilitates an existing borehole and begins construction of a new borehole at the COVID-19 treatment centre of Nongo](#)

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*
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</b>		
Number of people trained/oriented to sensitize the community on COVID-19 prevention and control	34,200	8,894
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	43,794
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	1,720,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	225,000
<b>WASH and IPC</b>		
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
<b>Health</b>		
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	16,632
<b>Nutrition</b>		
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	15,005
<b>Education</b>		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1,372,575
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	9,936	0
<b>Child Protection and GBV</b>		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	69 (61 boys and 8 girls)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	800 (327 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)
<b>Social Protection</b>		
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
<b>Gender</b>		
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,746,274</b>	<b>\$11,424, 416</b>	<b>\$10,321,858</b>	<b>47%</b>