

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 26 May 2020, there were 3,358 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Guinea, up from 2,298 two weeks earlier. To date, 1,783 recoveries and 20 deaths have been recorded in care centers in the country.

The curfew has been lifted for the countryside and relaxed for the city of Conakry and its environs (Coyah and Dubreka, each located fifty kilometres from Conakry). All other control measures taken by the Guinean government remain in place until further notice.

In terms of continuity of basic social services, UNICEF is supporting the Government in ensuring that this academic year is not void, especially for students in examination classes. UNICEF is also supporting the development of messaging for social mobilisers undertaking outreach communication activities on the continuity of health services in the country's 38 health districts.

With contributions from UNICEF, the National Health Security Agency (ANSS) issued a national guide on medical, nutritional and psychosocial support to people infected with or affected by COVID-19, including children.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health

UNICEF, the Ministry of Health and other partners have issued an important strategic document on the continuity of services of MNCH, EPI, Malaria, HIV, community health, etc, within the context of COVID-19. GAVI and Global Fund have already agreed to reallocate 10 per cent of their funds to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF is advocating at global level for the availability of PPE kits and ambulances within a reasonable timeline in order to enable the office meet the procurement schedule agreed with the Government and the World Bank.

WASH

Water continues to be supplied to around 100 patients and health workers per day in the COVID-19 treatment Centre of Nongo in Conakry. The WASH cluster coordination was reinforced through the establishment of weekly meetings and the active involvement of new actors such as World Bank and Société des Eaux de Guinée (SEG), the water utility agency in the capital city of Conakry.

Assessments of WASH conditions were conducted in two additional COVID-19 health care facilities of Conakry. These assessments revealed that minor rehabilitations are necessary in Gbessia (estimated capacity of 350 beds) while substantial work is required in Matam Health centre. Water, sanitation and hygiene national standards in response to COVID-19 have been

drafted by 3 working groups and will be reviewed during the next weekly coordination meeting.

Nutrition

Despite the negative impact of COVID-19 on health and community systems, significant efforts to ensure the continuity of nutrition services are being deployed. 15,005 SAM children have been managed, in line with the national protocol.

Furthermore, through the women's groups network set up by UNICEF in 40 rural communities, 16,946 people, including 11,310 women and 5,636 men, were trained on the main preventive measures against COVID-19, namely on: i) how to wash hands; ii) the importance of wearing face masks; iii) why it is necessary to avoid any gathering of more than 20 people; and iv) why travel should be limited at these times. At least 1,600 women group leaders are being trained to guide other members of their group on specific advice for mothers of young children on best IYCF practices in COVID-19 situations.

RCCE/C4D

An estimated one hundred thousand people have been reached by prevention messages on COVID-19 via

Situation in Numbers



3,358 COVID-19 Confirmed cases

20 deaths



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



US\$ 17,811,858 Funding GAP

community messaging outreach. Media messages on COVID-19 prevention have reached over 1,000,000 people. In terms of digital communication, 5,000 people have watched videos posted on ANSS Facebook page. The national unit set up to monitor rumors and fake news has identified ten rumors and has provided appropriate answers to them. 2,500 people have called the ANSS 115 dedicated phone number to ask questions and get answers on COVID-19. Two new radio spots on preventive measures against COVID-19 have been broadcast over five national media. A special Tv/radio programme entirely dedicated to COVID-19 is under design. Hundred health personnel and council workers have been trained and engaged to train social mobilizers. More than 2000 face masks have been distributed free of charge to the most vulnerable population. UNICEF has funded the production of 400,000 face masks by rural women groups.

Education

UNICEF has been providing substantial support to the Ministry of Education's distance education programme. To date, an estimated 1,173,141 children have benefited from distance learning via online platforms, and radio and Television broadcasts.

The Ministry of Education has launched discussions on its strategic plan on the reopening of schools. This is to be finalized with contribution from all education partners prior to its validation by the national scientific committee, to ensure a safe and secure learning environment.

Child protection

Following UNICEF advocacy, an additional 14 children in conflict with the law, all boys, have been released and cared for in Kankan (Haute Guinea region) and Labé (Middle Guinea regional). To date, 42 children, all boys, have been released across the country. 33 children from Conakry and Labe have been reunited with their families. As part of the continuity of civil registration services in the context of COVID 19, UNICEF supported the transportation fees of 6,480 registers (birth, death and marriage) printed by the government within the cooperation framework with European Union. These registers will help to fill in the gaps that exist at civil registration offices on the ground. Birth registers are

being produced for the registration of 463,500 children across the country.

Meanwhile, through Skype for business, 19 people including 6 new staffs from the national child protection working group, participated in the training on PSEA and child safeguarding. This training brought the total number of participants to the trainings since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic to 28 people including 9 women. Also, through Zoom, UNICEF organized the training of child protection actors (39 social workers; and 4 UNICEF staffs) on the Kobo collect tools.

Social Inclusion

UNICEF and UNDP supported the Government to conduct a study on the socio-economic impact of COVID-19, which includes a component on access to basic social services. Data collection is now complete and data analysis will start soon. In addition, the government has set up a technical committee for drafting a two year and half (2020-2022) national response plan (SNLC 2020-2022) which will address both immediate and structural impact of COVID-19, as well as resiliency and recovery. UNICEF is contributing to these efforts, and the results of the COVID-19 impact study are going to be used as background evidence for the SNLC. Through the Ministry of Social Affairs, UNICEF is supporting the establishment of the National Intersectoral Coordination for Social Protection.

Gender Equality

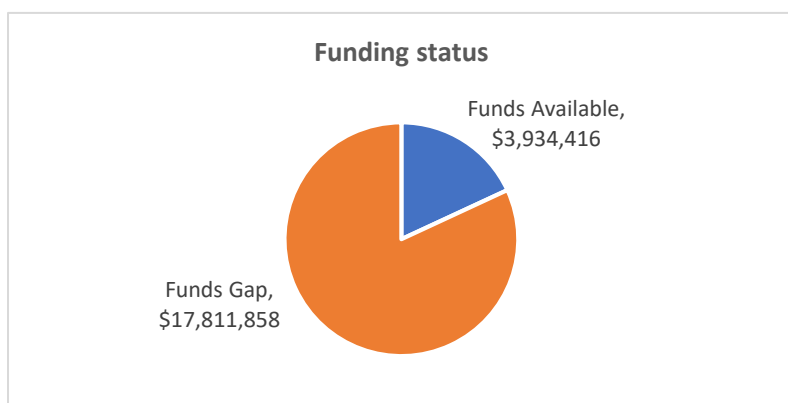
To support the implementation of the COVID-19 response plan of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Women Promotion and Child Protection, UNICEF is developing an initiative to engage women/girls and youth organizations and networks in the fight against COVID-19. Activities will focus on women's/girls' empowerment with the aim of enhancing the participation of young girls and adolescents to protect their rights in the context of COVID-19, including prevention of SGBV and promotion of women economic empowerment initiatives (Cash transfers, income-generating activities).

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF participates actively in the technical sectoral working groups that support Government's response to COVID-19. UNICEF has provided technical support for the development of appropriate learning materials to support distance education. UNICEF is also supporting the Institute of Nutrition and Child Health (INSE) in Guinea to develop a continuity of services response plan to mitigate the looming negative impact of COVID-19 on the utilization of health services.

UNICEF continues to provide leadership for the pillar of the national COVID-19 response on risk communication, social mobilization and community engagement. A review of the indicators of the joint United Nations system plan has been initiated under the facilitation of the Office of the Resident Coordinator in order to ensure adaptation to the dynamic needs emerging from the pandemic and to set the foundation for a sound evaluation of the UN humanitarian response performance.

Funding Overview and Partnerships



The funding gap as of 26 May 2020 was \$17,811,858, i.e. 82% of the funding requirements. During the reporting period, the office received approval of a new COVID-19 funding in the amount of \$500,000 from USAID/Global Health Bureau. Also, the office received a donation in kind of 850,000 soap bars by Colgate, worth \$123,250.

With funding from Swedish Sida, UNICEF has supported the set up of an additional tent at the Nongo Care Centre. This additional tent will

strengthen the capacity of the the Nongo Care Center. Fully equipped for the care of COVID-19 patients, this tent is most welcomed. More on this donation thru this [article](#).

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 18.6 thousand impressions.
- 507,058 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once.
- [The country office website](#) had 1,172 visitors. The site was updated with a link to UNICEF global page dedicated to COVID-19 and is now regularly updated with articles on child rights during the pandemic in Guinea.

To advocate for the continuity of Education during the COVID-19 pandemic, the office produced two articles on the national distance education programme underway since April 27 2020. These articles were shared on social networks and on the most visited websites in the country.

- [Distance learning, a glimmer of hope for Bangaly in this period of COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 in Guinea, the Ministry of National Education saves the school year](#)

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

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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	5,100
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	40,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	1,600,000
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	14,303
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	16,946 (11 310 women et 5 636 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	15,005
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1,173,141
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	42 (all boys)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	198 (61 girls)
Number of UNICEF staff and partners (women and men) trained in GBV including SEA risk mitigation and survivor orientation	300	28 (9 women, 19 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	28 (9 women, 19 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	\$262,671	\$537,329	67%
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	\$70,000	\$6,754,274	99%
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	\$3,934,416	\$17,811,858	82%