



Situation in Numbers



1,981 total cases

27 deaths



Around 300,000 Children affected by COVID-19 school closures



US\$ 3,2 M funding required

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020, the total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has reached 1,981. Of these, 1788 (90%) are in Bissau, the capital and 114 (5.8%) cases in the Biombo region. As the outbreak continues, the number of health workers with confirmed cases has increased up to 268, which represents 14% of total COVID-19 cases in the country. The country has also registered 27 COVID-19 related deaths (1.36% fatality rate). The age group of 30-39 years continues to have the most confirmed cases 635 (32%) followed by the 40-49 years age group with 469 (23.7%) cases, and then the 20-29 years group with 284 (14.3%) cases (figure below). The number of confirmed cases among children from 0 to 19 years old is now 171.

Although, the state of emergency declared by the authorities has been renewed for another 30 days, the restrictions for international travel have been lifted.

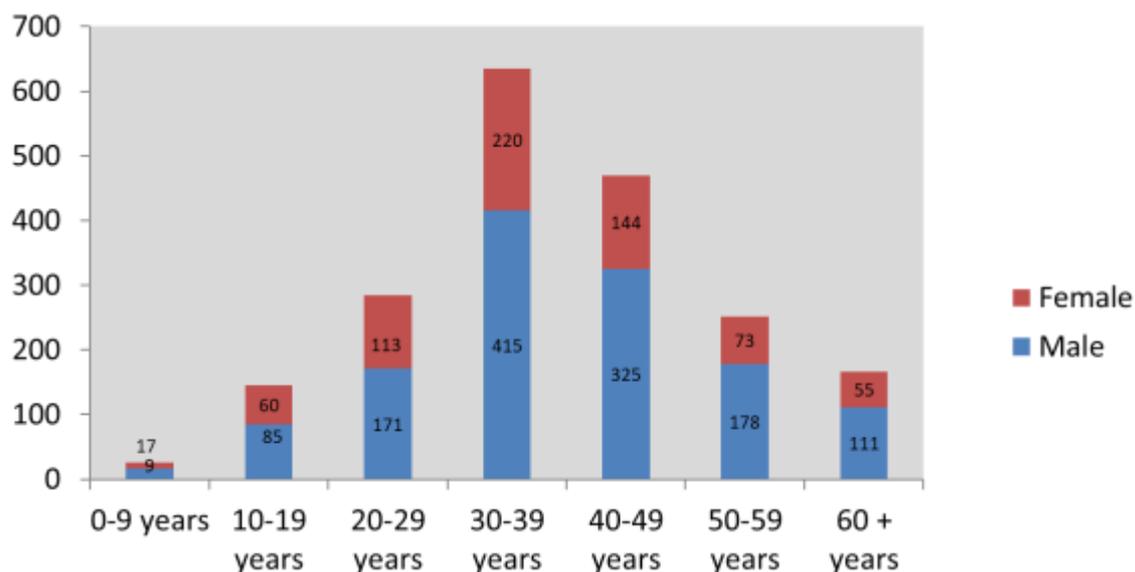


Figure1: Cumulative COVID 19 confirmed cases by age and sex as of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## UNICEF's COVID-19 response

### **Health**

During the reporting period UNICEF organized on- job training session for 43 laboratory technicians on EID of HIV using Genexpert. The training, which also includes COVID-19 prevention sessions were held in the several regions (Bafata, Mansoa, Buba, Canchungo), and also benefitted health technicians in Hospital Militar principal and Hospital Raul Follerrau.

### **WASH**

UNICEF through its implementing partners concluded the first round of assessment visits to 9 health care facilities (HCF) in the capital, Bissau and 15 facilities in the surrounding regions. As part the assessment on the team reviewed the status of the WASH infrastructures, made preparation for the installation of foot operated handwashing devices and discussed with HCF responsible the planning and roll out of the communication campaign around COVID-19 prevention. As a follow-up to the assessment, UNICEF delivered supplies for the repair of two HCF (Djeta and Pecixe both in Cacheu region) in need of basic sanitation and hygiene supplies.

The distribution of critical WASH supply has largely exceeded the original target of 239,000 people reaching so far 286,588 people in 909 communities in seven regions. This activity has benefitted 147,965 women and 138,623 men, including 40,122 under-five children and 14,329 elders over 70 years. This activity will now focus in two regions (Tombali and Biombo) where the distribution will be extended for one additional month.

### **RCCE/C4D**

During the reporting period, UNICEF- led the UN COVID-19 task force's contribution to the assessment of the Health Emergencies Operational Centre Risk Communication pillar, being carried out by the High-Commission for the fight against COVID-19. In addition, UNICEF, as a member of the Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) national group chaired by the High-Commissionaire actively participated in the validation of the terms of reference of the RCCE group.

Additionally, UNICEF's interventions on RCCE continues to be focused on supporting interpersonal sensitization activities among the population through the National Red Cross volunteers in the Autonomous Sector of Bissau. During the reporting period, these interventions have reached 9,373 people (3,798

children, 3,074 women and 2,501 men). So far, 655,459 people have been reached through interpersonal communication being carried out in their community, through door-to-door visits, residences, main public markets and ports in the Autonomous Sector of Bissau, Cacheu and Biombo regions.

In addition, UNICEF continues to support the broadcast of coronavirus preventive communication contents through its traditional media partners (national television, national newspaper, and 29 national and community-based radios countrywide). Through these media outlets, 1.6 million people have been reached countrywide and UNICEF social media platforms have received 254,806 comments/reactions.



A volunteer conducting door-to-door sensitization on COVID-19

### **Education**

In partnership with the NGO ESSOR, 1,009 people in Bissau were sensitized on COVID-19, including members of youth clubs. In addition, with the National Kindergarten Network (RENAJI), UNICEF supported the implementation of awareness raising actions for 60 parents and guardians and 60 professionals working in kindergartens on the effects of COVID-19, and on recommended prevention methods and measures identified to control the spread of the virus. All sensitized people received a guide for parents and educators designed by UNICEF on how to protect children from COVID-19. Hygiene products were distributed, including 120 bars of soap, 120 bleach bottles for parents in charge of the education of 150 vulnerable kindergarten-age children in the cities of Canchungo, Ingore, Quinhame, and Bafata. With the support of UNICEF 35 kindergarten professionals were trained to apply distance learning to support parents and caregivers to work with their children at home, using an activity book provided by RENAJI: a total of 100 parents/caregivers and 350 children benefited from this home support service.

## Child protection

UNICEF, with the PAPEV project, continued supporting the family reintegration of talibes children in vulnerable situation in the capital city Bissau. As a result of several awareness sessions with the koranic masters and families, a reintegration plan was developed and is being implemented since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially, selected group of children (98 out of 985 identified) receive COVID-19 prevention hygienic kits and food supplies, and support was provided to authorities and CSOs to organize their reintegration. During the current week, 18 boys (7 to 14 years) travelled to the Gabu region (east of the country) and where received by families and local authorities (including Gabu governor). As per established reintegration protocol, civil registration services have resumed their activities and registered children without a birth certificate, at the same time families benefited with food and non-food supplies.



Talibe children reintegrating their families with COVID-19 prevention hygienic kits

## Social inclusion and cash transfers

Guinea Bissau Cash & Voucher (C&V) Working Group met for the first time this week. The C&V Working Group will serve as a platform for various stakeholders interested in the use and delivery of cash and vouchers across Guinea Bissau not only during the COVID-19 outbreak, but also afterwards. The purpose of this Inter-agency working group is also to oversee and coordinate an harmonised approach towards planning and implementation of C&V related activities in Guinea Bissau. All the major partners active on the cash transfer participated in the C&V Working Group.

## Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

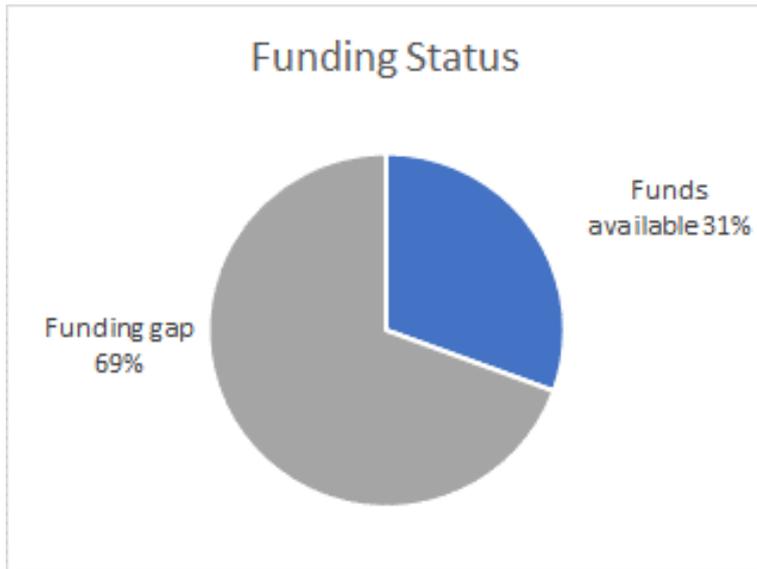
UNICEF has used Midyear review meetings held by sectoral programmes to readapt their work plans in order to make a contribution to the COVID-19 response and improve their results

**Education:** The Ministry of National Education decided to validate the 2019/2020 school year of the basic and secondary schools that were able to conclude the overall evaluations of the second quarter. Schools that have completed the second-term curriculum but were unable to complete the overall evaluations of the term prior to the closure of schools in March 2020 have been allowed to resume their classroom activities with their students in August, in order to organize the evaluations and conclude the year. To do so, these schools will have to comply with the recommendations and guidelines of the health authorities. All other schools not involved in the validation process will have to prepare for the start of the school year in September 2020. This includes technical, professional, and higher education institutions.

## Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF Guinea-Bissau has contributed to the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan with a request of USD 3.2 million for preparedness and response needs. The country office has redirected \$US 270,000 of its own resources to the response. The office also received US\$ 70,000 provided by the Education Sector Plan Development Grant (ESPDG) from GPE, US\$ 187,311 from GAVI, US\$ 100,000 from the Regional Office Emergency Fund, US\$ 200,000

from the Thematic Humanitarian fund, US\$ 100,000 from the MPTF COVID-19 Response and Recovery fund and US\$ 51,100 from Portuguese Cooperation.



Current resource mobilization efforts include the submission of funding proposals to the GPE COVID-19 Accelerated Funding window (up to US\$ 3,500,000), and to the African Development Bank jointly with WHO (US\$ 2,100,000).

## EXTERNAL MEDIA

### MEDIA ARTICLES

UNICEF doa materiais de combate a pandemia ao Ministério da Saúde Pública:

[http://angnoticias.blogspot.com/2020/06/covid-19-unicef-doa-materiais-de\\_5.html?m=1](http://angnoticias.blogspot.com/2020/06/covid-19-unicef-doa-materiais-de_5.html?m=1)

UNICEF oferece materiais para prevenção ao Ministério da Justiça:

<http://angnoticias.blogspot.com/2020/06/covid-19-unicefofrece-para-prevencao.html#links>

### SOCIAL MEDIA

UNICEF Guinea-Bissau social media pages:

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [www.unicef.org/guineabissau](http://www.unicef.org/guineabissau)

UNICEF Guinea-Bissau dedicated webpage for coronavirus content in Portuguese:

<https://www.unicef.org/guineabissau/pt/coronavirus-na-guine-bissau>

### WEBSITE PAGES

[Tudo o que você precisa saber sobre como lavar as mãos para se proteger contra o coronavírus;](#)

[Principais Mensagens e Ações para a Prevenção do Coronavírus \(Covid-19\) em Escolas;](#)

[Marco de ação e recomendações para a reabertura de escolas](#)

[Covid-19: UNICEF makes available guidance to protect children and support safe school operations](#)

### VIDEOS

New video: Weekly media briefing from WHO's Representative on the current epidemiological situation in the country, as well as, the UN's response to the coronavirus pandemic

<https://www.facebook.com/ONUGuineBissau/videos/1209216139427848/>

UNICEF donation of essential medical drugs & supplies for #COVID19 response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMOvEPEhE6c>

Videos produced by the young reporters' network, supported by UNICEF:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVa6HU48w7Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTEWSnuyet8>

<https://youtu.be/Mtgn1yQZ7ok>

<https://youtu.be/l6sCpWWRYXQ>

UN COVID-19 sensitization video on the use of the mask: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62yazoG5Ygc>

Summary of 3 months #COVID19 risk communication activities in Guinea-Bissau

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBVBU\\_9aEpE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBVBU_9aEpE)

### MUSIC

National coronavirus song produced with support from the UN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFZNw6yzhkw>

### PICTURES

Folder for pictures of COVID-19 interventions [here](#)

### WASH DASHBOARD

Monitoring dashboard for COVID-19 WASH interventions: [https://bit.ly/GNB\\_covid19\\_unicef\\_WASH](https://bit.ly/GNB_covid19_unicef_WASH)

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## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</b>		
<b>RCCE 1:</b> Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	2,000,000	1,757,139
<b>RCCE 2:</b> Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	5,432	1,087
<b>WASH and IPC</b>		
<b>IPC 1:</b> Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	500,000	Total: 286,588 Male: 147,965 Female: 138,623
<b>IPC 2:</b> Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	4,338	-
<b>IPC 3:</b> Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control	4,338	190
<b>Health</b>		
<b>Continuity of Health Care 1:</b> Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women	440	159
<b>Continuity of Health Care 4:</b> Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)	1,547	204
<b>Child Protection and GBV</b>		
<b>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 1:</b> Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning	500,000	Total: 319,176 (0-5 y) Male: 163,416 Female: 155,760
<b>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 2:</b> Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	1,500	0
<b>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 3:</b> Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	200	Total: 45 Male: 45 Female: 0
<b>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 4:</b> Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	25,000	19,460 Male: 5,406/ 0-17y 3,253 Female: 6,614/ 0-17y 4,187
<b>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 5:</b> Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors	150	130
<b>Access to Continuous Education, Child Protection and GBV Services 6:</b> Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse	50,000	31,908 Male 10,689/0-17y 2,728 Female 14,887/ 0-17y 3,604

## Annex B

### Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funding gap \$	Gap %
C4D / RCCE	170,000	74,000	96,000	56%
WASH & IPC	800,000	80,000	720,000	90%
Social Protection	800,000	122,000	678,000	85%
Health	710,000	510,311	199,689	28%
Child Protection	120,000	75,100	44,900	37%
Social Sciences Research	50,000	-	50,000	100%
Operational and staff costs	100,000	47,000	53,000	53%
Education	450,000	70,000	380,000	84%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200,000</b>	<b>978,411</b>	<b>2,221,589</b>	<b>69%</b>