

## Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 11 May 2020, Togo recorded 199 confirmed cases of COVID-19, ie 91 new cases since the SitRep of April 20, 2020. Six children under 5 years of age (2 girls and 4 boys) are among the confirmed cases. The number of cases cured stands at 92 and 11 deaths have been recorded, representing a fatality rate of 6%. Two children under the age of 5 are among the victims. The number of contacts identified and followed up in self-isolation is 2,138. The median age of confirmed cases is 35 years. People in the 25-44 age group remain the most affected by the virus. The sex ratio (male / female) is 2.26 (138/61), but it should be noted that 55% of the patients who died are women. The pandemic now affects all regions of the country, led by the Lomé Commune region where 51% of confirmed cases are recorded (see map below).

### Situation in Numbers



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**11** deaths



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## UNICEF's COVID-19 response

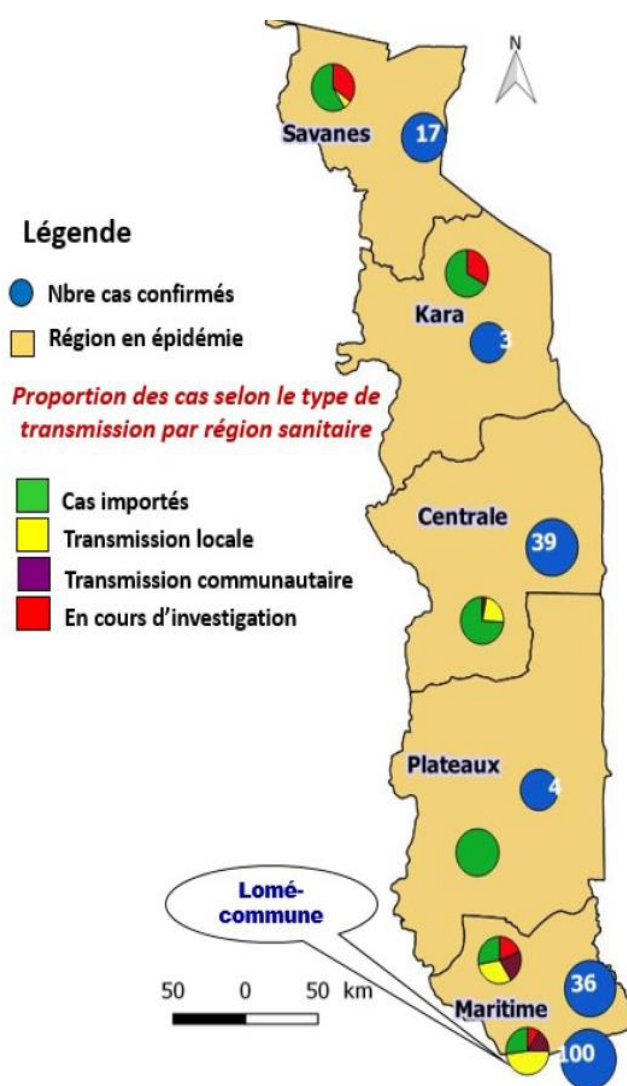
### Health

The continuity of essential services for children remains a priority for the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, which is supported by UNICEF for this purpose. In April, 2,321 sessions of vaccination in fixed strategy and 1,127 sessions in advanced and mobile strategies were carried out. They made it possible to reach 80,020 children for all the antigens combined. The number of children receiving the three doses of pentavalent is 84,492, which represents 77.8% coverage. In the two regions (Kara and Savanes) which benefit most from UNICEF support, 13,382 pregnant women have had at least one antenatal consultation. Nationally 34,575 received counseling on infant and young child feeding in health facilities and 204 newly identified children (0-14 years old) living with HIV are on ARV therapy.

### WASH

UNICEF continues to support the various actors in the promotion of good hygiene practices as well as the control and prevention of infections. More than 2,856,200 people benefited from the support of UNICEF's partner NGOs for the implementation of barrier measures in 19 health districts in the Kara, Savanes and Plateaux regions. This intervention also affected the District of Tchaoudjo as well as certain districts of the city of Lomé. The WASH inputs made available to the Ministry of Health (handwashing devices, disinfectants, sprayers, etc.) have improved the hygiene and sanitation conditions of more than 708,700 people in the most more at risk. Also more than 220 public latrines have been disinfected at the bus stations in the city of Lomé. Construction of boreholes in 12 schools and 2 health facilities is underway to facilitate the adoption of good hygiene practices including infection control and prevention. When classes resume, more than 3,600 children, including 1,764 girls, will have access to drinking water. Local production of masks conforming to WHO

recommendations is underway for the practice of barrier measures with community health workers, community relays, NGO facilitators and employees of health facilities.



Proportion of cases by type of transmission by health region (Ministry of Health, 11 May 2020)

## ***Risk Communication and Community Engagement/C4D***

UNICEF is increasing its support to the Regional Health Department (DRS) in Lomé Commune and 2 Health Districts (DS) in the Maritime Region. In fact, 204 community and religious leaders and other leaders were briefed and mobilized for their involvement in risk communication and the engagement of their communities. They have developed roadmaps for specific interventions in their respective communities.

UNICEF also supported Lomé Commune by providing training and field trips to 350 community relays for close communication using megaphones and by holding handwashing demonstrations in public places. The interventions of community relays thus accentuate social mobilization and community engagement through large-scale awareness-raising.

In Lomé, as in other regions of the country, 36 community radio stations continue to broadcast daily awareness spots and produce various programs on the COVID-19 pandemic. The training of Community Health Agents and Community Relays in the other 5 health regions of the country by regional and prefectural health promotion actors, are being prepared.

## ***Education***

As part of the coordination of the sectoral response, UNICEF technically supported the Ministry of Education and the Local Group of Partners for the finalization and validation of the national response plan for the education sector.

The sectoral response plan revolves around three components: (i) organizing distance learning, (ii) preparing and managing the reopening of schools and (iii) strengthening the resilience of the education system .

A meeting of sector partners was organized and allowed to discuss the positioning and contributions of the partners of the Local Education Group for the implementation of the response plan.

In order to ensure continuity of learning, UNICEF supports the ministries in charge of education and the Network of Journalists and Communicators in Education for the design and electronic recording of teaching resources. These resources will be disseminated through different media in accordance with the options provided by the sectoral response plan for education continuity.

## ***Child protection***

UNICEF continues to support the coordination of child protection actions through the national virtual mechanism at the national and regional levels. In order to ensure

teleworking and to strengthen coordination as well as an ongoing dialogue for monitoring the situation and the impact of the pandemic on vulnerable children and their families, smartphones have been sent to each Regional Director and the heads of child protection sections of the country's 6 regions.

UNICEF also provides technical and material assistance for the care of children living in foster families and institutions selected by the ministry and the partners as being the most vulnerable. A batch of pandemic prevention and protection equipment has been provided to ensure that these children have the means necessary to observe the barrier measures for a period of three months. 70 reception centers housing 3,244 children received kits. This batch of equipment is made up of, among other things, handwashing devices, soap, hydroalcoholic solution and awareness-raising equipment.

Partnership agreements are being finalized with Civil Society Organizations for the support and monitoring of the actions and strategies selected for the socio-family reintegration of vulnerable children, especially children in detention who are being released and street children. In addition, UNICEF, in collaboration with the Government and civil society organizations, plans to carry out a rapid diagnosis of the impact of the COVID 19 crisis on homeless populations, in particular children, women and people with disabilities, with a view to reorienting the development of the mitigation plan.

## ***Social Protection***

The report on the Analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy and socio-economic conditions of households and vulnerable groups in Togo has just been shared by the Government. This analysis shows the impact of this pandemic on the health, education and social protection systems and offers recommendations to limit the negative effects.

The study showed a significant impact on GDP growth, which should lose 3 percentage points in 2020. There are several channels for transmitting the crisis to the Togolese economy, including the foreseeable fall in global growth, the drop in flows trade, the rise in import prices as well as the decline in official development assistance.

Regarding the impact of the pandemic on the dimensions of poverty and inequality, it appears that in the short term, the fall in income would increase the proportion of children who do not receive an adequate supply of food energy. The result in malnutrition of children would be greater among the poor.

The pandemic influences also the demand for and supply of education. A drop in total household income of 5 to 20% will lead, on average, to temporarily or permanently dropping out of school 1 to 2 children per household,

particularly in rural areas. In addition, in the short and medium terms, the distrust of the population vis-à-vis health facilities and the low supply of care in the public facilities would have the effect of resorting to private establishments which would lead to more direct expenditure of households for health, particularly in urban areas. In the short and medium term, simulations of an increase in direct payments (from 5% to 30%) show that the proportion of households that suffer from impoverishing health spending would increase sharply (from 7.36% to 33.79%).

Strategic partners such as the World Bank, the IMF, WHO and UNDP collaborated with UNICEF in the preparation of an advocacy note on social protection. This note has just been finalized and will, firstly, be shared with the Technical and Financial Partners and then brought by the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System for a political dialogue with the government aimed at improving the response to COVID- 19.

## Communication

Five videos were produced in collaboration with young people, socio-cultural actors and Togo's goodwill ambassadors (TOOFAN) as part of the # Covid19Diaries campaign launched by WCARO and disseminated on social networks. The young people of the Together 4 Change Collective - which supports the office's communication activities - produced a clip on the song "Pata Pata", reissued by UNICEF with Angélique Kidjo. The release of this local clip reached approximately 76,887 people in less than two days. Social media presents itself as a significant channel for reaching young people eager for information and encouragement, especially in this period of pandemic.

From 14 April to 11 May 2020, approximately 321,413 people were directly reached by our publications on Facebook, the media most consulted by our followers (42,662 subscribers). Our Twitter posts have received 39,600 impressions in the last 28 days. The office started out using Instagram as another news channel, but coverage is still low.

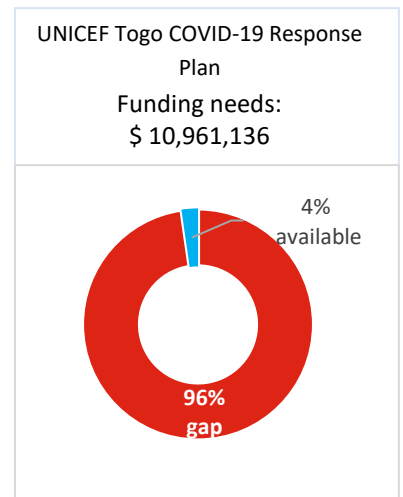
## Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

Discussions are continuing with the Ministry of Education for the definition of suitable in-service teacher training approaches including capacity building for the production of teaching resources suitable for distance learning.

## Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF Togo has received a few contributions from resource partners since the start of the pandemic. The education sector received US \$ 70,000 from the Global Partnership for Education to support the overall coordination of the education sector response. The Global Sanitation Fund has agreed to allocate US \$ 90,968 from the program's 2020 budget towards the response to COVID-19. This represents only 4% of the total funding needs, as indicated in our COVID-19 intervention plan.

The UNICEF Office in Togo is in the process of establishing a partnership agreement with Vlisco African Company. The partnership relates to the production of certified washable masks. These masks are intended for street children and community health workers responsible for raising awareness in the most vulnerable rural areas of the country.



## External Media

UNICEF Press release:

[The future of 370 million children threatened by the closure of schools that deprive them of meals](#)

Press release themes shared with the media:

- A global ceasefire can be a game-changer for 250 million children living in conflict-affected areas
- Joint statement by Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- The happiest song in the world reissued by UNICEF

Publication on Social Media:

1. Facebook:

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3. Instagram

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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 reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.	3,898,070	1,621,223
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,2520	7,145
<b>WASH and IPC</b>		
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	2,000,000	708,700
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	1,900	0
<b>Health</b>		
Number of children & women receiving essential healthcare services, including immunization, prenatal, postnatal, HIV & GBV* care in UNICEF supported facilities	735,090	Penta3: 84,492 ANC1: 13,382
Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in infection prevention and control (IPC)	8,360	0
Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases	450	0
<b>Nutrition</b>		
Number of primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms	58,984	34,575
<b>Education</b>		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning	738,330	0
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	3,740	0
<b>Child Protection</b>		
Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	300	0
Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	4,000	0
Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors	200	0
<b>Social Inclusion</b>		
Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs	45,000	0

## Annex B

### Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funding gap \$	Gap %
C4D / RCCE	347,200	50,000	297,200	86%
WASH & IPC	1,770,000	240,968	1,529,032	86%
Nutrition	65,000	0	65,000	100%
Health and HIV/AIDS	100,000	46,300	53,700	54%
Child Protection	165,000	0	165,000	100%
Education	5,702,000	70,000	5,632,000	99%
Operations	2,000,000	5,200	1,994,800	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,149,200</b>	<b>412,468</b>	<b>9,736,732</b>	<b>96%</b>