**Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs**

As of 20 September, there are 57,242 reported COVID-19 cases in Nigeria, and 480,874 tests conducted. 48,569 people have been discharged and 1,098 deaths recorded across 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 informed that the epicentre of coronavirus infection has shifted from Lagos, Kano, Ogun and Oyo states to Plateau state with the state recorded the highest daily cases within the reporting period.

The Federal Government announced the reopening of Abuja and Lagos airports to international flights from Saturday 5 September and listed 10 airlines and countries that can fly into the country. Other international airports in the country are to remain closed until further notice. On Thursday 3 September, the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 announced Nigeria’s transition into the third phase of the ease of restrictions for a period of four weeks effective from Friday 4 September. Some of the new changes include modification of curfew from 22:00 to 00:00, removal of restrictions on communal commercial spaces, and no limitation on intra- and inter-state travels. The Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19, on Monday 14 September, reiterated that Nigerians coming into the country without the mandatory COVID-19 test certificate will have their passports suspended for six months while non-Nigerians will have their visas cancelled.

The Federal Government received a memoir containing details of the vaccine Russia is working on and signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU), which will give Nigeria access to Russia’s vaccine as soon as it is available for export.

**UNICEF’s COVID-19 response**

**RCCE/C4D**

UNICEF continues to lead the RCCE pillar and provides technical support to the PTF. The Federal level engagement includes developing the strategy the provides the framework for all RCCE interventions, strengthening coordination among partners, generating evidence and guiding RCCE interventions including the developing appropriate, streamlined messages. During the period under review, UNICEF supported the PTF to convene a meeting with the influential Northern Traditional Leaders Council (NTLC) who are now playing a pivotal role in supporting community engagement activities in the Northern States.

UNICEF in Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara States used multimedia materials of COVID-19 for messaging at the State Ministry of Health and the Primary Healthcare Agency and social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter). Roughly four million individuals are currently being reached weekly with key messaging on COVID-19 through a series of mass media channels. These include radio and TV jingles, interactive radio discussions on both radio and TV, radio dramas, children and adolescents’ specific jingles etc. Banners and billboards are displayed in strategic places across the three States. The Volunteer Community Mobilizer (VCM) network continue to support house-to-house mobilization and sensitization with 45,000 caregivers reached weekly during their routine household engagements. VCMs demonstrate handwashing with soap, sensitize communities on symptoms of COVID-19, prevention and what to do when a family suspects that anyone has been exposed. This is done while they are tracking new births and under one-year children for Routine Immunization (RI), women for antenatal care services as well as children suffering acute and severe malnutrition for treatment at the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTPs) centres.

In Kano state, UNICEF is engaged in community sensitization, capacity building and advocacy for COVID-19. During the reporting period they sensitized a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including graveyard workers, members of the

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National Youth Service Corps, (NYSC) on their roles and responsibilities in containing the spread of COVID-19.

UNICEF supported the training of over 40 Hisbah (Sharia law enforcement “police”) commanders on promoting compliance with COVID-19 protocols in mosques, markets and other places in the community, and intensified community engagement on COVID-19 in Katsina LGA, Katsina state. Airing of jingles on COVID-19 continued eight radio stations along with the weekly discussions on COVID-19 in Hausa and English on Arewa Radio and Cool FM across Kano, Katsina and Jigawa States. Advocacy, sensitization and monitoring of compliance of protocols in re-opened schools continued. Announcement during Friday and daily prayers in mosques and a continuous engagement with religious leaders, including advocacy visit to the Chairman and National Director of Jama ‘Atul Izalatil Bidi’a Wa ikamatussunna (JIBWIS) in Katsina on COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures. They also mainstreamed COVID-19 infection prevention and containment into the volunteer ward supervisors review meeting in Dutse, Jigawa State, supported Jigawa State Emergency Routine Immunisation Co-ordination Centre (SERICC) in routine immunisation rapid assessment in all 27 LGAs to assess impact of COVID-19 on RI.

In Enugu, video skits on different aspects of COVID-19 preventative practices posted on Facebook reached 1,384,686, with 316,366 responding by liking, commenting and sharing with others. ‘COVID-19 Talks’, the joint radio magazine programme by radio stations in Enugu completed its 20th straight week on air, with programme content focusing on non-compliance with proper wearing of face mask and denial of the reality of COVID-19 outbreak. The stations also continued airing jingles on COVID-19.

In Ondo state, town announcements were made on COVID-19 in 120 wards and 113 rural communities. In addition, UNICEF supported the production and distribution of stickers on COVID-19 prevention and control to market women and okada riders at Owo LGA while community leaders distributed IEC materials on COVID-19 and aired jingles on Adaba and Sun City FM to enlighten the members of the public on COVID-19. UNICEF sensitized Ondo religious leaders on updated guidelines for social events, conferences/convention in churches and mosques on COVID-19 prevention and control in the state. During the reporting period 381 calls were made and questions were answered on COVID-19 signs and symptoms and its prevention measures.

UNICEF in Lagos developed and printed children’s graphic books on COVID-19. These graphic books and posters on hand washing techniques and COVID-19 preventive tips for children will be distributed to schools across the 20 LGAs in the state. Sensitisation took place at different locations in Lagos State including CMS garage, Mile 12, Mushin and Kosofe markets. Market storms and community sensitization campaigns on prevention took place at Kosofe and Ikorodu LGA as well as advocacy visit to market leaders to solicit their support for strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols by traders. Public enlightenment and community sensitisation at Ketu Garage interstate, Ketu fruit market and the tyre market stalls situated within the fruit market. C4D team developed and submitted 30 messages, jingles and hash tags to promote resumption of schools. During the reporting period various media sensitisation activities took place at TVC, LTV 8, Radio Lagos and Bond FM. Beside that team paid monitoring visits to the schools to check their COVID-19 compliance mechanisms as well as sensitized them on COVID-19 preventive measures.

In Bauchi UNICEF conducted risk management training for COVID-19 at state level followed by cascaded training at LGA level for PHC staff. Similarly, 380 religious’ leaders, 646 traditional leaders and 22 WDCs were engaged to support COVID-19 RCCE in Gombe and Bauchi states. Community sensitization meetings attended by first lady of Adamawa State, and training of 20 teenagers and other stakeholders on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) conducted in Adamawa state to end violence against women and girls. Teenagers received training on the use of U-Report for reporting GBV and key messages on prevention of COVID-19. Handwashing facilities were distributed for installation in public places. Caregivers continued their engagement with the community, 833 VCMs conducted dialogue in Taraba and Bauchi on the importance of RI and ANC attendance, as well as sharing key messages on prevention of COVID-19 and key household practices.

In Niger State, 3,869 sensitization sessions were conducted with 17,348 community members across 20 LGAs with the support of UNICEF frontline volunteers and workers in creating awareness and preventive measures in curtail COVID-19. During these meetings, demonstrations on proper hand washing, physical distancing and the use of sanitizers were conducted. During the reporting period risk communication and community engagement activities were conducted in Kaduna State across all 23 LGAs and reached 37,220 people.

**North-East RCCE response**

In Borno state, over 250 individuals were reached with messages on COVID-19 and access to services. Borno Field Office (BFO) continue to offer RCCE support to Borno and Yobe State governments and COVID-19 Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in each State.

**Health**

UNICEF continues to provide support to the COVID-19 health response under the functional areas lead by the Presidential Task Force.
On Infection Prevention and Control, UNICEF is supporting the virtual training of 21,078 frontline HCWs from primary and tertiary secondary health facilities, and subsequent face-to-face training of 19,824 community health care workers in 19 states. NCDC is leading the trainings, supported by the UN Basket Fund. So far, 6308 HCWs have been trained in six states, namely Kebbi, Sokoto, Zamfara, Kaduna, Edo, and Ondo. Training for the remaining states is expected to be concluded by mid-October 2020.

In FCT, 110 staff from the Federal Ministry of Health were trained on IPC, along with 50 hygienists and midwives from the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, 40 health workers of Medicaid hospital, Abuja and 40 military lab personnel. UNICEF is supporting the Case Management pillar and conducting case management cascade trainings in 36 States. 479 HCWs have been trained in Nasarawa, Sokoto, Adamawa, Borno, Yobe, Kebbi, Zamfara and Imo. Training for the remaining states is expected to be concluded by mid-October 2020.

UNICEF continues to provide technical support through the different pillars of the EOCs at the State and LGA levels, to review response activities, assess gaps and re-strategize on the COVID 19 response, so as to bring about a decline in new infections, improve adoption of preventive practices and ensure sustainability of infectious disease management and response.

In Ogun state, UNICEF Akure supported the step-down training of 140 healthcare workers on case management of COVID 19. In Ondo state, UNICEF Field Office is providing logistics support to accredited COVID 19 laboratories with decentralized sample collection and transport, to increase testing efficiency within the state. In Kebbi and Zamfara states, UNICEF supported case management trainings for 80 HCWs from tertiary, secondary and private health facilities. UNICEF also supported IPC training for over 3000 community health volunteers and HCWs from primary and secondary health facilities. In Sokoto state, community testing has commenced, with over 2500 samples collected. In Jigawa state, UNICEF participated in a 3-day meeting with government counterparts to develop a results framework, an integration matrix and tools for situational analysis in the selected ward. Thereafter, data collection will commence in the selected ward. In Katsina state, UNICEF facilitated the collection of 5340 samples in 5 LGAs.

In Rivers state, UNICEF in collaboration with the Rivers Primary Health Care Management Board, has launched a real time monitoring platform for assessing COVID 19 indicators, as well as routine PHC indicators in two high burden LGAs. In Plateau state, UNICEF supported the orientation for 255 Rapid Response Team members across all the LGAs. In Bauchi state, UNICEF supported the orientation for 300 LGA Rapid Response Teams members; risk management training for 60 LGA health educators.

North-east health response
In the north-east, UNICEF continues to support Borno COVID 19 EOC for transportation of samples from southern Borno to Maiduguri Metropolis. So far, 33 samples have been transported to Maiduguri Teaching Hospital for testing. UNICEF is also working with the Borno State Primary Health Care Development Agency to conduct a Training of trainers (TOT) for 48 Disease Surveillance and Notification Officers on contact tracing, who will in turn conduct stepdown trainings for 606 community resource persons on community contact tracing of COVID 19 and other infectious diseases.

WASH
Hygiene Promotion and Distribution of IEC materials
Awareness messages on COVID -19 and prevention strategies emphasizing handwashing, hygiene promotion messages, signs and symptoms of COVID-19, was carried out through ward officers, volunteer hygiene promoters, town announcers with motorized public address units as well as through house to house/person to person campaigns. UNICEF trained Volunteer Hygiene Promoters (VHPs) at community level reached roughly 127,951 people during the reporting month in four LGAs in Bauchi (117,651) and three LGAs in Kaduna (10,300) state.

Jingles, phone-in programmes and voice-over messages by religious leaders and local influencers on COVID-19 awareness and prevention developed in collaboration with C4D continue to be aired on a daily basis in English, Pidgin, Hausa, Igbo, Kanuri and Yoruba languages by various radio stations across 25 states continuously reaching an estimated number of 12.5 M people.\(^2\)

Provision of WASH Facilities
Four solar-powered boreholes and six blocks of gender-sensitive latrines were provided for six health care facilities and one school at the forefront of COVID-19 response in Sokoto town reaching at least 12,000 beneficiaries with improved access to WASH services. Six emergency latrines were constructed in public places of Zaki and Gamawa LGAs, and one handpump borehole constructed in Bogoro LGA in Bauchi state for 847 beneficiaries.

During the reporting month, 196 semi-permanent handwashing stations with soap and water were provided for 19,000 beneficiaries and WASH/Dignity Kits were provided for 25,366 households (152,203 persons) living in Bogoro, Shira and Gamawa LGAs in Bauchi state.

\(^2\) Approximately 500,000 per state
Coordination and Technical Support to Government
Support to weekly review and planning meetings was provided to State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agencieś and COVID-19 Action Committees in 8 states on procurement process for WASH facilities construction and on awareness creation on preventive measures against COVID-19 and effective handwashing.

North-east WASH response
1,241 persons were reached with hygiene promotion and COVID-19 awareness/prevention messages in Yola North, Girei, Fufore LGAs in Adamawa state through house to house and group sessions, using about 244 IEC materials provided by UNICEF. 2,000 persons were provided with improved access to safe water supply services through the rehabilitation of taps/faucets in Yola South and Girei LGAs in Adamawa State.

WASH Kits made up of plastic cups, jerricans, buckets were provided for 240 households in COVID-19 isolation centres in Yola North in Adamawa state reaching 12,240 beneficiaries while 465 soaps were distributed to IDP camps and COVID-19 Treatment centres enabling 73 persons in Fufore LGA practice proper hygiene for at least three months. As part of the ongoing support to COVID-19 prevention campaigns, UNICEF, through the common supplies pipeline (in-kind donation UNILEVER Nigeria) released 510,648 bars of soap for hand washing to partners for use in high risk areas of Borno and Yobe States, benefitting at least 85,108 persons.

UNICEF procured and distributed 80-foot operated handwashing stations to nine isolation Centres and 71 Health facilities in Borno and Yobe, benefitting at least 8,000 persons. In addition, distributed 1,500 COVID-19 prevention hygiene kits in Muna Custom 2 IDP camp Jere in Borno. With funding from DFID/UKAID, UNICEF procured and handed over supplies and consumables to 29 health centres, Iternally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps in Jere, MMC, Mafa and Gwoza LGAs to support cleaning and disinfection of the living environment.

In addition, 438 COVID-19 prevention hygiene kits were handed over to State Primary health care development Agency for onward distribution to 438 households (2,628 persons) with confirmed COVID-19 cases. Ten foot-operated handwashing facilities were installed at the arrival and departure wing of Maiduguri International Airport, benefitting at least 1,000 persons.

Nutrition
A total of 252 health facilities (HF) continued to provide community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) services and a total of 174,051 children 6 – 59 months with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were admitted in the treatment programme since March 2020, including 13,455 SAM children in the four weeks. UNICEF continued to monitor programme implementation and ensured good quality of service delivery and data management.

Preventive nutrition services such as infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and micronutrient supplementation in addition to COVID-19 prevention messages were continued. A total of 985,307 caregivers of children aged 0-23 months were reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding and improve IYCF in the context of COVID, since March 2020 including 109,197 caregivers in the last four weeks. UNICEF continued to support the integration of Vitamin A supplementation (VAS) into CMAM and other routine programmes in the Primary health facilities. A total of 4,871,560 children aged 6-59 months received VAS including 58,902 children in the last four weeks. Routine deworming of children 12 – 59 months continued in Ogun, Osun and Oyo States and a total of 6,091 children were reached.

Maternal and adolescent nutrition held a review meeting in Katsina within the reporting period. Iron folic acid supplementation for pregnant women and adolescent girls and boys continued in katsina, Bauchi and Sokoto states and a total of 85,741 women, adolescent girls and boys were reached through the PHC, while micronutrient powder was provided to a total of 28,375 boys and girls 6 – 23months in Sokoto and Zamfara states.

A total of 317 health workers were trained on treatment of severe acute malnutrition in the last one month. UNICEF provided states warehouses with 83,108 satchets of Micronutrient powder, 9 cartons of ReSoMal and 61 cartons of ORS amounting to 53,563.55 USD within the reporting period.

North-east Nutrition response
Community Nutrition Mobilizers (CNM) conducted community mobilization, follow-up on the mother MUAC screening of children 6-59 Months and held IYCF communication orientation on hygiene and care practices in the context of COVID-19, reaching a total of 104,634 Males and 109,483 Females. In Borno state, CNMs sensitized a total of 163,719 males and 275,869 female caregivers on COVID-19 prevention using IEC materials (posters).

A total of 20,769 children aged 6-59 months were admitted for treatment of SAM (10,252 being boys and 10,517 girls) in Borno and Yobe states in the month of August. At the same time, a total of 62,238 pregnant women and caregivers of

Education
UNICEF Nigeria continue to provide technical assistance to Federal and State Ministries of Education to ensure:

- Children continue learning through home based diverse remote learning platforms such as Radio, Television, online programs and take-home learning materials.
- The education system recovers well from school closure, and is ready to support children who have lost learning, and implement safe school operation
- The education system has enhanced systemic capacity and preparedness response against the pandemic and subsequent emergencies for children’s safety and wellbeing and resilience for future shocks

With technical assistance from UNICEF, over 20 million children across 36 states and FCT accessing alternate learning opportunities of which nearly 12,293,003 children are from UNICEF focussed states. UNICEF has been supporting the safe reopening of schools, including reopening of examination classes. Following the finalisation of Federal Government’s guidelines of the reopening of schools, joint risk assessment and school readiness measurement tools were developed and are being implemented to assess the schools’ practice of the safety protocols.

So far, enrolment drive has been conducted for 8701 schools and fumigation and other WASH and hygiene activities conducted in 6041 schools. Furthermore, psycho-social support is being designed and scheduled to provide using Radio and TV platforms to bring hope and boost emotional capacities to cope with various effect of covid-19 including economic, social and emotional deprivations.

North-east Education response
Ongoing home based learning through radio and TV and community led-monitoring in Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe, and Taraba States reaching out of over two million of children. UNICEF provided technical support to State in preparation for the reopening of schools.

Plans are ongoing for the establishment of learning hubs, the purchase of 8,720 MP4 solar radios with memory cards and mats to support the learning of 87,200 children across 14 LGAs with no access to ongoing home-based learning programme in Adamawa. Four officials of Adamawa State Mass Education Board have concluded a learning visit in Maiduguri in readiness to the setting up of vocational skills training centers in Hong, Mubi North, Mubi South LGAs which will empower 2,750 youths and female heads of household in Adamawa State. The skills acquisition centers will also be used to produce PPE materials which will be distributed to schools children and communities.

Child Protection
Efforts to engage government on the movement and reunification of almajiri children with their families continued this month. Though most states have completely halted the process of moving almajiri children, efforts are still being made to reunite some of the ones received from other states with their families. As a result, 201 children were reunited with their families this month in Kano.

North-east Child Protection response
26 children and foster families (3 boys, 5 girls, 11 women and 11 men) arrived in Bama, from hard to reach areas of Kumshe, Mandarari, and Boroshe villages. All the children were without parental or family care. UNICEF and partners provided them with appropriate alternative care arrangements in addition to COVID-19 preventive measures based on the UNICEF adopted operational guidelines.

2,495 children and adolescents (1,784 boys, 711 girls) and 692 community members (402 women, 290 men) were reached through community-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through house-to-house campaign and mobile phones, in IDP camps and host communities. The activities conducted included life skills session for adolescent boys and girls and conventional PSS activities for children below the adolescent age through storytelling, drawing, painting, football, etc.

20 CP community volunteers and social workers (10 men and 10 women) were trained on VAC/HP/GBV risk mitigation and referrals mechanisms for survivors in addition to strategic principles on COVID-19 community awareness.

Social Protection
UNICEF has provided technical support to the government of Nigeria both at national and state level to ensure an equitable and systematic approach to the social assistance interventions being provided. In response to COVID-19, the social register has expanded from 2.6 million households to four million households. The expansion of the register provided the opportunity to reach the most marginalized populations with key interventions. The government has also increased the cash transfer amount under the National cash transfer programme from N5,000 to N20,000 and have been able to reach 408,205 households across all the 36 states.
Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF is providing ongoing support to the states for the development of SENAP (State Every Newborn Action Plan). Zamfara, Bayelsa, Sokoto, Taraba, Gombe, Katsina, Cross River and Nasarawa are progressing at varying levels, while six states do not have their SENAP yet. Technical, monitoring and evaluation, and advocacy committee for MPDSR (Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response) has been reactivated. UNICEF is providing technical support in the development of the National Malaria Strategic Plan (NMSP 2021-2025). UNICEF is providing technical support to the NPHCDA for a review of the CHIPS programme at the federal and state levels. UNICEF participated in the NPHCDA-led meeting on community based newborn care to leverage on the CHIPS programme. Kano state is setting up a newborn corner with locally sourced material and learnings and successes from this pilot will be an example for other states to emulate.

In Osun and Ondo states, the Health sector continued to support routine immunization intensification activities (outreaches and supportive supervision) whilst ensuring integration with the National Population Commission for birth registration. In Kano state, UNICEF supported a planning meeting for review of the 2020 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and development of 2021 AOP for the health sector. In Jigawa state, UNICEF is supporting the direct vaccine drive training, tentatively scheduled from 22-24 September 2020. UNICEF is providing technical support to finalize the National Pediatric Acceleration Plan. The checklist for pediatric and adolescent risk assessment TOT has been updated and will be piloted in a few states. UNICEF supported the inauguration of the steering committee on Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS, treatment and prevention by the Hon. Minister.

The SGBV response team in Kano received 30 cases during the reporting period, including 10 children (girls) who were supported with access essential services. UNICEF addressed the recent amendment of the Penal Code Law of Kaduna State which raises the penalty for rape for a child under 14 to castration and death, through high-level engagement meetings to discuss human rights principles in addressing violence against children.

Five states (Lagos, Cross River, Kaduna, Kano, Sokoto and Adamawa) were engaged in the development of National and State Plans of Action to end violence against children through a series of consultation meetings which included children to reflect their perspectives and recommendations in the Plans. In Sokoto, a Spotlight quarterly coordination meeting on ending violence against Women and Children was held with 64 representatives (43 male and 21 Female) of key ministries, NGOs and community partners to review implementation of the programme to date and strengthen a network of collaboration around violence against women and girls. As part of the Spotlight Initiative programme, over 47 (12 women, 35 men) traditional and religious leaders as well as community stakeholders were engaged in community dialogues on ending violence against women and girls in Ebonyi state. This led to the establishment of 32 (11 women, 21 men) community surveillance to monitor and report cases of violence against women and girls. Finally, 8 additional community dialogues reaching 119 community members (119 male; 68 female) across four communities in Adamawa were held on prevention, response and reporting of violence against women and girls.

A series of training of cases workers was held:

- 21 (12 females, 9 males) and 25 (14 women and 11 men) Master Trainers drawn from social welfare, CSO, academia and justice sectors were trained respectively in Cross River and in Lagos on Child Protection Case Management Standard Operating Procedure (ICPCM SOP).
- 23 community-based child protection case workers (16 male; 7 female) from Adamawa State, 20 social welfare workers (9 female, 11 male) from Plateau State and 40 case management workers (25 female, 15 male) in Lagos were trained on integrated case management and CPIMS.

Several activities were conducted on birth registration and on FGM:

- 254 community members (208 males and 46 females) were engaged in a one-day stakeholders meeting attended by various ministries, CBOs and religious leaders, in the three north-west States of Zamfara, Kebbi, and Sokoto States, in commemoration of the 3rd civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) celebration. This led to several commitments to increase birth registration at community level and to improve collaboration between religious leaders, health and birth registration actors.
- A total of 69 (all female) health facility workers and 21 (14 female, 7 male) NPoPC Deputy Chief Registrars drawn from 74 health facilities across the 21 LGAs of Anambra state held a review meeting and were retrained on delivering birth registration services in the state.
- 5,706 (4,453 female, 1,253 male) persons were engaged in the campaign to end FGM in the five focus states (Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo, Osun and Oyo). These include community volunteers (EndFGM Champions, Male Engage to EndFGM Alliance and Peer Educators) that were trained to lead community members on discussions on the need to abandon the practice of FGM. Advocacy dialogues were also held with religious leaders who delinked FGM from religious requirements, as well as community governance structure (traditional rulers, custodians of culture, president-generals of the town unions and
The president-general of the women’s association (who denounced FGM practices and committed to its abandonment). The trainings and meetings were followed by community-level engagements (inter-generational dialogues, house-to-house sensitization visits, small group discussions, and mainstreaming of FGM discussions into ongoing community meetings) on ending FGM as well as consensus building meetings to plan for the public declaration of FGM abandonment in some of the communities. The surveillance systems established in communities after dialogues, consensus building and or declaration of abandonment are helping to keep track of girls at risk of FGM.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The Nigeria CO has developed an updated response plan outlining gaps and needs, COVID-19 proofing measures and response activities across all sections. USD 66 million is requested to support the government to respond to COVID-19 and reach an estimated 20 million Nigerians. Funds currently available amount to US$ 33.4 million. UNICEF’s ability to provide an integrated response to COVID-19 for the survival and development of vulnerable children is hampered by a 46 percent funding gap.

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External Communication

UNICEF Nigeria has aligned with global campaigns on COVID-19 and has been disseminating press releases, human interest stories, graphics, videos and photos through its website and social media platforms (UNICEF Nigeria, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube).


Animated video for children on COVID-19 prevention: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdo5Lc02st8&t=6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdo5Lc02st8&t=6s)

Link to The Pulse Newsletter, with stories on COVID-19 response and donor contributions: [https://www.unicef.org/nigeria/reports/pulse-newsletter](https://www.unicef.org/nigeria/reports/pulse-newsletter)

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## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

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<tr>
<td>Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)</td>
<td>322,850</td>
<td>118,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases</td>
<td>279,350</td>
<td>74823</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).</td>
<td>687,434</td>
<td>287,626</td>
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<td>Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID through national communication campaigns.</td>
<td>1,530,167</td>
<td>1,113,483</td>
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<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children supported with distance/homebased learning</td>
<td>20,985,136</td>
<td>12,293,003</td>
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<td>Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)</td>
<td>43,000</td>
<td>6,041</td>
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<td>Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support</td>
<td>2,550,000</td>
<td>147,050</td>
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<td><strong>Child Protection and GBV</strong></td>
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<td>Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements</td>
<td>21,130</td>
<td>13,526</td>
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<td>Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support</td>
<td>104,500</td>
<td>44,886</td>
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<td>Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse</td>
<td>498,067</td>
<td>169,064</td>
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<td>Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors</td>
<td>491</td>
<td>470</td>
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<td><strong>Social Protection</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>12,700</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of households benefitting from new or additional social assistance measures provided by governments to respond to COVID-19 with UNICEF support</td>
<td>3,100,000</td>
<td>408,205</td>
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4 Targets have been revised based on further analysis of the context  
5 Results are cumulative from March 2020  
6 68,200 persons reached through UNICEF advocacy/technical/mobilization support, using government funds.  
7 Target is calculated as all children with SAM from March 2020 to December 2020 including HRP, HRP addendum and estimated caseloads