Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

- 3,086 cases reported; 130 deaths (lethality of 4.2 per cent).
- The most affected region is Bamako (49.6 per cent of the total confirmed cases) followed by the regions of Timbuktu (18.5 per cent) Mopti (8.3 per cent) and Koulikoro (8.3 per cent).
- The schools were opened on 14 September 2020 with the DEF (Diplome d’Etude Fondamentale) and the BAC (Bacalauréat) exams scheduled for 12 October 2020 and 19 October 2020 respectively.
- Land and air borders with member’s countries of ECOWAS remained closed in September consecutively to the sanctions imposed by ECOWAS following the August 18 military coup d’état.

Some features

- 51 Sanitary corridors supported
- 204 Community Radios engaged for sensitization on COVID-19
- 3,125 Health workers trained on prevention and control of COVID-19
- 3,333 Hand washing kits supplied to sanitary corridors

Funding Situation

- Funds available $21,144,358
- Funding Gap $5,831,566
- 3,086 COVID-19 confirmed cases
- 2,420 recovered
- 130 deaths
- 3,8 M Children affected by COVID-19 school closures
In September 2020, as part of the interventions in the health sector, UNICEF supported the training on COVID-19 awareness, prevention and response of healthcare personal in the regions of Kayes (30 agents of the local NGO Fandeema); Koulikoro (153 health workers); Segou and Mopti (194 health staff and community health workers, 915 community relays); Timbuktu (25 health staff and 100 community relays), Taoudenit (20 health staff and 30 community relays) and Kidal (31 health staff and 90 community relays). Those trainings were organized in partnership with the NGOs Fandeema, COOPI and IEDA Relief. UNICEF and partners reached 82,315 people in those districts out of the interventions. In addition, in Timbuktu region 74 COVID-19 Kits were handed over to the Regional Directorate of health to be distributed to Community Health Centers as well as into Educational Learning Centers.

The annual campaign for vitamin A supplementation for children 6-59 months and Albendazole de-worming for children 12-59 months and postpartum women, which has been delayed due to the occurrence of the COVID-19 epidemic, is being organized to be held in October. Supplementation and de-worming products have been sent to the targeted regions. Awareness raising on breastfeeding including in the context of COVID-19, in both facilities and community level, continued as well.

The National Anthropometric Nutritional and Mortality Retrospective Survey using the SMART methodology (Standardized, Monitoring, Assessment, Relief and Transitions) readiness activities continue. For the SMART survey, an adapted guideline to the COVID-19 context is being finalized and will serve as a reference document for other types of survey.

14,290 children were treated for severe acute malnutrition (weekly PCIMA reports) and 34,055 caregivers of children (0-23 months) were reached with messages on breastfeeding (DHIS2) during the month of September.

Highlights from the regions

The following activities were organized in the regions: a workshop on the mapping of sanitary borders supported by IOM in Sikasso region, the rapid assessment of the situation of children infected and affected by COVID-19 in Kayes region, a supervision of sanitary corridors in Ségou with distribution of materials (14,200 masks, 85 hydro-alcoholic gel, 5 hand washing devices, 718 Complete protection kits, 10 reanimation beds, one multi-function monitor with wall mounting bracket and 1 reanimation extractor).

**WASH**

UNICEF has so far provided hygiene promotion materials (15,750 tons of chlorine, 65,806 pieces of soap) in 288 health care facilities, 216 schools and communities for 55,990 households (335,938 people: 89,192 women; 88,856 men; 79,113 girls and 78,777 boys) in eight regions (Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao, Kidal, Menaka, Sikasso, Kayes and Bamako). Among them, 11,075 households are Internal Displaced and 8,364 of them benefited to safe water through water trucking (50,184 persons: 13,324 women, 13,274 men; 11,818 girls and 11,768 boys). As part of the efforts for the protection of health personnel and to ensure continuity of services in health care centers, personal protective material has been distributed in four regions (Gao, Menaka, Sikasso and Bamako) for a total of 746 people working in communities and health centers and 5,112 health and community workers have been trained on Infection Prevention and Control measures. UNICEF continued to support at sub national level the provision of materials (3,333 Hand washing devices and soap, 144 plastic slabs for emergency latrines, 16 tarpaulins and 73 tents) in six treatments centers (Bamako, Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao, Kayes and Sikasso). Furthermore, 313,801 people (83,314 women, 83,000 men, 73,900 girls and 73,586 boys) were sensitized on the key messages and actions.
for the prevention and control of the COVID-19; about 1,932 of them are living on Internal Displacement sites in Mopti and Gao regions.

Highlights from the regions

UNICEF is contributing in the implementation of prevention measures to reduce the spread of the pandemic in 45 sanitary corridors set by Authorities with the provision of 30m3 of water per day in 6 regions (Mopti, Timbuktu, Kidal, Gao, Menaka and Sikasso).

Education

Barrier measures to COVID-19 within academic and pedagogical structures are well in place for meetings and workshops in the regions of Segou, Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso and Bamako. With UNICEF’s support, the DNEF (Direction Nationale de l’Enseignement Fondamental) proceeded to the translation of the COVID-19 protocol in Arabic and the training of 110 academic and pedagogical personnel in charge of the medersas. These agents have been assigned across the regions as follows: 20 per academy in Segou, Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso and 30 in Bamako.

Highlights from the regions

In Gao, 230 COVID-19 protocols have been distributed in the Centre d’Animation Pédagogique (CAPs) of Gao, Kidal and Tessalit in 46 schools for a total of 926 children in addition to the 1,200 children who benefitted from this distribution in August and who continue to follow the distance learning courses.

RCCE/C4D

As of September 2020, the 204 community radios in all the regions continued to air prevention message in encouraging individuals, families and communities to adopt and use the recommended behaviors (mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, etc.). The “Operation Coup de Poing for Tombouctou”, the second most affected region in the country continued to be implemented. Key partners involved in the implementation are community relays, Mama Yeleens, local traditional communicators network, women associations, regional youth council and Christian and Muslims community leaders.

15 community actors were trained on COVID-19 response with an emphasis on stigma, social reintegration and denial; A workshop on "Research and constitution of a collection of Islamic and Christian sacred texts favorable to the promotion of barrier gestures" and the management of rumors, denial, social reintegration and stigmatization have been held. One of the main results is the identification of 32 religious' verses (16 Islamic verses and 16 Christian verses) in favor of the prevention and protection against spreading diseases including COVID-19, thanks to the contributions of 16 Muslim and Christian religious leaders including four women. The next step will be the use of these religious verses to support awareness raising in the religious areas including in communities.

Continued broadcasting of spots and posters via 18 giants bright "Outdoors" screens and 100 giant billboards at the busiest crossroads of Bamako and 20 in regions aiming to continue alerting the general public to the presence of COVID-19 in Mali and promote handwashing with soap. These UNICEF supported activities are carried out respectively by Atlantis and SPIRIT communication agencies in collaboration with the CNI ECS.

The ANTIM (Agence Nationale de télésanté et d’informatique médicale) feedback platform registered this month 31, 819 feedback request for diverse reasons : need of prevention messages and information, alert around a suspected case and seeking where to find support, evolution about the disease in Mali, need to know where to do the test (free or paid).

U-Report Platform

From 28 September to 2 October, the U-report supported during the Oxy-jeune event, the training of 40 young people, including 26 girls on the COVID 19 key messages and behaviors. This training aimed at increasing their capacity in delivering these messages in their communities when returned. 17 videos containing COVID 19 key messages were developed and produced by the attendee’s young people. These videos will be used to continue raising awareness through virtual U-report campaign by young people. Around 50 AMAP (Malian Press Agency) journalists were trained on the use of U-report and the promotion of protective and preventive messages related to COVID 19. In the context of Oxy-jeune, 2,130 persons
were reached with the young people’s COVID messages on the social medias.

Highlights from the regions

With UNICEF and the Peace building Fund support, the Ministry of Youth and sports launched a “Prison without COVID-19” through the local NGO called RENAJEM. This campaign aimed at reaching 82% of jailed persons living in the 20 most populated prisons in Mali (in Bamako district (Commune 3 and 6) and 7 regions : Kayes (Kenieba, Kita, Yélémané), Koulikoro (Koulikoro, Kati, Sanankoroba); Ségo (Ségo, San); Sikasso (Sikasso, Koutiala, Yanfolila); Mopti (Mopti, Douentza, Koro); Timbuktu and Gao). This three-month campaign is targeting 5,406 detainees including 67 minor children and 182 women, using 40 trained animators. The targeted 20 prisons were supplied with hand washing kits, hydro alcoholic gel and soaps.

Child protection

As of September, UNICEF along with its partners Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) and Samu Social reached 327 children without parental care with alternative protection care including shelter, food and medical support respectively in Mopti region and Bamako. The assisted children include those living in the street, the children whose parents are infected by the COVID-19 or in quarantine or other vulnerable children exposed to the risk of contamination, violence and other protection concerns including child labor, stigmatization and psychosocial distress. A total of 395 children and 120 adults namely parents and primarily caregivers were reached with psychosocial assistance services to overcome the psychosocial distress.

Highlights from the regions

UNICEF jointly with the governmental partners namely the Regional Directorate for the promotion of women, children and families (DRPFEF) and the Regional Directorate of Social Development (DRDS) in Kayes region provided a training on Gender Based Violence risk mitigation, psychosocial support first aid and other child protection relevant topics to 120 social workers in September, bringing the total number of trained UNICEF personnel and partners to date to 387.

External Communication

- Some fifty child journalists, artists and parliamentarians from all regions of Mali take part in the annual OXYJEUNES workshop. The theme for this 14th edition is COVID-19 and the rights of the child. During five days Child artists, journalists and parliamentarians have been trained by professionals to become young reporters, artists, slam poets and so on. This annual workshop was covered by some local and international medias.
- Publication of an HIS on KOICA support to out of school children reintegration with training to school management committees to a safe school reopening.

Coordination

UNICEF continues to actively participate in the coordination mechanisms for the response in Mali, including the Crisis Committee for Epidemic Management COVID-19 led by the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) which is responsible for the overall coordination and the management of the national response, as well as the United Nations Country Team and the Humanitarian Country Team COVID-19 Task Force which aims to coordinate and guide the work of the inter-cluster, health cluster and humanitarian coordination structures. The COVID-19 partners coordination meeting is held every two weeks lead by USAID. During this month, the Ministry of Health organized the five days’ workshop to revise the Malian National COVID-19 plan. During this workshop, the strengths and weaknesses of the former national COVID-19 plan as well as new strategic axes were identified. At regional level, UNICEF, through its five field offices supports the regional state authorities and is engaged in the works of the Disaster Management Committees which are the main sub-national coordination frameworks for prevention and response against COVID-19.
Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

Nutrition activities are systematically integrated into existing campaigns, in particular the seasonal chemoprophylaxis which took place by July in the central and southern regions of the country, with strict compliance with the COVID-19 barrier measures. Also, nutrition interventions have been integrated into the lean season activities in collaboration with the food security cluster through a common UNICEF/WFP targeting for the implementation of interventions such as the supplementation of vulnerable women and children vulnerable benefiting from food distributions with an emphasis on community-level nutrition screening and prevention activities.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF requires $24.2 million to respond to the pandemics in Mali. $21.2 million* (87% of this requirement) has been mobilized both from internal resources and generous contributions (from the Thematic funding, The Peace Building Funds, CERF, ECW, GPE, DGIS, the French National committee and the Governments of Germany, Italy, Denmark and Luxembourg, OFDA Office for Foreign Disaster (USAID)). Additional funding is being mobilized from various donors to respond effectively and efficiently to the crisis and ensure lifesaving programs for the ongoing humanitarian needs and to sustain the investments realized until now and ring-fence the results. A revised plan was developed to take into consideration short/medium and long terms needs and to link the humanitarian response to the recovery and development efforts.

External Media

- Press release on the arrival of vital nutrition and health supplies in Mali
- Statement on the impact of COVID-19 on children’s rights and related interviews
- Media interviews on UNICEF Mali response to COVID-19
- RFI report on remote learning in Mali
- Multimedia assets on WeShare and dedicated external web page
- ENDviolence and Education digital activation: Celebrating the COVID-19 Champions for Children website and social media
- Publication of an HIS on KOICA support
## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

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Number of schools implementing <<SAFE SCHOOL PROTOCOLS>> (COVID-19 prevention and control). (a) Is this indicator part of the CO’s response? 5,500 230

Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate <<ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS>> 500 328

Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based <<MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT>> 2,500 515

Number of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed <<TRAINING ON GBV RISK MITIGATION & REFERRALS FOR SURVIVORS>>, including for PSEA* 400 387

Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian <<MULTI-SECTOR CASH GRANT>> for basic needs. (a) Is this indicator part of the CO’s response? 40,000 0

Annex B

Funding Status*

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