Key Highlights

- During November there has been a constant increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases (on 1st November reported positive cases were 1,123 and on 30th November the reported positive cases were 2,458).
- Over 140,730 children treated for SAM without complication in a safe environment at health facility (29,503 new) though UNICEF support.
- Using WASH sector communication networks, over 27m (over 1m new) people were reached with COVID-19 hygiene promotion messages and with UNICEF support reaching 9.3 m (754,769 new).
- Over 3.07 m people (620,861 new) benefited from continuity of primary healthcare services at UNICEF supported health facilities.
- Through UNICEF’s support, 114,857 parents, caregivers, children and individuals were reached with PSS through trained social workforce professionals (52,640 new).
- 142,978 frontline health workers were reached with basic PPEs (masks, gloves and hand sanitizers) with 54,818 health workers reached during the reporting period.

UNICEF’s Response and Funding Status

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Situation in Numbers

- **398,024** Confirmed cases
- **341,423** Recovered cases
- **8,025** Deaths

Source: [http://COVID.gov.pk/](http://COVID.gov.pk/)

- **1.5 m** People to be reached through social media (monthly)
- **10 m** People to be supported with hygiene promotion

Date of report: 30th November 2020

**UNICEF Appeal for COVID-19 Preparedness and Response**

US$ 50.2 million

**Funding Status (in US$)**

- **Humanitarian funds**, $15,184,535, 30.25%
- **Other resources**, $5,608,196, 11.17%
- **Funding gap**, $29,407,269, 58.58%
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OVERVIEW

As of 30th November 2020, there are 398,024 confirmed coronavirus cases, with Sindh being the most affected province with 173,014 cases, followed by Punjab with 119,035 cases and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) with 47,190 cases. Of the total number of confirmed cases, 8,025 patients have died and 341,423 have fully recovered from the disease and have been discharged from the hospital.

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The graphs below show the daily COVID-19 incidence/mortality, daily lab tests conducted and case positivity rate in Pakistan as of 30th November, 2020.1

Based on the WHO situation report, as of 30th November, Pakistan has conducted 4,608,810 laboratory tests, of which 398,024 have been positive. A total of 2,543 cases have been admitted in hospitals; 341,423 have recovered and discharged, 669 are in critical condition and there have been 8,025 deaths with the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 2.02 per cent. Out of the total 48,576 active cases on the date, 2,543 cases were hospitalized. During the month of November there has been a constant increase in number of COVID-19 positive cases.

NATIONAL COORDINATION

The National Security Committee, chaired by the Prime Minister, established a National Coordination Committee (NCC), to formulate and implement a comprehensive strategy to stop the transmission of the virus and mitigate its consequences. The NCC established the National Command and Operating Centre (NCOC) to synergize and articulate a unified national effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to implement NCC’s decision. It also designated the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) as the leading operational agency. In each province the Chief Ministers have convened task forces to coordinate the response, with the Provincial Disaster Management Agencies (PDMA) as the leading provincial operational agency. Furthermore, the Emergency Operating Centre (EOC) at the National Institute of Health (NIH) has been activated as an Incident Command and Control Hub.

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1 WHO Sitrep as of 30th November 2020
Under the Government of Pakistan Ehsaas Emergency Cash (social protection) initiative that started on the 9th April, PKR 179,221.93 million (US$ 1,127.1 million) has been distributed as of 30th November 2020, reaching 14,826,471 people².

The Polio Programme is providing support for the COVID-19 response, especially in the areas of surveillance, data management, communication and logistics management.

**UN COORDINATION**

The UN in Pakistan has established a Crisis Management Team (CMT) comprising of: WHO; UNICEF; WFP; UNHCR; UNFPA; IOM; UNOCHA; UNDP; DSS and the RC which meets every Tuesday. Coordinated by OCHA, humanitarian actors, including UNICEF, are working on finalizing the Pakistan Humanitarian Needs Overview 2021 which will feed into the Pakistan Humanitarian Response Plan 2021 and will include the response to the mitigate against the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic among other potential humanitarian situations.

**UNICEF’s Response**

UNICEF Pakistan is working through a multipronged response strategy which includes: (1) public health response to COVID-19, (2) continuity of essential services and (3) mitigation of the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. To support breaking the current chain of transmission the public health response is focused on the 15 high burden areas (21 districts)³ most affected with the highest number of new COVID-19 cases and high case test positivity rates since October 2020 – the 2nd wave of COVID-19 in Pakistan.

**Public health response to COVID-19**

- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)** to provide timely and accurate information to families and communities and promote behaviour to reduce risk and limit transmission during the second wave of COVID-19 cases. For the second wave response, particular focus will be given to adapt according to the epidemiology and leverage four platforms including 1) Civil society (prioritizing AJK and GB), 2) Religious leaders’ engagement and mobilization, 3) Polio Networks mobilizing the community based volunteers and 4) Youth Groups to be engaged for peer to peer awareness.

- **Infection prevention and control (IPC)** through (a) Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) support to targeted primary health facilities, quarantine and isolation centres and in the communities and (b) protection of frontline health workers.

- **Procurement services** in support of the Government to ensure timely sourcing and availability of quality essential medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE).

- **Psychosocial support (PSS)** to ensure children and families of cases and contacts affected by COVID-19 are provided with appropriate care and psychosocial support, and for stigma prevention.

**Continuity of essential services**

- **Continuity of education and learning** to ensure teachers, parents and students are informed about COVID-19, continuity of learning and facilitate safe reopening of schools and learning education institutions.

- **Building resilient primary healthcare system** for managing mild cases and referral of severe cases with the aim to strengthen primary healthcare (PHC) system and ensure continuity of life saving basic health services like MNCH and immunization.

- **Essential nutrition support for vulnerable children and families** with the aim to ensure access to promotional, preventive and curative nutrition services to people affected by and people at risk of Coronavirus infection, with a focus on nutrition vulnerable groups.

**Mitigation of the impact of COVID-19**

- **Advocacy** through (a) parliamentary engagement on child sensitive budgeting; (b) national and provincial advocacy, including joint advocacy with other UN agencies and partners, in support of the COVID-19 socio-economic impact framework and plan, and (c) implementation of the UNICEF Pakistan Advocacy plan ‘Response and Recover’ to COVID-19.

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² [https://www.pass.gov.pk/ecs/uct_all.html](https://www.pass.gov.pk/ecs/uct_all.html)

³ Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, Hyderabad, Karachi (sub-divided into 7 districts), Peshawar, Quetta, Islamabad, Lahore, Abbottabad, Swat, Gilgit, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan and Gujranwala.
• **Evidence generation** on (a) multi-dimensional child poverty analysis to influence policy action and allocations, (b) development of Nutrition Sentinel Surveillance system to provide routine information on nutrition and inform policy and programme action and (c) VAC study to identify and respond to violence against children due to the COVID-19 response.

• **Systems Development**: (a) Continuing engagement in the finalization of the Universal Health Benefit Package and tools that are COVID-19 sensitive, (b) Education sector analysis and planning, (c) provision of alternative care for children without parental / family care and (d) positioning of civil registration and vital statistics (CVRS) in the context of COVID-19.

• **Social Protection**: Technical / advisory support (studies) to the emergency cash transfer scheme on children to inform medium term policy action on child-sensitive social protection programme in Pakistan.

**Summary Analysis of Programme Response**

**1. Risk Communication and Community**

**Coordination**: UNICEF continues to provide leadership, coordination and technical support to the Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination (MNHSR&C) and its RCCE partners. This includes coordination of the 27th UN-RCCE task force meeting, composed of 8 UN agencies, as well as co-facilitating the bi-weekly RCCE task-force programs at both national and provincial levels. Due to the unpredictable and shifting sentiments towards the pandemic, these teams continuously discuss ways to improve and accelerate the response.

**National Response**: Information messages were received by the population through TV, radio, WhatsApp and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) 658 million times through Government and UNICEF efforts.

**Evidence-based knowledge, understanding and planning**

**Response**: During the reporting period, Pakistan has seen the steepest decline (11 per cent) in the perceived risk-perception, where individuals feel that COVID-19 is not a real threat to them or to their families. This decline was most significant for urban populations and people aged between 40 and 49 year olds. Trend analyses showed that this decline has been accompanied by a similarly significant decline in all preventative behaviors. The decline in handwashing, facemask use and physical distancing are 5.62 per cent, 7.26 per cent, 12.77 per cent respectively. The decline in these key behavioral indicators corresponds strongly with the decline in the enforcement of government measures to control community transmission of COVID-19 over the same period. Compliance to the government’s SOP are emerging as a critical determinant of both perceived threat and preventive behaviours relevant to COVID-19. In addition, the population is neither adequately self-isolating nor seeking timely testing and treatment for COVID-19. Family members are reportedly not seeking testing or treatment until the symptoms of infection become severe enough to cause lower respiratory infection.

The Prime Minister and the Minister for Planning have called for increased compliance to preventive behaviors and made highlighted the danger of COVID-19 and its implication for Pakistan’s economy if SOPs are not complied to like it was during the initial phase of the pandemic. This is heightened by the concern of an increased infections during colder temperatures, where families congregate together in tighter spaces. Media reporting and government communication is revealing that many cases are spreading through super-spreading events occurring in poorly ventilated indoor environments, where many people are congregating without masks, such as weddings, funerals, public transportation, markets and other in-door public / social events.

**Religious leaders’ engagement**: Through existing polio alliances and the health programme 423,662 (12,781 new) religious leaders have been engaged and mobilized to promote the risk perception of the Corona virus, emphasize the importance of handwashing, use of mask and physical distancing as well as convincing other religious leaders on risk perception. The religious leaders use the information provided to talk to their followers during the Friday sermons and to make announcements in mosques with key preventive messages on COVID-19. During the reporting period a total of 423,662 mosque announcements were made. The religious leaders have been engaged on increasing risk perception related to COVID-19 and to also promote messages on polio eradication and essential immunization (EI).

**Media, social-media, and production of educational materials (print/video)**: By default, mass media has become the most effective way to communicate with the population, as 81 per cent say that national Radio and TV are their most
trusted source of information for COVID-19. During this period, RCCE continues to broadcast a highly popular weekly radio show, Kadam Kadam Sehat. These weekly shows (50 min each) are broadcasted through Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), and through 41 radio channels. It is estimated that PBC reaches 83 million listeners.

Over the period from the 27th October till 24th November 2020, UNICEF’s Advocacy and Communication and Polio social media platforms have reached over 933,145 people per Facebook post with the number of total impressions reaching over 53 million (Facebook: 52.4 million, Twitter: 227,382 and Instagram: 320,442). Additionally, 7.3 million people were reached through WhatsApp. The number of people engaged through social media is 20,278 per Facebook post and the total number of engagements reached is 4,756 (Facebook: 1.2 million, Twitter: 4,756 and Instagram: 9,994).

Mobile vans, rickshaws and mobile floats were used in all provinces, including through polio and health structures, to disseminate messages on the importance of physical distancing, preventive behaviours, handwashing and hygiene. Cumulatively 22.9 million at risk people have been reached with preventive messages on COVID-19 with 2.6 million people reached during the reporting period. WhatsApp continues to be used as an important communication channel and has been used 297,109 times to date to reach people with information on risk perception, infection prevention and key practices related to COVID-19.

Feedback Mechanisms: The Polio helpline, now also used for COVID-19 purposes, receives nearly 15,000 calls per day, through 250 telephone operators/agents. The helpline has shown to have been a very effective tool to build trust between the population and the government and partner response teams, as well as to help 'manage' the pandemic. It also informs callers on where they can get tested and/or get treatment for COVID-19, as well as receiving feedback from callers on their views and concerns which helps all partners and sectors to adjust their messaging accordingly. The helpline has received over 7.36 million calls and over 5.23 million calls have been responded to.

Media orientation and mobilization: A total of 181,267 (157 new) journalists, reporters and bloggers have been engaged at both federal and provincial level for promoting key messages on COVID-19 and to counter negative media and COVID-19 related myths. To counter the belief that coronavirus is fake, journalists and reporters continued writing about the severity of the disease, importance of testing, early professional health seeking behaviours and the importance of physical distancing as well as key behaviours to follow, such as handwashing and general hygiene.

Partnerships: UNICEF is working with the federal and provincial governments as well as implementing partners which include: WHO, UNHCR, UNDP, FAO, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNODC, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, UN HABITAT, UNRC, WFP, ICRC, PRCS, GRASP/ITC, Digital Pakistan, UNILEVER, Daraz.pk, Zong4G, AKF, HANDS, Pakistan Medical Association.

2. Infection Prevention and Control

Coordination: UNICEF continue to coordinate with WHO and other UN agencies to provide technical support on IPC through the UN IPC technical working group. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Climate Change (MOCC) to convene virtual WASH sector coordination meetings at federal level bringing together over 70 organizations and government representatives from all the provinces to bring focus to the WASH component of IPC. The same support is being extended to the departments of local government in the four provinces to hold similar coordination meetings on weekly basis. All participating organizations are reporting their progress through the 4Ws matrix, ensuring effective coordination and efficient use of resources by avoiding duplication. The IPC-WASH sector, with support from UNICEF and the Global WASH Cluster (GWC), has developed an online dashboard which gives a visual view of the 4Ws matrix analysis, showing progress by each partner in each location. The online version is accessible through the following link:


Response: Considering the second spike in COVID-19 cases, UNICEF realigned its geographic focus to 21 High Burden Districts to support WASH/IPC interventions. To date, UNICEF has rehabilitated and installed WASH facilities which include Ultraviolet (UV) water filters, toilets and handwashing stations in 604 (26new) Healthcare Facilities (HCFs) i.e. Sindh: 38, KP: 115, Punjab: 373 and Balochistan: 78. More than 2.1 million people (200,000 new) have gained

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4 Definition of social media engagement includes likes, shares and retweets
access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in these HCFs contributing towards reducing the risk of COVID-19 infection among the healthcare workers. Over 9.3 million people (754,769 new) have been supported with hygiene promotion services including COVID-19 prevention and control information. Over 5 million (300,000 new) people have used the 1,929 (153 new) handwashing stations at communal points in affected areas. To date, UNICEF supported the training of 7,172 (1,073 new) frontline sanitary workers to enhance the capacity of sanitary and frontline health workers on WASH/IPC in HCFs and high-risk communities.

To contribute to the safe school return for children, UNICEF is targeting WASH-IPC initiatives in 1,152 schools (Balochistan 232, Punjab 500, Sindh 120, KP 300) and to date 946 (367 new) schools and have been reached 946 schools (KP: 217, Punjab: 257, Balochistan: 222, Sindh: 250) with WASH/IPC services.

Under the coordination of MOCC, sector partners, including UNICEF have provided WASH services to 1,262 HCFs (86 new) reaching more than 6.7 million people (300,000 new) with WASH services and to date 3,076 (339 new) handwashing stations have been installed. Over 27 million people (over 1.2 million new) have been supported with hygiene promotion services including COVID-19 prevention and control information. The mobile application allowing for two-way communication with the Clean and Green Pakistan champions is used to engage with the youth (18 years and above) and 119,000 youth have registered on the system and 50,000 have acknowledged the messages on COVID-19 related social and behaviour change communication around hand hygiene. To contribute to safe school return for children, the WASH sector is targeting WASH/IPC initiatives in 2,952 schools and to date 1,072 schools (211 new) have been reached (KP: 320, Punjab: 262, Balochistan: 230, Sindh: 260) with WASH – IPC services.

Partnerships: UNICEF is working with the federal and provincial governments as well as with implementing partners including: AKF, IRP (Islamic Relief Pakistan), HANDS, SRSP, WASA Lahore, WSSC Swat, WSSC Abbottabad, WSSP, Peshawar, BRSP, Unilever and DFID, WHO, UNFPA and UN-Habitat.

3. Psychosocial Support and Child Protection

Coordination: During the reporting period, Child Protection and Gender Based Violence (GBV) Sub Working group jointly organized 3 webinars for its member organizations focusing on Psychosocial Support Services (PSS), the coordination mechanism and Case Management for GBV and child protection. A total of 12 member organizations actively participated to the webinars. Coordination meetings of the Child Protection Sector took place at the Federal level as well as in Sindh and KP provinces. In Sindh discussions focused on the response to the 2nd wave of COVID-19 and delivery of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support and Services (MHPSS) for girls, boys, parents, caregivers and community members while in KP the child protection IEC material approved by the government were shared and discussed among the members.

Response: To date, a total of 6,705 social workforce professionals (3,487 women and 3,218 men) have been trained in psychosocial support and stigma prevention in all provinces through package developed by UNICEF including 1,294 trained during the reporting period (554 females and 740 males) in Sindh (22 males, 8 females), Punjab (70 males, 27 females), Balochistan (25 females, 28 males), KP (620 females, 487 males and GB (3 females, 4 males)

A total of 114,857 parents, caregivers, children and individuals (11,594 girls, 12,003 boys, 47,719 women, 43,541 men) received PSS by trained social workforce professionals in Punjab, KP, Sindh, Balochistan and GB with 52,640 reached within the reporting period (Punjab: 47,493, KP: 1,202, Sindh: 3613, Balochistan: 98 and GB: 234). This includes 46,853 individuals (6,921 girls, 5,907 boys, 18,839 women and 15,186 men) who received specialized counselling sessions in Punjab, KP and Balochistan.

The stigma prevention messages reached over 9 million more people during the reporting period increasing the total reach to over 45.6 million people. The messages on Violence Against Children (VAC) and Online Safety reached over 5.3 million people (1.27 million girls, 1.34 million boys, 1.28 million women, 1.42 million men) in Balochistan, Sindh and Punjab provinces. This includes over 5,17 million people (1,26 million girls, 1.32 million boys, 1.24 million women, 1.34 million men) who were reached during this reporting period. Meanwhile, the total number of children who received child protection services supported by UNICEF in Sindh and Balochistan has reached 868 children (198 girls, 670 boys). This includes 239 (61 girls and 178 boys) who received services during the reporting period.
Partnerships: UNICEF is working with the Federal and Provincial Governments as well as implementing partners including DANESH (Drugs and Narcotics Educational Services for Humanity), Agha Khan Foundation, DevCon, School of Leadership Foundation and PAHCHAAN (Protection and Help of Children Against Abuse and Neglect).

4. Health

Coordination: UNICEF Health is working in close coordination with Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination (MNHSR&C), Provincial Health Departments, UN and Development partners.

During the reporting period UNICEF in close coordination with MNHSR&C, World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) worked on procurement of COVID-19 supplies under Pandemic Emergency Funds and ADB Grant where procurement lists and distribution plans were approved by the MNHSR&C for further processing.

The Federal Expanded Program on Immunization (FEPI) held a meeting on 2nd November to engage the partners on COVAX preparedness. UNICEF has been designated a member of the Federal technical working group on COVAX and is part of the sub technical working groups on procurement and supply, cold chain and vaccine logistic, RCCE and vaccine delivery in general. UNICEF participated in FEPI’s consultative meeting on 23rd November to finalize the COVID 19 vaccine application to be submitted to the COVAX facility and submit technical assistance needs available through GAVI.

Response: UNICEF is supporting the Provincial and Regional health departments to ensure continuation of essential primary health care services including immunization, Ante-Natal Care (ANC), Post-Natal Care (PNC), delivery services, childcare and curative care for adults in 136 targeted health facilities reaching 620,861 people during the reporting period (Balochistan:12,411; Sindh: 28,632; KP: 3206; Punjab: 576,612) with a total reach of over 3 million since the onset of COVID-19. Measles immunization reached a total of 6,413 children (under 1 year) (Balochistan: 465; KP: 369; Sindh: 589; Punjab: 4,990) during the reporting period with a total of 65,826 children vaccinated against measles in the 136 UNICEF supported health facilities. UNICEF has provided basic PPEs (gloves, sanitizers and masks) to 10,167 frontline health workers during the reporting period (Balochistan: 9,365; Sindh: 802;) and reached a total of 130,154 frontline workers.

UNICEF supported IPC training reaching 142,978 frontline health workers in total with 54,818 health workers trained during the reporting period. Of these, 51,677 were polio workers of different cadres from all districts of Sindh who were trained on IPC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

UNICEF also supported the training of 83,744 frontline health workers and community volunteers on COVID-19 and case identification and referral of suspected cases (1,983 trained during the reporting period).

The Pediatric Department from the Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) Sindh in collaboration with UNICEF Pakistan and Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) organized a two days training on “Case Management of Pediatric COVID-19” for Faculty and Post Graduate students where a total of 26 participants were trained. In addition, sessions are ongoing in all districts of Punjab, 7 sessions have been already taken place with over 900 Pediatricians trained to date.

Partnerships: MNHSR&C, Provincial and Regional Departments of Health, Health Education Cell under DG Health Services, MNCH, EPI, LHWs, AIDS Control, PPA, Family Physician Association of Pakistan, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, SARHAD (a CSO) and Public Health Association, PHC Global, Aga Khan Foundation and Agha Khan Development Network, in GB and Health Services Academy, Bridge consultant, Premier Advertisers, Pakistan Medical Association and Pediatric European Network for the Treatment of AIDS (PENTA).

5. Nutrition

Coordination: Sector coordination continued with 8 meetings taking place during the reporting period, two at the National and six at the sub-national level in KP, Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan. The NNWG engaged with all partners to carry out a nutrition gap analysis for the 15 high burden COVID-19 2nd wave districts. The Nutrition COVID-19 dashboard for October 2020 was also issued during the reporting period.
UNICEF Response: To ensure continuity of lifesaving nutrition services in Punjab, UNICEF procured 12,000 cartons of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and 100,000 cartons of Micronutrient Powder (MNP) to support the Integrated Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition Program (IRMNCH&N) Punjab.

Across Pakistan, a total of 2,756 UNICEF supported health sites provided nutrition services during the reporting period, an increase of 13 sites as compared to previous report. A total of 140,730 SAM children have been admitted for treatment with 29,503 children (14,457 girls and 15,046 boys) admitted during the reporting period (Balochistan: 1,931, Sindh: 20,702; KP: 12,151 and Punjab: 4,130.). Training on the simplified Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) guidelines was provided to a total of 17,206 healthcare providers in Baluchistan.

With UNICEF Support, approximately 32,856 people (Punjab: 8917, KP: 11,939 and Federal: 12,000) were reached with IYCF messages, in COVID-19 context, through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). Through community engagement efforts, an additional 295,307 mother/caregivers (KP: 19,041 Baluchistan: 17,206, Punjab: 124,555 and Sindh 134,505) were reached for COVID-19 sensitive IYCF, breastfeeding (BF) and nutrition messages in the community.

In Sindh, UNICEF supported 10 mobile teams in Tharparkar to provide nutrition services in hard to reach and rain affected areas with 12,008 children screened, 2,582 provided with micronutrients and 618 enrolled for SAM treatment. UNICEF in collaboration with the provincial government, organized a 2- day training reaching 25 implementing partners’ staff on the Nutrition Information Management System. Around 1,900 healthcare providers at tertiary, secondary and primary level and community midwives were trained on Lactation Management and Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI).

In Baluchistan, 1,880 school-going adolescent girls received multi-micronutrients (MM) supplementation to address micronutrient deficiencies. Nutrition directorate conducted 35 orientation sessions on Nutrition services standard protocols and COVID-19 SOPs to benefit over 21,500 beneficiaries.


6 Education:

Coordination: The Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) met on the 23rd November and was chaired by the Minister for the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT). The Minister announced that, due to the current COVID-19 situation, all universities, colleges, public and private schools, tuition centers and madrassas will be closed from 26th November to 24th December which will be followed by the winter holidays from 25th December 2020 to 10th January 2021.

To increase the coverage and access of distance learning, the MoFEPT and Radio Pakistan signed a MoU to launch a Radio school that will broadcast education content for 4 hours everyday. This is an additional platform to Teleschool which was launched in March this year.

Response: UNICEF is providing support to the provincial and district education departments for the continuity of learning through remote/home-based learning materials, TeleSchool and other enhanced remote learning platforms. For safe school operations, UNICEF is training School Management Committee (SMCs) members, teachers and education officials on safe school operations, quality learning and MHPSS. Regular monitoring of SOPs in schools continued during the reporting period by District Monitoring and Health teams for timely action until the closure of the schools. Since the beginning of the response a total of 1,708,347 School Management Committee (SMCs) members, teachers and education personnel have been reached with COVID-19 prevention messages via SMS, robocall and social media.
A total of 2,705 SMC members have been trained on safe school reopening, including 920 SMC members trained during the current reporting period. Training on psychosocial support and safe reopening of schools has reached 30,112 teachers, including 11,027 teachers during the reporting period.

As part of preparedness for school closures in the recent second wave, UNICEF is supporting the Literacy department to provide remedial worksheets to 185,312 students (97,850) in 4,632 Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) in 16 districts of Punjab that include 2 from high burden districts of Faisalabad and Lahore of Punjab.

As a precautionary measure, the Directorate of Elementary and Secondary Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province directed the districts to prepare assignments based on five weeks’ course content for children to be completed during schools closure. These assignments will be evaluated with marks added to the total score of the upcoming examination.

With UNICEF’s support, the School Education and Literacy Department (SELD) in Sindh is preparing initial guidelines on studying from home during the current school closure. The Guidelines include: the creation of WhatsApp Group and IDs on Microsoft Teams for students and teachers; trainings of teachers to develop homework assignments as per compressed curriculum; the usage of WhatsApp/MS Teams to deliver homework assignments and remote teaching/support/ feedback; remote/on-site monitoring and field and provincial progress reviews of “studying from home” on a weekly basis as well as public service messages using radio on COVID-19 to emphasise Studying from Home.

Partnerships: Ministry of Federal Education, Provincial Education Departments, Indus Resource Center, Knowledge Platform, Microsoft, Viamo and SABAQ Foundation.

7. Social Policy:
Coordination:
The Social Policy Section has just started a partnership with the National COVID-19 Secretariat. It is planned to collaborate on the following:
   a. Development of a COVID-19 Equity/vulnerability profiles around children in Islamabad Capital; and,
Response:
UNICEF led budgetary analysis of fiscal budget 2020-21 to devise policy recommendations for increased resource allocation for children in light of pandemic and also provide technical support to Planning and Development Department and Finance Department for child centered budget allocation and expenditure mechanisms.

In AJK, the MICS data collection activities had to be delayed due to the risk of COVID-19. This delay was essential to reduce exposure and spread of the virus in the community. However, the work reinitiated last month and current activities are fully compliant with the provincial SOPs. Due to the second wave of COVID-19, the Annual Review Meeting of the Sindh Government that was likely to provide UNICEF a chance to get endorsement of Sindh MICS results has been postponed.

Partnerships: Ministry and Dept. of Planning, Development and Initiatives at National and Provincial level, Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs in National Assembly and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics.

Adolescent and Youth Development and Participation
Coordination: The five UN agencies (UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR and UNICEF) are building on their joint collaboration to promote sustainable adolescents and youth engagement in governance beyond COVID-19 response. The total number of trained ambassadors reporting the rollout of cascaded training and engagement with their peers, families, and community members on COVID-19 increased from 120 to 130 during the reporting period. Together, the 130 ambassadors have trained 974 other young people who have reached 3,720 with key safety messages on keeping safe from COVID-19 infection. The 3rd and last one to one mentoring session has been conducted with all the participants on the 17th and 18th November where participants discussed their project progress with mentors and developed strategies for achieving the remaining milestones.
Response: The 28 participants of the Youth Innovation Challenge (YIC) continue to carry out their project activities and 10 out of the 28 are adolescents, between the age group of 15-18 years. Now they are working on achieving the final outcome. The School of Leadership Foundation program team will get in touch with all the participants directly to check if any participant requires another session of mentoring or require help to achieve their final outcomes. Mentors have shared their feedback on the motivation and attitudes of the innovator.

Three participants of Appreciative Enquiry had a digital meeting with UNICEF Representative on world children's day to know how these adolescents are taking action and becoming agents of positive change in their communities. They also discussed how they would like to reimagine their future post-COVID-19. The scope of work for Phase 2 of Adolescent and Youth Engagement work is focused on 15 high burden areas and 3 ECHO districts (Karachi, Larkana, and Jafferabad), TORs, and single-source waiver has been approved and is under finalization.

Partnerships: School of Leadership Foundation, Viamo, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA and UNHCR.

Supply and Procurement Services

UNICEF Pakistan committed a total of approximately US$8 million for procurement of COVID-19 supplies in support of its Programmes, to include PPEs (gloves, surgical caps, boot covers), sanitizers, IEC and RCCE materials, media engagement related services, WASH sanitation products, rehabilitation of Health Facilities, COVID-19 call centre and consultancy services. This also included procurement for safe reopening of schools, to include PPEs, IPC materials and supported WASH construction activities, including in schools and health facilities.

ADB, Pakistan Signed US$ 2 million Grant Agreement to Combat COVID-19 through UNICEF

On 3rd November, ADB and the Government of Pakistan signed a US$ 2 million grant agreement to strengthen Pakistan’s efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant, approved by ADB in March and financed from the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund, will help provide life-saving medical supplies, diagnostic and laboratory facilities, and other critical equipment for communities affected by the pandemic. The grant will be managed through UNICEF to support the procurement of the laboratory equipment and in-country distribution to more than 20 government laboratories. The grant supplements an initial US$ 500,000 provided by ADB through UNICEF to support Pakistan’s procurement of emergency supplies and personal protective equipment. These have been delivered to doctors, nurses, and other medical staff in major health facilities prioritized by the government.

Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination allocated the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) grant of US$ 15 million to UNICEF as PEF accredited responding agency

On 2nd November 2020, the Government of Pakistan, through MoNHSRC nominated UNICEF as a PEF Responding Agency to implement the allocation of US$ 15 million in support of the procurement of COVID-19 supplies. UNICEF initiated the procurement process of diagnostic equipment (1,15 million tests and 8 PCR machines and accessories); PPEs (surgical masks 300,000; gloves 600,000; surgical caps 600,000, surgical gowns 6,000; handsanitizers 1,500) and 1,320 oxygen concentrators kits. The supplies will be distributed to all the provinces.

UNICEF Pakistan and MNHSR&C signed the Pandemic Response Effectiveness in Pakistan (PREP) agreement with a total value of US$ 70 million funded by World Bank for procurement of hospital equipment through UNICEF. The project will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by strengthening the country’s national healthcare systems and mitigating socio-
economic disruptions. The items to be procured includes PPEs, diagnostics equipment, clinical management equipment, medicines, vehicles, ambulances in support of designated hospitals and laboratories in the major cities across the country, laboratories, quarantine centres, entry points, isolation facilities with the aim of strengthening health system.

UNICEF is part of the technical working group for COVAX at national and provincial level, as well as sub groups for vaccines and cold chain logistics and RCCE. Through this TWG, the technical assistance needs for COVID-19 vaccine introduction as well as the application to COVAX vaccine portfolio was submitted on 7th Dec 2020; the country therefore opened to receive vaccines that have been WHO prequalified or have achieved Emergency Use Listing by WHO. In addition, UNICEF may also procure and supply vaccines which have licensure or authorisation by a stringent regulatory authority. UNICEF also supported Government of Pakistan in cold chain assessment and gaps identification which exist only for ultra cold chain in case the country wants to procure mRNA Pfeizer’s vaccine.

**Human Interest Stories and External Media**

On the occasion of World Children’s Day, UNICEF turned 31 iconic landmarks and monuments blue in seven locations across Pakistan’s five provinces or territories, in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Human Rights, the National and Provincial Assemblies and the private sector. Monuments as iconic as the Khyber Pass at the Afghan border, Lahore Fort or the Mausoleum of Pakistan’s founding father in Karachi were included. The initiative was used to promote child rights and advocate that the COVID-19 crisis is also a Child Rights crisis, as stated in two press releases and one Op-Ed which received wide coverage in the media. UNICEF produced a video in which children and adolescents spoke out in support of child rights and of the need to adhere to COVID-19 lifesaving behaviours in front of landmarks turned blue across the country. UNICEF also organized a virtual “Leadership Kids Take Over” with the Representative and four adolescents and young people who are taking action in their communities, with the discussions focusing on child rights; COVID-19 prevention and the UNICEF response to the pandemic; and how to reimagine the future post-COVID. UNICEF also organized a virtual session with the Representative and children of staff to discuss child rights and reimagine the future. Moreover, a video message from a young actress and a youth advocate aged (21) was disseminated on social media.

UNICEF released a video in which 12-year-old girl helped her schoolmates stay safe from COVID-19 at school in Quetta, Balochistan, as part of UNICEF ROSA’s video series on #BackToSchool and UNICEF Pakistan’s #SafeAtSchool campaign, and an Op-Ed by UNICEF Regional Director in ‘The News’ on ‘Helping children learn’. As part of the ‘Every Child Alive & Thriving’ campaign, UNICEF published videos, a press release and interactive content on the occasion of World Pneumonia Day. UNICEF published a story on youth engagement in Pakistan in the time of COVID-19; and a press release on the signature of a US$ 2 million grant agreement between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government, which will enable UNICEF to procure supplies and equipment to strengthen Pakistan’s efforts to combat COVID-19.

**LINKS**

**WORLD CHILDREN’S DAY:**
31 monuments turned blue:
Photos: [www.facebook.com/169948489692063/posts/3647932355226975/?extid=0&d=n](http://www.facebook.com/169948489692063/posts/3647932355226975/?extid=0&d=n)
Video teaser: [www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/3339762579426967](http://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/3339762579426967)

**Video of children and adolescents speaking out in front of blue landmarks:**

**Virtual Leadership Kids Take Over:**
12mn video with all four adolescents:
Four ‘one-to-one’ mini video clips:
https://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/472163453761868
https://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/217198666466222
https://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/2737675253149900
https://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/2311935816810166

Two press statements:
https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/ur/press_release/chldrens_day_urdu?fbclid=IwAR0RTD7bqwnXZM1S6-iHr5X40suFG41Nqe9jEH7yNKbQTukiDNBuOCI-qAg
Op-Ed in Dawn:

Video message from young actress and youth advocate Arisha Razi Khan:
https://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/415672749437451

PRESS STATEMENTS:
UNICEF condemns attack on religious school in Peshawar:

UNICEF condemns abuse of four-year-old girl and mother in Kashmore:

ADB, Pakistan Sign $2 Million Grant Agreement to Combat COVID-19 through UNICEF:

SAFE AT SCHOOL:
Video featuring 12-year-old Nadia in Quetta:
https://www.facebook.com/169948489692063/videos/413386440028794

Op-Ed by UNICEF Regional Director in 'The News':
https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/742967-helping-children-learn?fbclid=IwAR2u3FF2Fh47uynmNkekdwxZEiR2yRYGlV0-9h6Am3fxp2rU-N2fkZnQ88

EVERY CHILD ALIVE & THRIVING (World Pneumonia Day & PCBI):
Videos:
www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/2762221830666830
www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/756577264923626

One of the infograms: www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/photos/a.191248050895440/363930326889884/

Story:
www.unicef.org/pakistan/stories/new-initiative-helps-keep-every-child-alive-pakistan?fclid=1wAR3mgJJo9Pwr-p20Us3oD7pUWms7PquiOCGuG0H4gCi9bSkeehp6xGcvM

WORLD TOILET DAY:
Video of the webinar: www.facebook.com/CesviPakistan/videos/745659242809489
One of the infograms: www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/photos/a.191248050895440/3639303266089884/

Funding

UNICEF Pakistan required US$ 50.2 million to support the COVID-19 humanitarian action in the country. The office has received US$ 20.79 million (41 per cent) for the humanitarian response in the country. Additional funds have been received from World Bank Pandemic Emergency Financing (PEF) and ADB to support the government in procurement of health supplies as well as from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for RCCE activities of Polio Eradication
A substantial funding gap of US$ 29.41 million (59 per cent) persists to provide required essential services nationwide, especially in the areas of WASH and community engagement.

Funds received till date include US$ 5.61 million existing resources/programmes re-purposed for COVID-19 from the European Union, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) funded, Child Labour: Exploitation of Children in South Asia Programme (CLECSAP), ASWA II, Aawaz II, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Merged Districts (KPMD) Support Programme, UNICEF’s Global Thematic Humanitarian Funds and Regular Resources.

In-kind contribution received from Unilever and Procter and Gamble (includes sanitation, hygiene and disinfection material) along with airtime to reach people through mass media. Partnership with Zong 4G, on communicating preventive behaviour messages on their social media pages have contributed and helped achieve positive results for behavioural change.

The office has received US$17.50 million from ADB and World Bank PEF to support procurement of COVID-19 related PPEs, laboratory diagnostic items and other essential medical supplies. The procurement has been done through UNICEF Procurement Services on behalf of MoNHSR&C, Government of Pakistan.

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<td>9 500 000</td>
<td>2 539 758</td>
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<td>17 100 000</td>
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<td>757 502</td>
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<td>420 655</td>
<td>792 650</td>
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<td>5 625 000</td>
<td>4 165 663</td>
<td>107 468</td>
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<td>Coordination, technical support and</td>
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Funds received for Procurement services: $17 500 000

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<td>Number of people reached through social media**</td>
<td>1,500,000</td>
<td>933,145</td>
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<td>Number of people engaged through social media***</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>20,278</td>
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<td>Number of at-risk populations reached through community engagement</td>
<td>201,066,962</td>
<td>22,955,428</td>
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<td>Number of members of religious leaders engaged in promoting key messages</td>
<td>345,000</td>
<td>423,662</td>
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<td>Number of media practitioners oriented on reporting on COVID-19</td>
<td>40,000</td>
<td>181,267</td>
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<td>Number of calls received from helpline</td>
<td>16,000,000</td>
<td>7,361,945</td>
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<td>11,000,000</td>
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<td><strong>Infection Prevention and Control (WASH)</strong></td>
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<td>Number of health facilities provided with essential WASH services.</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>604</td>
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<td>Number of people at high risk of COVID-19 supported with hygiene promotion activities and facilities</td>
<td>10,000,000</td>
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<td>Number of community sites with handwashing facilities in the affected areas</td>
<td>1,800</td>
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<td># of schools in targeted high-risk areas supported with IPC measures and improved water and sanitation</td>
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<td><strong>Psychosocial Support and Child Protection</strong></td>
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<td>Number of affected people, including children, who received psycho-social support</td>
<td>63,400</td>
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<td>Number of social and care workers trained on psychosocial support and stigma reduction</td>
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<td>Number of people reached with stigma prevention messages</td>
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<td>Number of children (boys and girls) and adolescents (boys and girls) who receive child protection services supported by UNICEF (Response)</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>Number of people (children and adults) reached with prevention messages on VAC including online safety</td>
<td>560,000</td>
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<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
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<td>Number of SMCs/PTMCs members, teachers and other education personnel reached with prevention information via SMS, robocall and social media</td>
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<td><strong>Building Resilient Health Systems</strong></td>
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<td>Number of people benefitting from continuity of primary health care services at UNICEF supported health facilities</td>
<td>3,200,000 3,079,597 620,861▲</td>
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<td>Number of children &lt; 1 vaccinated against Measles</td>
<td>170,000 65,826 6,413▲</td>
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<td>Number of frontline health workers reached with basic PPEs (masks, gloves and hand sanitizers)</td>
<td>150,000 130,154 10,167▲</td>
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<td>Number of frontline workers trained on infection prevention and control</td>
<td>150,000 142,978 54,818▲</td>
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<td>Number of frontline health workers and community volunteers oriented on COVID-19 and referral of suspected cases</td>
<td>100,000 83,744 1,983▲</td>
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<td>Number of sites which are safe for service providers and patients.</td>
<td>3,000 2,756 22▲ 3,500 3,360 18▲</td>
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<td>Number of mothers and caregivers at high risk of infection supported with IYCF and hygiene promotion.</td>
<td>1,110,747 1,368,310 295,307▲ 4,369,244 1,653,827 351,949▲</td>
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<td>Number of children treated for SAM without complication in a safe environment at health facility</td>
<td>277,630 140,730 29,503▲ 584,098 198,144 43,209▲</td>
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*For RCCE sector results: UN agencies are not doing COVID-19 activities anymore therefore the sector results only show UNICEF contribution.
** To minimize double counting UNICEF HQ RCCE Guidelines define the result as the number of impressions per post from the highest performing platform for last month.
*** During data cleaning the achieved results have been reduced from previously reported results.