



West and Central Africa Regional Office Humanitarian Snapshot

Reporting countries: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Liberia and Togo



January - March 2021

- COVID-19 continued to create significant emergency needs across West and Central Africa Region (WCAR). Following the pandemic's first wave from March until September 2020, the region experienced a second wave from November 2020 until March 2021. Between 1 January and 31 March, 243,225 cases were reported across WCAR, with 3,159 related deaths (CFR 1.3%).

- In February 2021, WCAR countries received the first shipments of COVID-19 vaccines under the global COVAX Facility, which aims to deliver 2 billion doses of vaccines to countries in need before the end of 2021. Between 1 January and 31 March, WCAR countries received 6,759,650 vaccines through the COVAX Facility.

- Further complicating an already complex public health situation, the region recorded new Ebola Virus Disease outbreaks in the [Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\)](#) and [Guinea](#). In both countries, UNICEF is supporting national authorities to contain the outbreak, including by co-leading the Risk Communication and Community Engagement and the Infection Prevention Control pillars of the response, and contributing to health and logistics response.

- In addition to emergency responses in DRC and Guinea, UNICEF is working with neighboring countries (including Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, and Liberia that sit within the regional HAC appeal) to strengthen Ebola response readiness. All neighboring countries have reactivated early warning and response mechanisms and pre-positioned stocks, and some areas have been targeted for preventive vaccination campaigns.

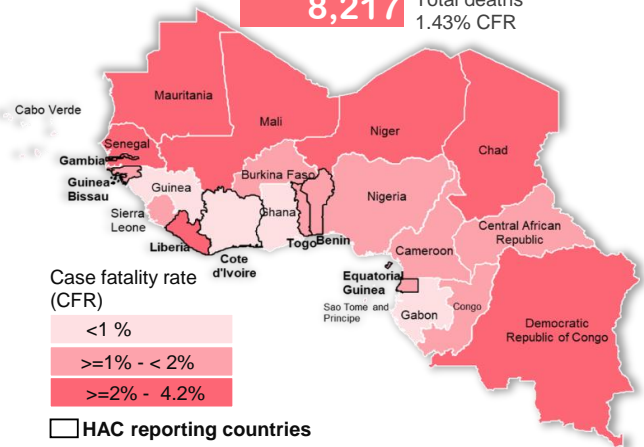
- In Bata, Equatorial Guinea, a series of explosions that were triggered accidentally inside a military base on 7 March 2021 killed dozens of people and injured hundreds. According to the national response plan, at least 16,000 people required assistance due to injuries and the destruction of homes and other infrastructure.

COVID-19 situation in WCAR

31 March 21

574,180 Total cases

8,217 Total deaths
1.43% CFR



COVID-19 situation in reporting countries

31 March 21

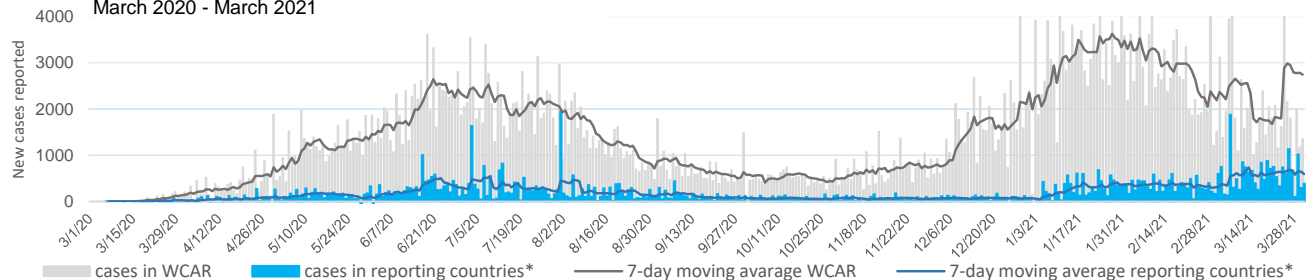
78,926 Total cases, 14% of total WCAR cases

853 Total deaths, 10% of total WCAR deaths

	Increase cases Jan-Mar. 21 (%)	Case fatality rate (CFR - %)	Cumulative recovered (%)
Benin	118	1.3	95.2
Bissau Guinea	49	1.7	81.5
Cote d'Ivoire	96	0.6	92.4
Equato Guinea	31	1.5	93.9
Gambia	43	3.0	93.5
Liberia	14	4.1	93.2
Togo	182	1.1	76.3

New COVID-19 cases reported daily

March 2020 - March 2021

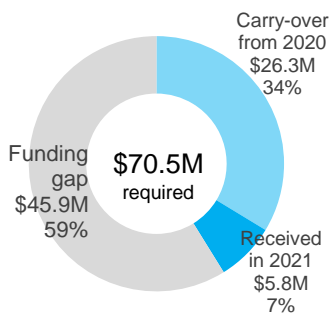


*Reporting countries are countries covered by the UNICEF Regional Office HAC appeal for 2021

Source: Data consolidated from WHO and Ministries of Health statistics

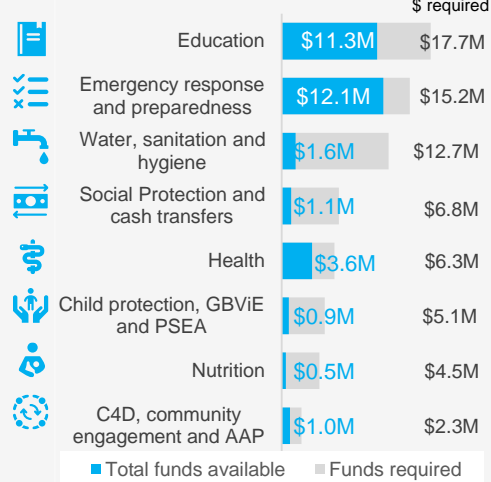
Appeal 2021 Funding Status

Total funding status*
 31 March 2021

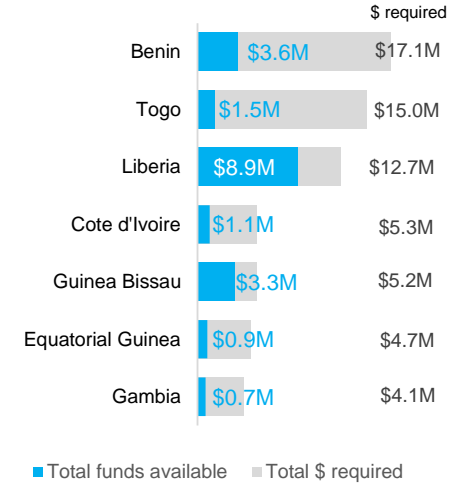


*Funding available includes funds received in 2021, carry-over from the previous year and repurposed funds with agreement from donors.

Funding by sector



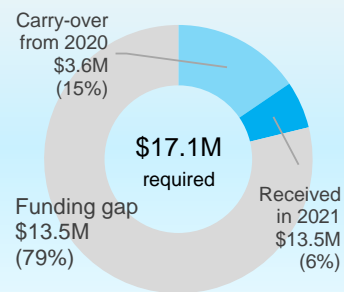
Funding by reporting country



Benin: reponse and funding status

January-March 2021

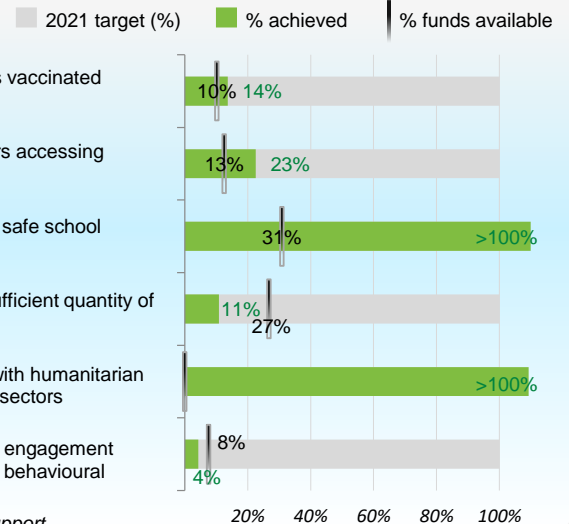
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Results

- 109,885** children under 5 years vaccinated against measles
- 16,897** children and caregivers accessing MHPSS*
- 3,779** schools implementing safe school protocols
- 17,326** people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water
- 21,863** households reached with humanitarian cash transfers across sectors
- 50,897** people participating in engagement actions (for social and behavioural change)

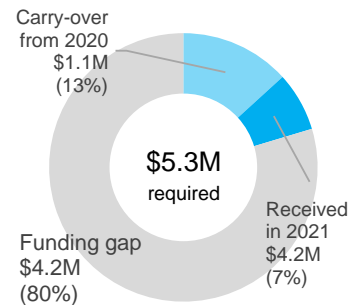
*MHPSS: Mental health and psychosocial support



Cote d'Ivoire: reponse and funding status

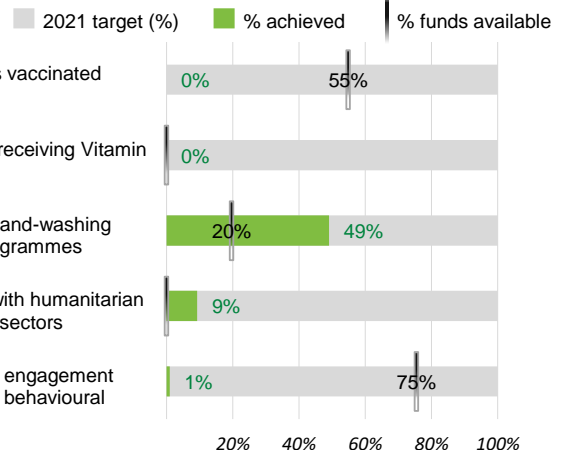
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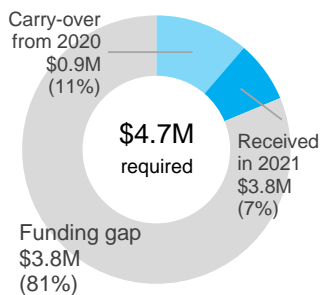
- children under 5 years vaccinated against measles
- children 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation
- 40,357** people reached with hand-washing behaviour-change programmes
- 1,622** households reached with humanitarian cash transfers across sectors
- 3,557** people participating in engagement actions (for social and behavioural change)



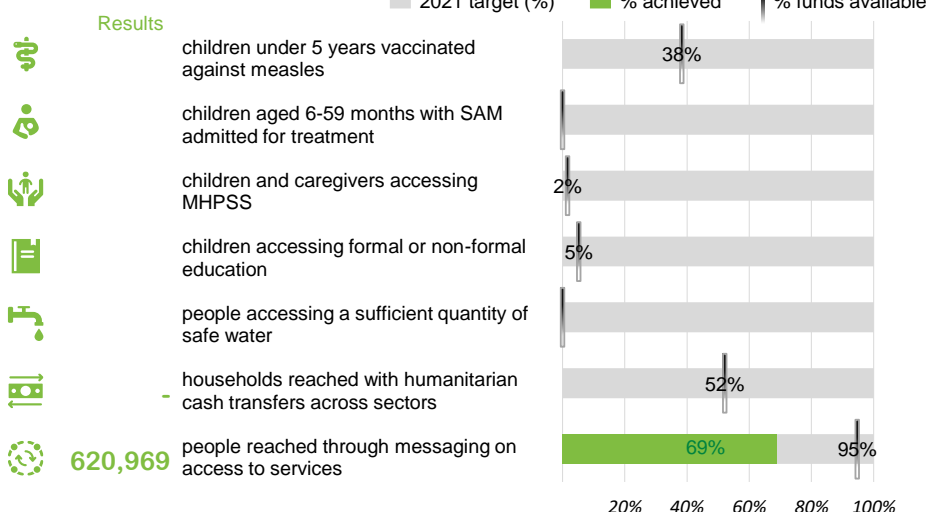
Equatorial Guinea: reponse and funding status

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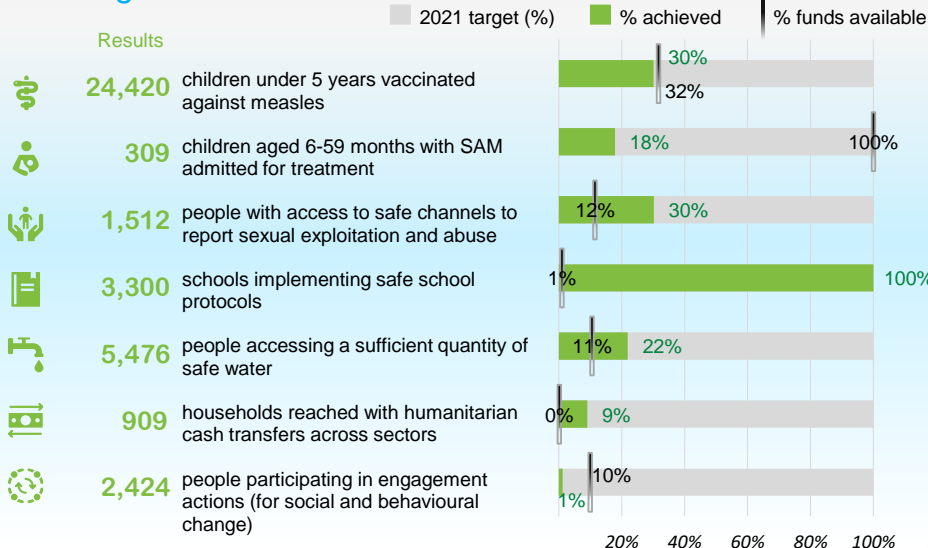
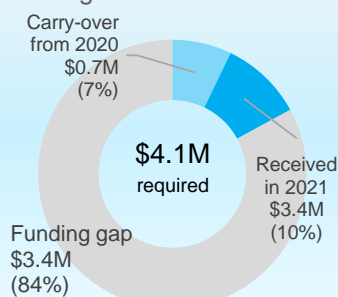
Nb: Interventions to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are being carried out, however some sector-specific data is not yet available.



Gambia: reponse and funding status

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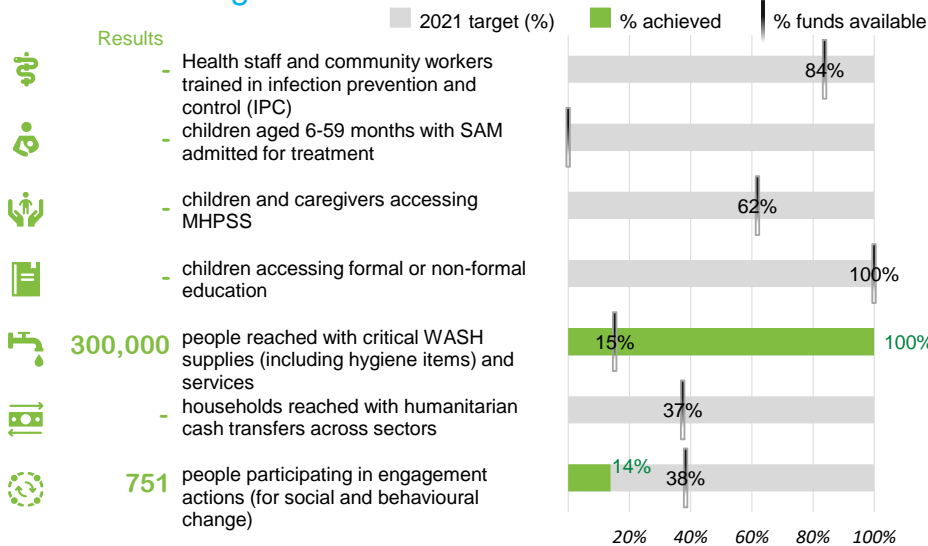
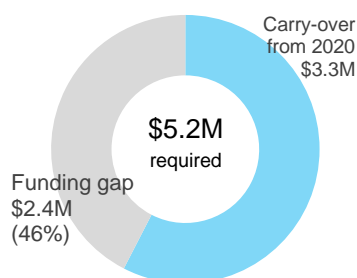
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Guinea Bissau: reponse and funding status

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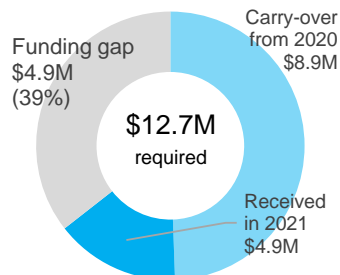




Liberia: reponse and funding status

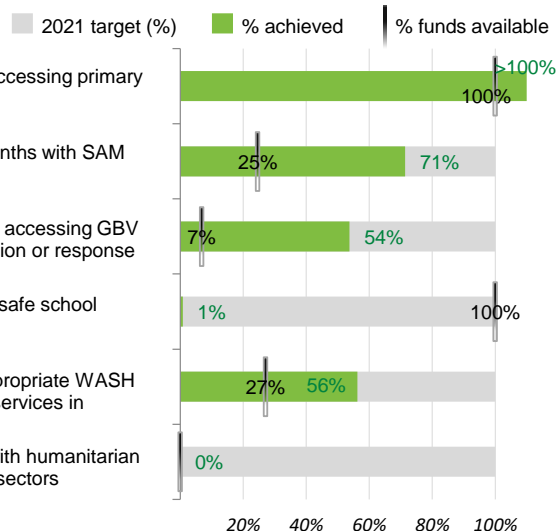
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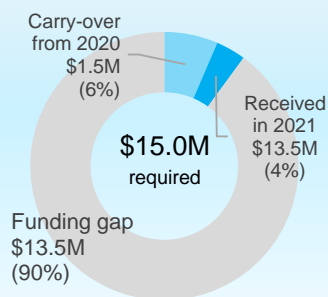
Icon	Count	Description
👤	624,277	children and women accessing primary healthcare
👤	5,245	children aged 6-59 months with SAM admitted for treatment
👤	3,223	women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions
📖	50	schools implementing safe school protocols
🚰	11,250	children accessing appropriate WASH facilities and hygiene services in learning facilities
🔄	-	households reached with humanitarian cash transfers across sectors



Togo: reponse and funding status

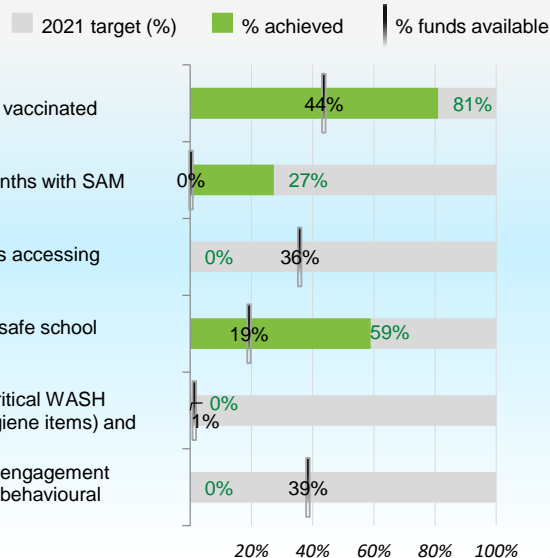
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Results

Icon	Count	Description
👤	67,012	children under 5 years vaccinated against measles
👤	1,853	children aged 6-59 months with SAM admitted for treatment
👤	-	children and caregivers accessing MHPSS
📖	590	schools implementing safe school protocols
🚰	-	people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services
🔄	-	people participating in engagement actions (for social and behavioural change)



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