

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 1st December 2020, 13,143 COVID-19 cases were confirmed, with 12,154 recoveries and 76 deaths.

Within the framework of the new mass screening strategy, coupled with social mobilization, the National Health Security Agency (*Agence Nationale de Sécurité Sanitaire - ANSS*) screened 22,995 people, 149 of whom were COVID-19 positive, i.e. 0.6% positivity rate.

UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of National Education for the safe schools reopening scheduled for 1st December 2020.

UNICEF's COVID-19 response

Health



UNICEF purchased two van ambulances with resuscitation equipment, and a set of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and hygiene kits, thanks to World Bank funds. These equipment and supplies were handed over to ANSS on the 1st December 2020 to improve patients' transfer to intensive care units.

UNICEF finalized an agreement with the World Bank and the government, to purchase 1,000,000 COVID-19 rapid test for mass screening, targeting specific groups of population (health staff, elderly, civil servant, etc).

WASH



A total number of 200,570 additional vulnerable people have benefited from soap distribution in Conakry, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs and thanks to Colgate-Palmolive donation. This distribution is critical for the promotion of hygiene practices, such as handwashing, especially among households with limited resources.

Situation in Numbers



13,143 COVID-19 confirmed cases

76 deaths



2,900,460 children affected by school closures due to COVID-19



USD 9,821,858 funding gap

Nutrition

The national scaling up Infants and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) was been validated by key stakeholders. This plan focusses on improving exclusive breastfeeding and increasing dietary diversity. In addition, UNICEF provided technical and financial to the Government to plan for a second vitamin A supplementation campaign for children aged 6-59 months from 2nd to 5th December 2020. Moreover, the Government of Guinea has allocated approximately 1,350,000 USD for the acquisition of RUTF in 2020. These important achievements show that nutrition remains a national priority, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

RCCE/C4D

UNICEF continued to support risk communication and community engagement activities in all four natural regions of Guinea. Fact sheets on barrier measures and on travel requirements within and outside the country were produced. Messages on COVID-19 prevention have been airing through community radio and national TV stations.

UNICEF has supported Local Action Groups (LAGs) in the 33 prefectures of Guinea, to collect, analyze and respond to rumors related to COVID-19, thanks to USAID funds. All 35 rural radio stations have been producing and broadcasting key messages to respond to those rumors.

Education



The Ministry of National Education launched the "Back to school" campaign aimed at getting all children back to school on December 1st, including children of pre-primary and primary school age who are out of school.. According to Minister of National Education's forecasts, more than 3 million students are expected to be enrolled in 14,300 schools in this school year.

This year's campaign, supported by UNICEF and other technical and financial partners, is peculiar as it takes place in the context of the coronavirus pandemic. It is therefore an opportunity to raise awareness and mobilize all stakeholders for a safe and inclusive back-to-school, and to counter rumors about COVID-19.

Child Protection



Two training workshops for 91 newly hired social workers took place in Conakry, with the support of UNICEF. "Child protection in the context of COVID-19" and "psychosocial support" were the main topics of the training.

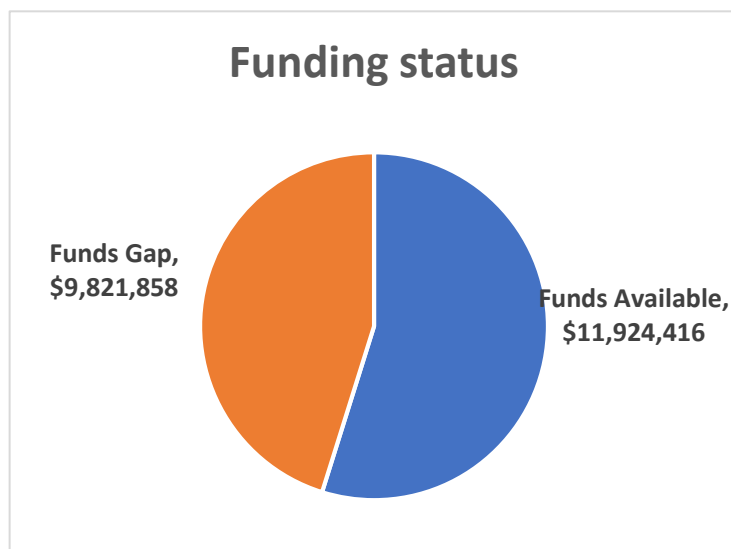
The training allowed the participants to identify and include in the national database 299 children, who had received alternative care but were not registered.. Since the beginning of the epidemic, 657 children (163 girls) have received alternative care, including 161 children (10 girls) who were released from prison.

Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

The second round of the polio vaccination campaign is planned from the 10th to the 15th December 2020, following the notification of cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). The implementation of those campaigns, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, is an opportunity to raise awareness and strengthen community engagement on barrier measures and on the utilization of health services, especially immunization.

To ensure sustainability of WASH interventions, a post Open Defecation Free (ODF) monitoring visit was organized in 7 ODF rural municipalities. The mission was led by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, with the full participation of the National Rural Water Agency and the National Directorate of Sanitation. This post ODF monitoring visit was an opportunity to emphasize the importance of rural municipality ownership of the process. The visit resulted in a road map developed by each municipality to address the challenges identified, namely sensitization to regain full ODF status and reparation of broken handpumps. A feedback meeting led by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization was held to ensure support from decision makers for the municipal road maps implementation. The process has been a good opportunity to pave the way to a nationwide post ODF strategy.

Funding Overview and Partnerships



UNICEF Guinea requires USD 9,821,858 i.e. 45 % of the funding needs to support: COVID-19 prevention and control, continued access to essential, quality and inclusive social services, including the protection of children affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The CO is in discussion with key partners to secure additional funds and thanks partners for flexible and timely funding to support the COVID-19 response in Guinea.

External Media

UNICEF Guinea's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) are regularly updated with the Office activities, to ensure the respect of children rights during the pandemic, along with messages to raise awareness on good practices to prevent infection. During the reporting period:

- Messages shared on Twitter earned 27,800 impressions (15,500 impressions during the last reporting period).
- 41,900 followers on Facebook have seen one of our posts at least once (392,267 followers during the last reporting period).
- [UNICEF Guinea's website](#) had 2,216 additional new visitors. The site is updated with articles on how child rights are handled during the pandemic in Guinea on an ongoing basis.

School reopening in Guinea is schedule for 1st December 2020. UNICEF produces [two videos](#) to sensitize parents and children on the safety of the schools reopening despite the COVID19. Regarding security measures, UNICEF has provided handwashing kits to school children in all primary schools, advised on how to enforce social distancing and temperature checks.

Due to COVID19 crisis, [the office celebrated the World Children Day via a virtual take-over of the CMT by the club of young girls leaders](#). Hadja Fatoumatou Bintou Barry, 15, was UNICEF Representative and chaired CMT meeting held on 20th November. On the agenda of the meeting, girls participating in the CMT addressed their situation and that of children during this period of COVID 19. [They shared their feelings on the impact of COVID in their daily lives and how they managed to cope. They also shared their feelings on how to re-imagine a world after COVID-19.](#)

UNICEF Global COVID-19 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/covid-2019>

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Annex A

Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement		
Number of people trained/oriented to sensitize the community on COVID-19 prevention and control	34,200	50,000
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,000,000	1,400,000
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	5,000,000	4,900,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarification for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	900,000	900,000
WASH and IPC		
Number of COVID-19 health care facilities supported with minimum WASH package	10	3
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	150,000	276,270 (140,898 women and 135,372 men)
Number of students and teachers reached with critical supplies/hygiene items	1,800,000	1 270 948 (533,798 girls and 737,150 boys)
Health		
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers (women and men) provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	500	0
Number of children (girls and boys) receiving essential health care including immunization with Penta 3 vaccine in UNICEF supported facilities	45,000	33,632
Nutrition		
Number of primary care givers (women and men) of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms	50,000	144,030 (97,076 women et 46,954 men)
Number of children (girls and boys) with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	25,000	61,832
Education		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning courses	1,887,293	1, 843,689 (1,014,029 boys; 829,660 girls)
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	9,936	7695
Child Protection and GBV		
Number of children without parental or family care receiving appropriate alternative care arrangements	800	657 (163 girls)
Number of children, parents and primary care providers (women and men) receiving community mental health and psychosocial support	5000	1 472 (542 girls and women)
Number of UNICEF staff and partners (women and men) trained in GBV including SEA risk mitigation and survivor orientation	300	715 (197 women, 518 men)
Number of children and adults (women and men) who have access to a safe and accessible channel for reporting sexual exploitation and abuse	10,000	8 300 (4 233 women, 4 067 men)
Social Protection		
Evidence on socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Guinea is available	Yes	Yes
Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs	3000	0
Number of children (girls and boys) benefitting from humanitarian multi-sector cash	5000	0
Gender		
Number of adolescent girls and boys who participate in or lead civic engagement initiatives, including online, through UNICEF COVID-19 supported programmes	200	1036 (681 girls and 355 boys)
Number of women's networks and youth groups engaged in programme design, delivery and monitoring as well as in targeted messaging and feedback mechanisms.	75	218

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funds Gap	Gap %
Risk Communication and Community Engagement	\$800,000	\$762,671	\$37,329	5%
WASH & Infection Prevention and Control	\$1,280,000	\$273,250	\$1,006,750	79%
Nutrition	\$3,085,000	\$0	\$3,085,000	100%
Health	\$4,000,000	\$3,092,495	\$907,505	23%
Child Protection	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	100%
Education	\$6,824,274	\$7,560,000	\$-735,726	-11%
Social Inclusion	\$2,170,000	\$236,000	\$1,934,000	89%
Gender	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	100%
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	100%
Coordination & Technical support & Operational cost	\$1,977,000	\$0	\$1,977,000	100%
Total	\$21,746,274	\$11,924,416	\$9,821,858	45%