



Reporting Period: 14 March – 14 April 2020

Somalia

COVID-19

Situation Report No. 1

Situation in Numbers

Ministry of Health, 14 April 2020

60 Confirmed cases in Somalia

2 Deaths

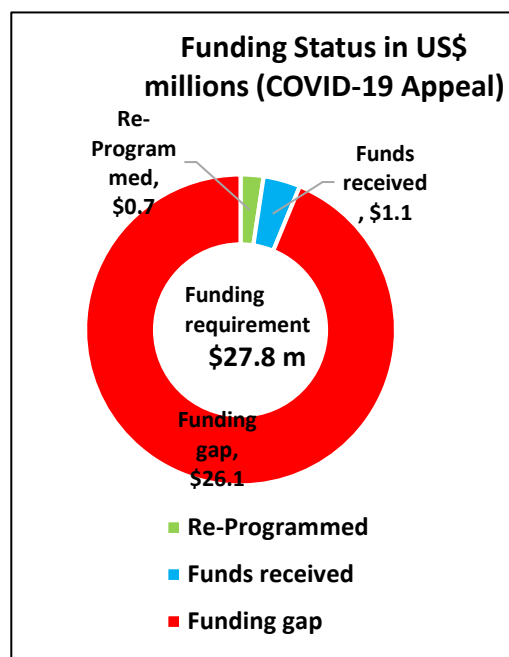
US \$ 27.8 Million needed to implement UNICEF's response

Highlights

- Somalia reported its first confirmed COVID-19 case on 16 March 2020. The number has risen to sixty (60) as of 14 April 2020. UNICEF is currently supporting the Government of Somalia in the implementation of its COVID-19 response in the areas of RCCE, Infection Prevention and Control, Case Management and Surveillance, as well as mitigating the secondary impact of COVID-19 on basic services.
- The government has taken precautionary measures closing all schools after the first confirmed case of COVID-19. Approximately 814,000 school children have been affected by school closure. UNICEF is working with partners for the provision of radio education materials to ensure continuity of education.
- Over 100 facilities have been prioritized for UNICEF's COVID-19 response: 88 for triage & referral and 19 for case management.
- 61 Healthcare Providers were trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases including among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Funding Overview

As of 15 March 2020, UNICEF's COVID-19 appeal shows a funding gap of 94 per cent from the required \$ 27.8 Million; reprogramming of the existing fund has also been done that covered 0.7% of the need. With the fast-moving spread of the pandemic, UNICEF in Somalia requires, now more than ever, additional timely and flexible funding to respond effectively and efficiently to the crisis and ensure lifesaving programmes for the ongoing humanity's needs.



Situation Overview & Humanitarian Need

The first confirmed cases of COVID-19 was reported in Somalia on March 16, 2020; as of 14 April 2020, Somalia had sixty (60) confirmed cases including two (2) deaths.

The pandemic poses unique public health, economic and social risks in Somalia, given the already weak health system and high vulnerability among the population. The 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) estimates 5.2 million people (42 per cent) of the total population of 12.3 million are in critical need of humanitarian assistance, an increase by 19 percent from 4.2 million in 2019. This number will be exacerbated by the impact of COVID-19 on the population.

The Government in coordination with the humanitarian actors has drawn up a plan for the COVID-19 preparedness and response plan. UNICEF supported the Ministry of health in the finalization of this plan and is positioned on several activities across all the axes and beyond such as risk communication, hygiene reinforcement in health facilities and communities, support to health care activities, support to IPC.

Coordination and Partnerships

UNICEF continues to contribute to the overall UN leadership in the COVID-19 response through existing platforms such as the UN Country Management Team, Humanitarian Country Team, Security Management Team. UNICEF is also using its cluster leadership role as a platform to enhance coordination in key intervention areas relevant to both COVID-19 preparedness and response. UNICEF is actively participating in the coordination meetings led by the Ministries of Health with support from WHO; as well as the UN COVID-19 Task Force and Working Groups, and internally through its Emergency Management Team.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

UNICEF supported the COVID-19 response with a combination of media and interpersonal communication channels with capacity building. House to house visits, community meetings, mosque announcements, training of social mobilizers and their supervisors and supportive supervision was conducted. Spots, short drama, and scrolls were broadcast on radio and television. IEC materials were designed, printed and displayed. All interventions featured regular messaging on issues related to WASH and nutrition.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and WASH

Over 106,000 people were reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services, of which 44,046 were people in 57 IDP settlements in Baidoa provided with emergency water and 9,000 people received hygiene kits.

In Somaliland, UNICEF provided 25,000 bars of soap to the National Committee on COVID-19. Additional 7,500 soaps were donated to MoH for distribution which were distributed to 80 health facilities and 500 households. In Puntland, 188 health facilities received 50,000 bars of soap in Bari, Mudug, Nugaal, Sanaag and Sool regions. A twin latrine and hand washing station was constructed in 1 health facility in Kismayu.

Provision of Healthcare and Nutrition Services

Delivery of nutrition treatment services has continued even after the advent of COVID-19 with UNICEF and the nutrition cluster providing technical guidance on modifications required to ensure safety of service providers and people served. At the beginning of April, UNICEF with the Nutrition Cluster and WFP adapted the two technical notes on Wasting Management and IYCF in the context of COVID-19 and these have been shared with all partners. In collaboration with WFP and the cluster, UNICEF supported a three-day long virtual training in light of COVID-19 of all nutrition partners in Somalia on the thematic areas of wasting management, IYCF practices and infection, prevention and control of COVID-19 at community levels.

109 facilities throughout Somalia were selected for UNICEF's COVID-19 response: 88 for triage & referral and 19 for case management.

UNICEF IPs have already equipped 607 health facility staff with PPE and conducted trainings for 364 staff throughout March. UNICEF has developed training materials and operational guidance for maintaining immunization / IPC to support this effort.

Access to Continuous Education and Child Protection Services

The government took the precautionary measure of closing all schools for 4 weeks after the first confirmed case of COVID-19. Approximately 814,000 school children have been affected by school closure. The closure of schools and other education facilities will have consequences on the learning due to the disruption in children's access to education and curtailing their normal social interaction in schools. UNICEF is working with partners for the provision of radio education materials to ensure continuity of education.

Over 4,400 children, parents and primary caregivers have been provided with community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support. 60 UNICEF personnel and partners completed training on GBV risk mitigation.

Human Interest Stories and External Media

In March, social media activity continued to amplify UNICEF's work for children in Somalia and the crucial support of donors and partners. Messaging linked to key prevention measures for COVID-19 was highlighted and featured widely through all channels.

Annex A

Summary of Programme Results

Sector/COVID 19 Response Pillar	Overall needs	UNICEF and IPs		Cluster/AoR Response		
		2020 Target	Total Results	2020 target	Total results *	Change since last report ▲ ▼
Risk Communication and Community Engagement including social science						
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services"		6 Million	3 Million			
WASH						
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services		300,000	106,046 (31496G 32758B 22201W 19592M)			
Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)		2,000	-			
Health						
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)		720	-			
Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases including among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women		370	61			
Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare services, including immunization, prenatal and postnatal care, HIV care and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) response care in UNICEF supported facilities.		478,899	17,580 (4346G 4728 B 8506 W)			
Nutrition						

Number of primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months who received IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms.	650,000	168,442			
Education					
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning	360,000	-			
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	450	-			
Child Protection					
Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	100,000	4436 (1476G 1640 B 736 W 586 M)			
Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors, including for sexual exploitation and abuse	300	60 (35M/25W)			

Annex B Funding Status

COVID-19 UNICEF Somalia Appeal Specific Requirements and Funding Levels					
Appeal Sector	Requirements*	Funds available**		Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year	Re-programmed	US\$	%
Objective 1 - Limit Transmission	8,610,000	578,011	663,671	7,368,318	86%
Objective 2 - Minimize Mortality and Morbidity	5,335,000	0	0	5,335,000	100%
Objective 3 - Prevent Secondary Impacts					
Health	3,855,528	0	0	3,855,528	100%
Nutrition	7,457,403	0	0	7,457,403	100%
Education	1,051,950	224,793	0	827,157	79%
Child Protection	1,521,919	267,610	0	1,254,309	82%
Total	27,831,800	1,070,414	663,671	26,097,715	94%

*'Funds available' includes funding received against current appeal as well as carry-forward from the previous year. UNICEF humanitarian programmes also benefit from resilience funding generously contributed by multiple different donors. Such resources help UNICEF contribute towards both humanitarian efforts and interventions at the nexus between humanitarian and development action for children

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UNICEF Somalia Crisis: <https://www.unicef.org/somalia/>

UNICEF Somalia Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <http://www.unicef.org/appeals/somalia.html>

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