

UNDP Burundi

Support to the National Response to Contain the Impact of COVID-19



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Burundi has announced its first two cases on March 31st and a third case on 1 April. The socio-political crisis of 2015 had vast consequences for the Burundian economy. The country has lost the support of various donors, that cut their direct budget support to the Burundian government, when Burundi lives on more than 50% on external aid.

The Country Office's response to the COVID-19 is an integral part of the UN System response i.e. the inter-agency strategic plan to support the preparation and response to COVID-19 in Burundi. As a member of UNCT Crisis Management team in Burundi, UNDP will contribute to the pillars on Coordination, Logistical Support and Communication. The first two pillars are under the leadership of WHO whilst the last on Communication is under UNICEF. As part of the UNCT response, the CO in close collaboration with RCO and UNCT, aims to play a critical role in identifying and mobilizing means of resilience for the most vulnerable populations during the crisis period, coordination of interventions and in socio-economic impact analysis and early recovery.

Considering the socio-economic analysis of COVID-19, UNDP CO will take the lead and support national institutions as well as the preparation of a post-crisis recovery strategy after the crisis. The analysis will be undertaken with partners such as the World Bank, African Development Bank, UNICEF and the interagency/donor group of economists. Additionally, UNDP intends to support the government in setting up a BCP

to ensure the continuity of minimum services at the level of essential administrations and/or ministries e.g. Justice, Police, etc. Regarding the health systems and services, the CO intends to support the procurement of health and medical equipment and establishment of an early warning and rapid response system in the health sector. In the process, UNDP will ensure that ongoing programmes under implementation to address other epidemic (malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS, cholera) are not undermined. In the event of full restriction of movements, UNDP will already support the identification of the most vulnerable groups and extends the socio-economic analysis to include the precarity of economic and social situation. If social distancing is effective, UNDP will take an active role in providing subsistence and livelihood support to the most affected including IDPs, Burundian returnees, migrants, and population in extreme precarity. Resources mobilization will be essential. UNDP CO will play a crucial role in crisis management and coordination at all stages, covering from prevention and management through the Ministry of Health and the National Platform for disaster risk reduction. UNDP will do this through optimizing the use of existing national and provincial multisectoral platforms (for 18 provinces) for disaster management. UNDP will scale up its support to the platforms to tackle the challenges amplified by the COVID19. The UNDP support will enable the platforms to discharge their mandates on coordination of interventions, communications and information sharing.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Strengthening Health Systems



Timely and sustained procurement and delivery of health products and medical equipment

Support the establishment of an **early warning and rapid response system** in the health sector

Play an active role in **providing subsistence needs of health sector** in a response to COVID-19

Ensure the health systems to support the implementation of ongoing Global Fund Grants (malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS)

Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response



Support to **inter-ministerial planning and coordination through the RC**, with special emphasis on support to non-health ministries and government

Strengthening capacity of local governments for holistic response to COVID-19 crisis.

Prevention, Advocacy, Communication and Outreach to hard-to reach areas and groups

Support to the National Platform (NPF) in order to facilitate the **coordination of interventions, communication and information** in order to be able to raise public awareness related to GoB prescriptions for the prevention, care and other of COVID19

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Policy options for Government intervention based on **Economic Impact Assessment** of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable households in Burundi

Support the identification of the most vulnerable groups and **extend socio-economic analysis** to include the precarity of economic and social situation

Socio-Economic Impact Analysis of COVID-19 on and recovery roadmap

Support to national institutions as well as the preparation of a **post-crisis recovery strategy** after the crisis

SDG Financing for national institutional strengthening and SDG acceleration

Support to **mitigate gender impact** of the pandemic

BUDGET

The UNDP Burundi COVID19 Response Plan has a budget of US\$ 14.4mil. Following a programme criticality exercise, the CO has re-prioritized and reprogrammed its unspent and uncommitted regular resources and other resources amounting to US\$3.8 mil to implement the response plan. UNDP plans to mobilize an additional US\$10.6mil to bridge the gap. The plan will be implemented for a duration of 6 to 12. The CO will scale-up recovery and resilience interventions depending on the evolution of the COVID19 outbreak and government and UN priorities.

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Support to build resilient health systems	\$5.12M	\$1.28M	\$3.84M
Promote inclusive and integrated crisis management and multi-sectoral responses	\$4.3M	\$1.5M	\$2.79M
Support to address socio-economic impact and recovery	\$5M	\$1M	\$4M
Total	\$14.42M	\$3.78M	\$10.63M