

# UNDP Cabo Verde

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



### SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Cabo Verde has recorded four confirmed positive cases, and one death as of 25 March 2020.

As part of prevention efforts, the Government created a National Technical Intervention and Response Team (ETNIR), to prepare for the emerging threat. ETNIR adopts the “one health” approach and articulates with professionals in the technical areas of human, animal and environmental health, in addition to civil protection, airport and port management and defense and security forces (police and armed forces). The Government of Cabo Verde drew up a National Contingency Plan to serve as a guiding document for the prevention and control of the disease, with clear responsibilities at the central and decentralized levels, and a multisectoral and multidisciplinary perspective.

Cabo Verde continues to invest resources and to strengthen partnerships to further progress in the implementation of the SDGs. From an economic point of view, Cabo Verde is a very fragile and vulnerable country, with a narrow revenue base. It is highly dependent on remittances from emigrants, aid from development partners and revenues from the tourism sector. The latter sector is foreseen to be affected by the global

crisis due to imposed stringent restrictions on inbound travel, closure of sea and air borders as part of preventive measures. With a very youthful population, it is feared that the effects of the crisis will increase the number of unemployed, causing a major setback in Government efforts. The country has already been plagued by three years of severe drought, which makes the situation even more dire, particularly in rural areas. Cabo Verde has on the other hand recorded one of the most impressive socio-economic performances in Africa since its independence. In 2018, the country reached 5.1% GDP growth.

The Government estimates that the country needs at least US\$150 million to confront and overcome the effects of COVID-19. The Government has already appealed to the international community, particularly the bilateral and multilateral partners, for support to mobilize resources. The World Bank has already responded with \$5 million and the European Union is preparing a financial support package. The UNCT, under the leadership of the RC, has prepared a UN COVID-19 Contingency Plan. A financial plan to support the Government, resulting from the contribution of all UN agencies in Cabo Verde in the fight against COVID-19, is in preparation.

### AREAS OF INTERVENTION

#### Strengthening Health Systems



COVID-19 **technological solution** composed of a website and an app with several modules for multi-dimensional support

Reinforcement of the Health Sector Response on COVID-19: **Health Procurement/Medical Equipment and Individual Protection (PPE)**

**Capacity building** of health care technicians on COVID-19 Management at national and rural areas

#### Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response



Capacity building for **resilient recovery** - Trainings, Communications, Awareness campaigns, pilot projects for children related to WASH

**Local Governance and Resilience** - Strengthening of planning systems and local governance, Inter-Communal Communication System, Improving Inter-communal services

#### Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Prevention of **family separation and implementation of alternative care measures**

Strengthening **community mechanisms** to response COVID-19

Study of **social development** of the population registered in the single registry and capacity building

Capacity building; creating **alternative funding options for young people**; Support to business development; Promote youth employment and access to finance; Business platform for business exchanges

**Decentralization Fund** aims to support municipalities in their fight against poverty

Infrastructures and services; Local economy and job creation; Socio-cultural support

### BUDGET

Following a programme criticality exercise, UNDP Cabo Verde has re-prioritized and reprogrammed its unspent and uncommitted regular resources and other resources from existing projects by US\$1.3 million. UNDP is mobilizing an additional \$1.7 million bringing the total UNDP contribution to the National COVID-19 pandemic to \$3 million. The UNDP COVID-19 programme is a contribution to the UN System's overall support to the Government. Implementation is foreseen over a 6 to 12-month duration pending unforeseen evolutions in the pandemic.

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Support to build resilient health systems (including health procurement, training etc.)	\$493k	\$25,000	\$468k
Promote inclusive and integrated crisis management and multi-sectoral responses	\$160k	\$110,000	\$50,000
Support to address socio-economic impact and recovery	\$2.36M	\$1.18M	\$1.17M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.01M</b>	<b>\$1.32M</b>	<b>\$1.69M</b>