

UNDP Gabon

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



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Gabon has registered seven confirmed cases and one death to date with over 350 persons in mandatory quarantine. Among other measures, the Government closed all borders, schools, restaurants, and banned all public gatherings and incoming flights. An evening curfew has also been imposed. The country is facing several challenges. Currently, all WHO test kits have been used. The Government is awaiting distribution of test kits from the Alibaba Foundation, however, generally test kits are limited. The Government currently has four Level 3 ICUs but further examination has revealed there are only six fully equipped beds to international WHO standards.

In terms of Government response mechanisms, the central level now has (Presidential and Prime Minister's level) a coordination unit, but there is no provincial-level

coordination mechanism. Social media is rife with rumors and speculation contributing to panic and psychosis. Trust in the government is low.

After close consultation with the UNCT which meets virtually on a bi-weekly basis, the Gabon UNDP CO's proposal is aligned with the UNCT's plan going forward. In sum, UNDP intends to support the ongoing efforts and positions itself in three ways.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Building Resilient Health Systems



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

Procurement and delivery of prevention and control equipment

Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response



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

Three subnational coordination units established and equipped to perform.

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



National economic analysis conducted together with the Ministry of Finance and Economy

Cash transfer programme developed that supports most vulnerable groups

BUDGET

Gabon is a middle-income country. Given the context, very limited TRAC resources are available (US\$150K TRAC 1 and \$150K TRAC2). The budget needed for the COVID-19 response is a new budget for the country office. The country office is proposing to use funding from the Country Investment Facility (\$350,000) that could not be spent in the last two years.

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Support to build resilient health systems (including health procurement, training etc.)	\$300k	\$275k	\$25,000
Promote inclusive and integrated crisis management and multi-sectoral responses	\$100k	\$50,000	\$50k
Support to address socio-economic impact and recovery	\$640k	\$25,000	\$615k
Total	\$1.04M	-	\$250k