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

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Like most countries in the Sub-Saharan African region, the Republic of Guinea is currently experiencing a delayed yet anticipated outbreak of the coronavirus. The first official case was declared on 14 April 2020 and the epidemiologic situation to date is as follows: 363 confirmed cases, 31 fully recovered and 0 death.

In order to contain the virus, limit its spread and break the transmission chains, the government, through the National Agency for Health Security (ANSS), has put in place several mechanisms and activities which are, in part, drawn from 2014 Ebola epidemic. Coordination (Frequent concertation meetings between the ANSS and relevant stakeholders to monitor the sanitary situation; Establishment of the Center for Operations of Public Health Emergency (COU-SP) in alert mode.). Surveillance (Surveillance measures at strategic entry points have been strengthened. Establishment of identification tools and Standard Operating Procedures. Deployment of contact tracing teams in the capital and establishment of a COVID-19 Hotline). Patient Care (03 fully operational treatment centers (TCs) have been established in Conakry, Boké and Kindia. Provision of medicine and inputs for patient treatment to all 03 TCs. Patient transfers from entry points to TCs in less than 1 hour now effective). Communication (Regular information broadcast on COVID-19 on the ANSS website and social media. Regular broadcast on best practices by telecom operators as well as TV and radio). Logistics (Provision of medicine and equipment for patient treatment to all 03 TCs).

Response Plan

Leveraging on the integrator's role of the organization and in line with the corporate offer, UNDP Guinea response plan to the COVID-19 will be articulated around the 3 interlinked areas namely (i) support to the health systems, (ii) Crisis management and response and (iii) addressing the socio-economic impact.

The characteristics of Guinea namely few confirmed cases, weak sanitary infrastructures and high transmission potential advocate to stress our intervention in the Readiness and Response Baskets with a definite emphasis on the former. Building on past experiences during the Ebola Response where UNDP Guinea played a major role both at the frontlines (through payment of workers to avoid discontinuity of services) and at the coordination (through capacity building of the Ebola Coordination Cell and development of recovery strategy), UNDP Guinea’s offer to COVID-19 aims at complementing the interventions of the Government and other development and humanitarian partners.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Building Resilient Health Systems

- Procurement services of health product
- Incentive payments to frontline workers

Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response

- Outreach and community engagement
- Policy and advisory support

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery

- Capacity building of national institutions
- Socio-economic impact assessments
- Support to the Guinean private sector addressing the impact of the epidemic

BUDGET

In 2020, UNDP Guinea received $7.5 million TRAC 1 and $725k TRAC 2. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UNDP undertook a participatory portfolio review exercise. Hence, UNDP Guinea has re-prioritized and reprogrammed its unspent and uncommitted regular resources from existing projects to fund partially its response plan.