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

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

The Kenyan Government, through the Ministry of Health, has put in place a robust approach to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the response, the Ministry of Health has constituted a National Coronavirus Taskforce to evaluate the evolving risk and advise the Government on appropriate measures for preparedness, prevention and response in order to mitigate the public health impact the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 13 March, following the confirmation of the first COVID-19 case in Kenya, the UN Resident Coordinator wrote to the Government of Kenya offering technical, financial, communication, procurement, coordination and health services support from the UNCT in line with the Government's Contingency plan. It is widely thought the economic fallout for the continent is likely to be severe and long-lasting impacting on all sectors that will impact on development gains in our collective partnership towards implementation of the Kenya Vision 2030, the Medium-Term Plan III (2018-2022), Big 4 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063.

UNDP Kenya has actively engaged in various discussions led by the Resident Coordinator on how we can effectively support the national response to COVID-19 through existing programmes including redirection TRAC resources to address the emerging immediate needs to curb the pandemic. UNDP support is an integral part of UNCT efforts and in line with government priorities. We see immediate needs for which the Country Office can provide support, but also note the longer-term governance and necessary investments in coordination mechanisms – especially at the local level.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Building Resilient Health Systems

Support to procurement of basic health related procurement including Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and laboratory materials, treasury support to WHO for collaboration with Safaricom, and alignment of procurement to support disposal of hazardous medical waste through current UPOPs GEF programme

Resilient health systems strengthening support and strengthen health delivery system by equipping selected sub national hospitals, automation and digitization, mobilization of retired health workers/nurses, student nurses & other healthcare workers

Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response

Reallocation of Devolution Programme ($ 800K) resources to provide necessary sub-national support requirements including the activation of institutional coordination mechanisms to respond to the crisis including devolved disaster risk reduction committee

Timely and factual information on COVID-19 will have a significant impact in terms of prevention, containment of the spread of the virus, and in improving the case management of confirmed cases

Building the blocks to enhance institutional coordination mechanisms with all key stakeholders (national government, Counties, private sector, and CSOs) to use technology and digitization in the new way of working

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery

Led by UNDP in collaboration with Office of the President/National Treasury and other key partners (World Bank and the EU), the needs assessment which builds on the World Bank model designed for the Ebola outbreak and adaptation of the PDNA model will provide invaluable guidance and information for a better understanding of the priority policy and programme interventions to address the developmental impacts of COVID-19

Seeking to learn from global best-practices in addressing such pandemic, the UNDP-Accelerator Lab will apply horizon-scanning techniques to identify what other countries are doing to respond to COVID-19 and what key lessons/practices already exists to inform response including aiding people living with HIV/AIDS, TB, diabetes and the elderly to access their medical supplies through door to door delivery to eliminate their need to access hospitals for medical supplies

BUDGET

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