



### SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Like many other countries globally, Namibia finds itself in the clutches of a global pandemic that threatens to destroy all aspects of the nation's development and adversely affect all sectors of the economy. Although the cases of COVID-19 detected thus far are all from visitors and returning Namibians who recently entered the country, the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) has advised that community transmission is imminent.

Given Namibia's fragile health services sector and considering the economy's vulnerability to external shocks, it is widely expected that the impact of the corona pandemic will affect all aspects of the Namibian society and economy.

In consultation with the UNCT, UNDP has designed an intervention in line with the preparation and response pillars of the UNDP corporate offer. This intervention contributes to the updated UN Country Preparedness and Response Plan for

COVID-19, which is aligned with the Government response plan.

Furthermore, UNDP will contribute to reviewing the regulatory requirements and legal basis of all potential public health measures, improve primary healthcare facilities in selected regions and drafting of a Multisectoral recovery plan. The Country Office will support a country response plan which is anchored in our CPD to build resilience, reduce inequality and promote good governance and strong institutions. With the Decade of Action as our guide and the three-pillar corporate offer as our value proposition, we propose to support the government in its recovery efforts by repositioning Namibia for economic growth. This intervention is in line with the recovery pillar of the corporate offer.

### AREAS OF INTERVENTION

#### Strengthened Capacity of Communities to Address Emergencies



WASH implementation (establishment of CLTS task forces in 4 regions). **Construction and Distribution of 40,000 Tippy Tap Kits**, together with soap.

**Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment and clothing for health workers** recruited to provide health care services through this initiative. Procurement and Distribution of 40,000 Safe water containers (10 thousand per region).

**Risk communication and social mobilization.** COVID-19 Awareness raising in collaboration with Academia to develop mobile applications to disseminate branded risk communication materials (Posters, pamphlets and radio messages)

#### Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



**Socio-economic impact assessment with an emphasis on digitalization** as well as the creation of schemes to relaunch economic buoyancy through the provision of guarantees or other risk mitigation instruments for investment in critical areas in need

Conduct an **assessment of the impact of the COVID-19** pandemic on the Namibian economy

Establish an **innovative financing platform** with the private sector, for dialogue and consensus building around the socio-economic COVID-19 response

Development and implementation of **special fiscal measures for protection of vulnerable groups** (reduction and deferral of tax, rental, and social insurance contribution; increasing grants and concessionary loans at lower/zero interest rate), and incentive packages for MSMEs (Issuance of special bonds/tax and investment incentives and provision of guarantees to support companies in the supply chain of producing essential goods).

Support the creation of **social investment initiatives** to boost employment and invest in areas identified as catalysts for economic growth, including through digital finance and e-governance.

### BUDGET

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Strengthening health systems, including procurement and supply chain management	\$4.48M	\$365k	\$4.12M
Socio-economic impact assessment and recovery	\$1.5M	\$415k	\$1.09M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.98M</b>	<b>\$780k</b>	<b>\$5.21M</b>