



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Rwanda registered a total of 41 COVID-19 cases as of 26 March 2020.

Since the outbreak, UNDP Rwanda has been supporting the Government to develop its COVID-19 Rwanda Preparedness and Response Plan. UNDP Rwanda also worked closely with the UNCT on the UN Contingency Plan and the One UN package of support to the National Response Plan. In addition to providing technical inputs and advice in the formulation of the plans, UNDP has been working closely with the Ministry of Finance on the planning for Social-Economic Impact Assessment jointly with UNECA, the World Bank, and the IMF. UNDP and the World Bank have been designated to co-lead the COVID19 Socio-Economic Sub-Group working with the Ministry of Finance. This sub-group will co-lead on the socio-economic impact assessment of the COVID-19.

According to the latest national preparedness and response plan, Rwanda needs US\$25,889,775, of which only \$5,200,576 is available as of March 24, 2020. On March 24, 2020, the One UN in Rwanda

communicated its initial financial contribution of \$1,585,280. With the One UN pledged support, Rwanda will still have a funding gap of \$19,103,919.

This initial national response plan is focused primarily on the health response to the pandemic. For the immediate and long term, the Government is preparing plans to address the Socio-Economic and Social Protection needs of the country. The Government is also working with the World Bank on a \$55 million budget support loan operation and negotiating a macro-economic loan facility with the IMF.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Strengthening Health Systems



Training of district health workers, and provision of PPEs for front-line workers involved in testing and contact tracing (Rwanda Biomedical which does national testing, and Rwanda National Police which supports contact tracing)

Provision of hygiene products and other essential items to support the operation of quarantine centres in rural areas.

Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response



Preparation and implementation of national preparedness and response plan effectively supported and coordinated.

Community outreach through local media and TV stations to raise awareness and empower communities on prevention and response strengthened

The role of youth in the COVID-19 response strengthened through Innovative and Integrated support (supporting production of new products, e-marketing etc.)

Innovative technology deployed through Accelerator Labs to create efficient response (Use of Robots and AI for Health Response, symptom testing and prevention messaging)

Local government capacity on epidemiological surveillance strengthened.

Support to the development of an online platform to facilitate and track food and cash distribution to the poorest households affected by COVID-19

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Socio-economic analysis, vulnerability mapping and needs assessment conducted to inform medium and long term recovery and development planning

BUDGET

The total UNDP Rwanda response plan budget requirement is US\$2.68 million. Following detailed consultation with the Government, UNDP Rwanda has reprogrammed \$1M for immediate response, leaving a gap of \$1.68 million for new resource mobilization.

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Support to build resilient health systems (including health procurement, training, etc.)	\$180k	\$180k	-
Promote inclusive and integrated crisis management and multi-sectoral responses	\$2.4M	\$550k	\$1.85M
Support to address socio-economic impact and recovery	\$100k	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$2.68M	\$1M	\$1.68M