

UNDP Zimbabwe

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



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a national disaster by the President on 18 March, and the initial restrictions put in place including ban on all public gatherings of more than 50 people, border closure for human trafficking and restriction of unnecessary travel, the country has now been on a 21 day total lockdown since 30 March as it intensifies measures to curb the spread of the disease. As of 15 April, the country has recorded a total of 18 cases with 3 deaths. Under the guidance of WHO and with support of UNDP and other agencies, the government is focused on scaling up testing, surveillance and contact tracing as well as increasing the supply of PPEs and identification and equipping of isolation and treatment centers across the country. Furthermore, the revised, comprehensive national response plan is now budgeted at US\$212 million. UNDP's budget in support of the national response plan is currently at \$26.7 million out of which \$6.3 million has been mobilized through a combination

of reprogramming from Global Fund and other cost sharing as well as UNDP's core resources. This leaves a funding gap of about \$20.4 million. Additional reprogramming is expected under the Global Fund (about \$10 million) and further resource mobilization efforts are ongoing.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Building Resilient Health Systems



Support Country Resilient Health Systems: under this pillar, USD 4.1mil related to PPE procurement has been approved by the Global Fund. This represents a big contribution to the government needs in terms of ensuring adequate and timely preparation and response. Further efforts are ongoing to reprogram additional USD 10 mil, amongst others to support hazard pay to front line health care workers at high risk of contracting the disease. Additional funds will be directed towards augmenting the diagnostic and labs capacities.

Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response



Inclusive and Multi-sectoral crisis management and response: Through a combination of funds reprogrammed from cost sharing and UNDP core resources, this pillar covers; - e-governance support for core governance functions to enable Business Continuity, coordination and adequate response under the current lockdown and COVID related restrictions.

- Community engagement and risk communication-leveraging the Youth Connekt platform.
- Support to Human Rights monitoring, documentation, and reporting in response to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Leveraging the platform of the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission to promote cohesion and conflict prevention.
- Support to vulnerable groups through the development of awareness raising materials and dissemination of information in accessible formats on COVID-19.
- Tailored resilience building support to communities – through the ZRBF.

Socio-Economic Impact Assessment



Addressing the Socioeconomic impact and recovery: this pillar covers the Socioeconomic impact assessment jointly undertaken by UNDP, other UN agencies and the WB. The recommendation will be used to guide the government recovery process and policy guidance.

UNDP is strategically leading the work on the informal sector in collaboration with the WB, ILO, FAO and UNICEF by exploring alternative food distribution models that reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission while ensuring the continuation of economic activities and thus, sustaining livelihoods of vulnerable section of the society.

BUDGET

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Strengthening health systems, including procurement and supply chain management	\$20M	\$4.15M	\$15.85M
Inclusive and multi-sectoral crisis management and response	\$4.5M	\$1.89M	\$2.61M
Socio-economic impact assessment and recovery	\$2.29M	\$340k	\$1.95M
Total	\$26.79M	\$6.38M	\$20.41M