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## Madagascar Country Office COVID-19 response

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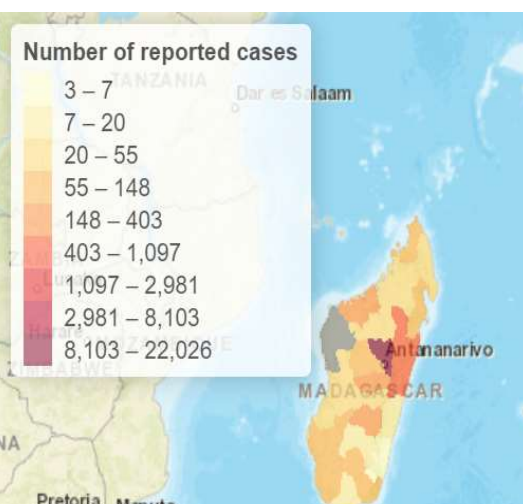
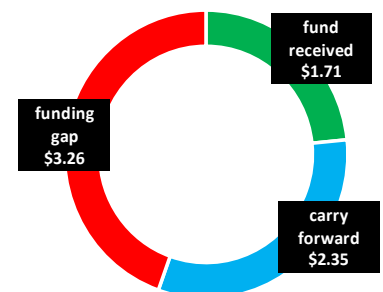
### Situation in Numbers

- 13,397 cases across 22 regions
- 156 deaths

### Highlights

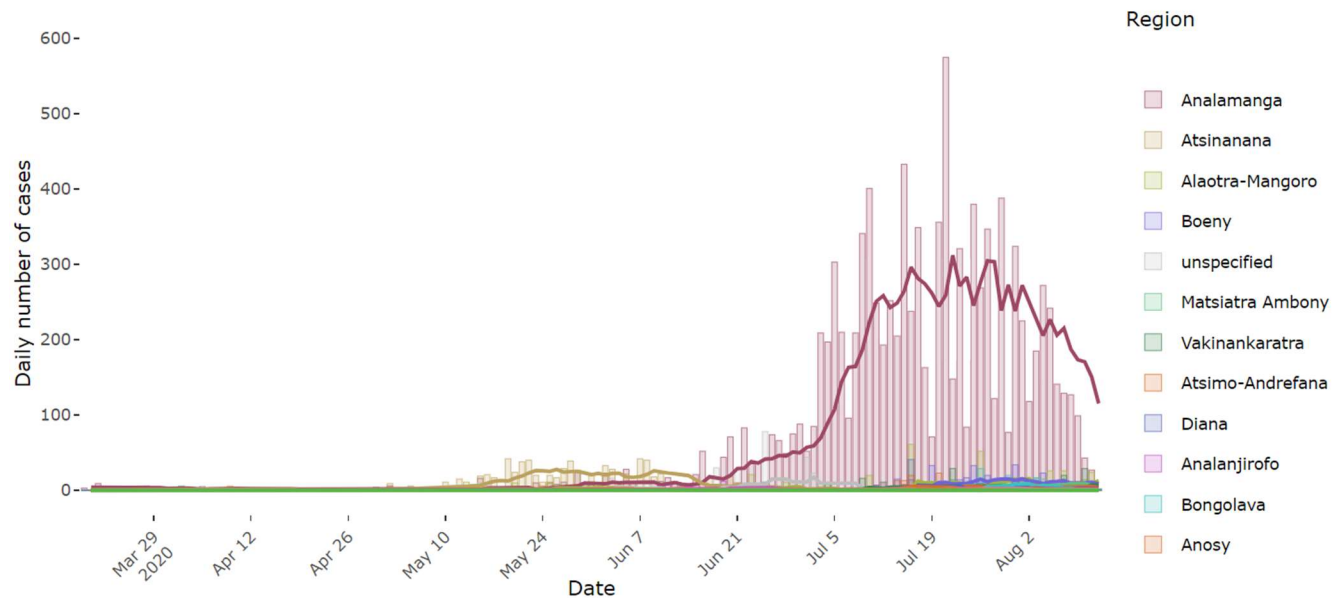
- From May 17<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the positive COVID-19 cases growth increased from 304 to 13,397 cases with 1.16 % of fatality rate in of 22 affected regions. Overall, the epidemic is taking a decreasing curve mostly lead by Analamanga region while Atsinanana seems out of risk. The regions are differently affected by the COVID-19, the majority are presenting the emergence of few daily new cases (less than 30) per day attracting our attention.
- Health (provision of oxygen, tests, and equipment) and WASH (improving access to water) continue
- About 240,200 families have received a cash transfer of 100,000 Ariary (26 USD) to meet their basic needs under the first wave of cash distribution, UNICEF coordinates the second wave of emergency social assistance in the most affected urban and peri-urban areas. Thus far, 82,000 households have received their cash transfer under the second cash distribution. Nevertheless, UNICEF's appeal for emergency social protection support, remains unfunded.
- Since March 2020, 3,3 million people were reached and engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions focusing among others on Hand Washing (14 million in total for WASH Cluster partners), about 851,000 people were reached with critical wash supplies (including hygiene items) and services (2,5 million in total for WASH Cluster partners).
- UNICEF continues to support the return to school and continuation of education services. Approximately 70 per cent of 99,300 disinfected classroom have been supported by UNICEF. In region where schools continue to operate, a high percentage of pupils come back to school.
- In addition, UNICEF initiate "build back better" or reinforcement of traditional services strategies in all sector it is in charge of facilitating. 7,746,820 doses of vaccines have for example been disseminated to replace previous campaigns

### Funding status



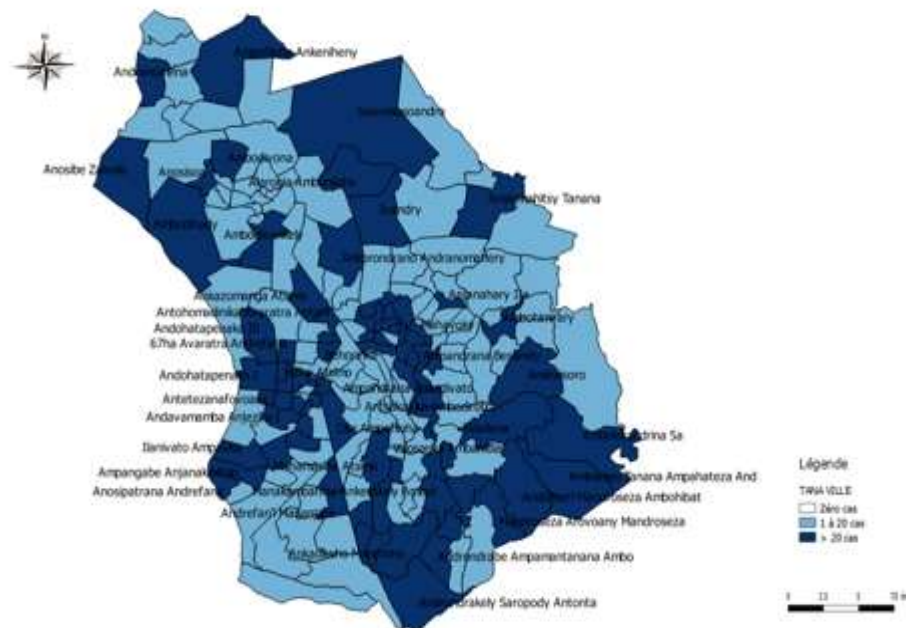
## Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Health emergency status endorsed by presidential instructions remain active with extended working hours up to 17h for business and economic life. Confinement of the city of Tamatea was lifted while it remains in place in the capital Antananarivo. However, confinement measures were taken in additional clusters of COVID-19 infection in different areas of the country. Access to timely testing, results feedback and adequate treatment of medical complications remains a challenge for most regions in Madagascar.



Source : <https://www.covid19mg.org/>

Map: Confirmed cases in Antananarivo Renivohitra, epicenter of the epidemic Week 12 to Week S32



## Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

### Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF Madagascar pursues its prevention and response strategy to the covid response, but over the past two weeks complements it, especially on advocacy, with three key additional strategic elements : ensuring that access to regular services is re-opened, build back better and reminding of other humanitarian situations in Madagascar (drought, malnutrition, poverty, preparation for plague and cyclone seasons)

### Humanitarian leadership and coordination

UNICEF maintains regular coordination of its response with existing government coordination bodies especially CCO. While the first weeks of the response were focused on basic equipment and consumables support in a joint effort with other agencies, the evolution of the situation and its technical consequences led UNICEF to give priority to strategic positioning with the SWAT team at ministry of Health and as facilitator in other platforms such as WASH, Education, Nutrition and Cash.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### Strengthening Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

UNICEF contributed in the facilitation and the organization of the first Review Workshop on COVID-19 Communication response. This COVID-19 Communication Review, to be held monthly from now on, allows coordination strengthening of communication interventions in response to COVID-19 at all levels in Madagascar, and to highlight major achievements and results, challenges, lessons learned and perspectives in terms of communication related to COVID-19.

During the last two weeks, UNICEF continued to provide technical and financial support in the implementation of COVID-19 related communication plan in 6 regions (Atsinanana, Haute Matsiatra, Boeny, Anosy, Analanjirofo and Analamanga). In this context, 2,330 community agents were engaged and mobilized allowing to reach more than 500,000 people through participative and interactive communication approaches. In addition, more than 4,000 people shared their questions, feedback and complaints through community surveillance and feedback mechanism. In terms of media and mass communication, 156 TAM TAM and animation sessions were held, 4,230 spot broadcasts were made, 52 TV and radio programs were produced, and 26 types of printed and audio-visual communication supports in local languages were disseminated in the 6 targeted regions. All communication interventions refer to the COVID-19 validated messages database; these varies in a dynamic fashion in line with the situation trends.

### Strengthening public health response to COVID-19 and improve Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) and provide critical medical and WASH supplies

#### Health:

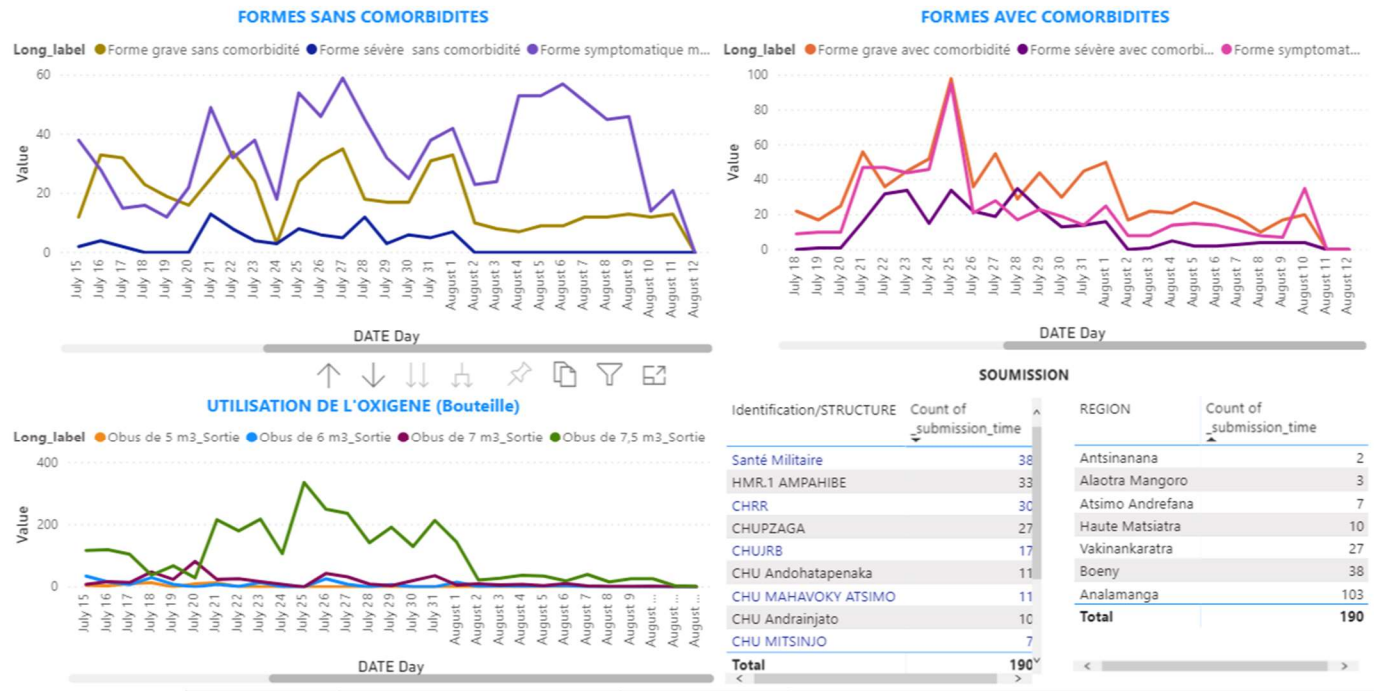
From 30th July to 7th august, some 877 patients benefitted of specialized care, using 1,976 cylinders of oxygen. Oxygen supply has also been ensured in all regions affected by COVID-19 thanks to this contract. The following graphics show that there is a decrease in the O2 consumption by the moderate, severe and critical cases, being the tip of the iceberg, which goes along the lines of the decreased number of cases as shown in the second graphic. The second graphic shows a drastic reduction of number of cases particularly in Analamanga, as biggest contributor. In the other regions, though cases are somehow

continuously being reported, it is not in the same dimension as it has been in Analamanga during the second half of July and in June in Atsinanana (Tamatave). The attention and means to anticipate the response from mid-August though being continued on Analamanga, will more focus on other regions such as ASIMO Andrefana, Vakinankaratra, Boeny and Alaotra Mangoro.

Since beginning of August, 311 Private doctors from 4 regions, trained in the management of low-symptomatic cases, in collaboration with the National Order of Physicians, are providing care to these cases. They were fully equipped with PPE and submit online data on their actions through a UNICEF-designed reporting tool.

## SITUATION OXYGENE MADAGASCAR

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Tool developed by CO UNICEF for monitoring O2 consumption:

Source : <https://app.powerbi.com/groups/e85b7415-4311-475a-82fd-50abc63c681f/reports/9e1ce631-dbd0-4427-8d14-1ba77988fda0/ReportSection>

### Wash:

In partnership with Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and the Municipality of Moramanga most affected by COVID-19 in Alaotra Mangoro region, Avotr'Aina campaign has been officially launched and will support almost 6,000 people to access to safe water at 60 water kiosks.



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As the epidemic sprays, massive disinfection has been scaled up in 9 regions: Androy, Anosy, Atsimo Andrefana, Atsimo Atsinanana, Boeny, Diana, Itasy, Menabe and Sofia to tackle the virus in the main urban centers. More than 250 public places were disinfected in partnership with Ministry of Water, Civil protection, Municipalities.

Hygiene promotion was also organized during food distribution in Antananarivo, Moramanga.

UNICEF signed a PCA with FAA (Fonds d'appui à l'assainissement) / WSSCC to strengthen Government in hygiene promotion and disinfection in 10 regions (Androy, Atsinanana, Analanjirofo, Alaotra Mangoro, Boeny, Anosy, Ihorombe, Melaky, Sofia) with the donation of 2,240 handwashing stations, 555 boxes of soap (5 tons), 200 sprayers, 1,300kg HTH. This programme is targeting 903,220 populations (estimated at 196,454 households) including 469,674 women and 180,644 children under 5 from districts affected or at risk by COVID-19. At least 189 Health centers, 1,510 schools, 378 public places will be

supported with IPC activities.

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## Continuity of health, education, nutrition and protection services

### Health:

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Regarding the implementation of the plan for the continuity of services in Maternal, Neonatal, Infant, Adolescent and Nutrition (SMNIA-N) health services, particularly for the most vulnerable in 49 priority districts, 7,746,820 doses of vaccine have been dispatched nationwide to cover routine immunization needs in the next five months, more than 80 health facilities are provided with materials, equipment and drugs to take care of 30,000 pregnant women for their pre and postnatal consultations and childbirth as well as to ensure the health of 15,000 adolescents. Chlorhexidine has been provided for 675,000 newborns who will benefit from umbilical care. Medicines were dispatched to cover the care of 28,000 cases of acute respiratory infection, 40,000 cases of diarrhea and 50,000 cases of malaria in children under 5 years old at the level of basic health centers.

In partnership with GAVI, UNICEF provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (mask, gown, gloves, caps, plastic gowns) with a total value of more than USD 375,000 through the Ministry of Health to equip workers health in the continuity of vaccination services in the 4 regions (Analamanga, Atsinanana, Alaotra Mangoro and Analanjirofo in the context of COVID-19).

### Education:

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UNICEF is supporting the continuation of education and the return to school where feasible. 99,300 classes in 22 regions have been disinfected by a combined effort that has included the Ministries of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Ministry of Education and Professional Training, communities and other partners who contribute to the emergency response. To improve

communication, UNICEF has provided 5 divisions within the Ministry of Education and Professional Training with internet connections to ensure the continuity of services. Distribution of self-learning guides has successfully continued, and 22 regions have received and distributed the booklets. Approximately 350,000 schools have received their booklets (around 85 per cent of those for which booklets were printed).

In 5 of the 7 targeted regions by UNICEF, schools are operating for the exam-taking grades (7, 3 and Terminale) and on average have received 96 per cent of their pupil populations back, according to the education regional directorates. Two of the seven regions closed again and have not re-opened back (Atsimo Andrefana and Boeny). In Analanjirofo and Androy pupils with disabilities in examination-taking grades are starting to return to school. In all regions, schools have been informed of decisions made on the examination procedures and dates by posters and by communication through local governments. However, only six of the regions report that a communication effort has been made targeting households. TV and radio programming have continued for other levels, except for Androy.

Among the most salient difficulties that communities and schools continue to face are the insufficient protective materials, the strained resources of parents and the difficulties in mobilization and transportation. The distribution of masks continues to be an issue. Only 2 of the 7 regions where UNICEF operates have information of delivery (Analanjirofo and Atsimo Atsinanana where 60 per cent and 90 percent of pupils respectively have received masks according to the regional directorate of education). As the closing of the school year approximates at the time when some regions have closed schools again, parents are facing some degree of indecision on whether send their children back to school and risk contracting COVID-19, or keeping children at home and reducing the probability of obtaining positive results in their exams.

### Nutrition:

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At the occasion of the World Breastfeeding Week celebrated worldwide every year in August, UNICEF has widely broadcasted messages to protect, promote and support breastfeeding through social media. This year, the theme is “Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet”, a theme that aims to draw attention to the positive impact of breastfeeding on the environment. In line with this, WHO and UNICEF focused on promoting women's access to skilled breastfeeding counselling. In addition, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more important to provide correct messages about breastfeeding as well as find innovative solutions to ensure access to these essential services.

### Child Protection, Gender:

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Para-social workers are among the child protection front-line actors in this time of COVID-19. In addition to the technical note on their roles in relation with COVID-19, produced in May 2020, an audio version of the content of the technical note has just been finalized and given to the beneficiaries with an SD card and a solar card radio in 13 regions. This innovative idea was adopted to continue capacity building of child protection stakeholders remotely and to offer child-friendly services during the COVID-19 health crisis including psychosocial support.

UNICEF took part in the protection cluster bimonthly meeting during which members discussed how to make the meeting more useful and efficient. A survey was launched among the members to collect their opinions.

Finally, with the support of the RO, a review of child protection COVID-19 indicators is underway for consistency with existing guidelines and national responses.

### Social Policy and Social Protection:

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In the continuity of Cash Working Group's efforts initiated in response to COVID-19 pandemic, a total of 82,000 households have received their cash transfer under the second cash distribution of 100,000 Ariary (26 USD /25 Euro) of the program TOSIKA

FAMENO (Filling the Gap) aiming to compensate the loss of revenues of vulnerable families in the informal sector. UNICEF's contribution continued through investment of its own resources reaching about 8,500 households, so far for a total budget of 500,000 USD. A monitoring and evaluation system and complaints mechanisms has also been set up to strengthen the programme and give additional opportunities for the beneficiaries to provide feedback to the Cash Working Group, comprising, among others, of government, non-governmental organizations, UNICEF, WFP, World Bank, etc.

Discussions are on-going to scale-up the social protection strategy to additional regions or socio-economic groups with a specific focus on fund mobilization which will be crucial to realize this objective.

To document COVID-19 pandemic effect on the population, UNICEF Madagascar is preparing a rapid socio-demographic survey with the National Institute of Statistics using standard MICS (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey) questions adapted to COVID-19. The survey should be launched in September 2020.

## Communications

### Press:

UNICEF shared four press releases during the reporting period, focusing on UNICEF's response to COVID-19. These covered interventions in health, nutrition, child protection and social protection. UNICEF expanded its collaboration with online influencers to expand COVID-19 prevention messaging.

### Digital content

UNICEF continues the video series [One Minute with Lova Renee](#) to highlight the voices of children and to increase awareness on issues related to COVID-19. The most recent video focussed on social protection. The videos are being aired on a weekly basis on national TV (prime time). The series is translating the global video series: Coping with COVID-19, so that the global series can be watched by audiences in Madagascar. The finished products will be pitched to public and private TV networks.

### Social Media

#### TWITTER:

- [Supporting Children's nutrition during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Donation of medical equipment to the ministry of health in response to COVID-19](#)
- [Breastfeeding campaign during COVID-19](#)
- [Social protection and child welfare during COVID-19](#)
- [Support to the ministry of health for the continuity of basic health services during COVID-19](#)

#### FACEBOOK:

- [Medical supplies in response to COVID-19 in Haute Matsiatra Region](#)
- [World breastfeeding week](#)
- [Social protection and child welfare during COVID-19](#)
- [Support to the ministry of health for the continuity of basic health](#)  
[Reinforcing messages about mask wearing to protect against COVID-19](#)

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## Annex A

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS<sup>1</sup>

Indicator		UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
		UNICEF Target	Total	Cluster Target	Total
			Results as of 21 July***		Results
Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)					
Wash: Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions (Hand Washing)		2,000,000	2,727,000	19,716,000	12,000.000
C4D:	Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.	8,636,309	10,375,000		
	Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through establishedfeedback mechanism.	250,000	More than 361,000		
Improve Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) and provide critical medical and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies					
WASH: Number of people reached with critical wash supplies (including hygiene items) and services		100,000	851,985	4,177,000	2,486,369
HEALTH	Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with personal protective equipment (PPE).	50,000	More than 2400		14,000
	Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workerstrained in infection prevention and control (IPC).	10,806	6,000	5,600 (cluster WASH target)	More than 1,000
	Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases.	10,806	More than 3000		
Support the provision of continued access to essential health and nutrition services for women, children and vulnerable communities, including case management					
Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare services in UNICEF supported facilities		2,173,034	462,100		
Number of caregivers of children (0-23 months) reached with messages on breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19		3,500,000	More than 1,590,000		
Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)		16,000	10,175 (Jan to June 2020)		
Access to continuous education, child protection and GBV services					
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning		600,000	Radio and tv programming made available to 600,000 pupils. Materials distributed to 300,000 pupils.		
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control).		0	41,570 schools have been disinfected.		
Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements		300	77 (27girls,50 boys)		
Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support.		700	907 (including 373 pupils, 240 girls and 133		



		boys, 161 parents)		
Number of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on gbv risk mitigation & referrals for survivors.	1,000	368		
Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse.	500,000			
Support access to continuous education, social protection, child protection and gender-based violence (GBV) services				
Number of households benefitting from new or additional SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MEASURES provided by governments to respond to COVID-19 with UNICEF support	7,500	8,500	189,400	240,211 (first distribution) 82,000 (second distribution)

\*\*\* status of indicators awaiting results to be disseminated at the global level for August

## FUNDING

Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal 12 August 2020)						
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds available			Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year	Carry-Over (re-programmation)	Total	\$	%
Nutrition	700,000	-	34,015	34,015	665,985	95%
Health	1,300,000	1,033,496	485,002	1,518,498	-	0%
WASH	1,000,000	381,563	725,642	1,107,205	-	0%
Education	1,200,000	-	875,265	875,265	324,735	27%
Child Protection	300,000	20,000	-	20,000	280,000	93%
Communication for Development	1,500,000	274,369	234,333	508,702	991,298	66%
Cash-based transfer	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	100%
Cross sectoral / Cluster coordination	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>1,709,428</b>	<b>2,354,257</b>	<b>4,063,685</b>	<b>3,262,018</b>	<b>47%</b>