PROGRAMME INVESTMENTS
1st Call for Proposals
The Secretary-General’s UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund
18 May 2020
BHUTAN - A

EDUCATION CONTINUITY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

This programme will support the development, printing and distribution of Self-Instructional Materials (SIM) to support education continuity for 17,000 children in remote areas. Funded interventions will build the capacity of Education Ministry officials and teachers to prepare develop SIM that meet the learning requirements of children (by age, grade, gender, curriculum sensitivity). It will also build teacher capacity to use radio, SIM, television, and online learning, and will blend radio instruction with SIM to meet the education needs of poor and illiterate families. Further, trained school counsellors will provide online and mobile psycho-social support to needy children.

BHUTAN - B

PROTECTING LIVELIHOODS AND REINFORCING THE TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE SECTORS IN BHUTAN

This intervention addresses the direct impacts of COVID-19 on livelihoods and strengthens economic sectors important to Bhutan's future growth. It responds to the loss of jobs and income in the tourism sector; mitigates risks for food security while creating jobs and; invests in strengthening the tourism and agricultural sectors to "build back better." While the cash for work incentives will include women and other vulnerable groups, the programme's reskilling and upskilling activities will especially focus on women – who are the majority of hospitality workers. The agricultural component will primarily target smallholder farmers of whom the majority (70%) are also women. The programme will directly support at least 1,000 smallholder farmers over the next six to eight months.
STRENGTHENED NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE TO COVID-19 IN CAMBODIA

The programme has three priorities that support the government in implementing its Master Plan for COVID-19: (1) To prevent transmission and minimize serious disease and associated deaths; (2) To ensure availability and readiness of essential health services during epidemic peak periods; (3) To minimize impact through multisectoral response in support of public health and broader social and economic measures. The programme will strengthen referral pathways between health and social welfare mechanisms, including at sub-national levels, to boost preparedness for emergency situations such as quarantine and hospitalization, as well as tracing mechanisms in case of family separation or loss of primary caregivers. The programme will also provide mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) to parents, other caregivers, and children as well as to frontline health and social service workers.

STRENGTHENING THE UNION OF THE COMOROS COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPACITIES

This programme combines different areas of support: 1) supplies and equipment for one isolation/quarantine site, with training for site staff; 2) establishment of and support for a call center, and; 3) support for 10 additional treatment centers, based on a rapid assessment of capacities and needs. Support to these additional 10 sites will include PPE provision, WASH interventions (for drinkable water) and staff training. The programme also envisions support to 15 artisans for production of WASH stations for public spaces.
This programme will enhance COVID-19-related care and the continuity of basic healthcare services in rural areas (component 1); responses to GBV and the provision of psychosocial services (component 2); and WASH support (component 3). It is expected to produce mutually reinforcing positive results in each of these domains to mitigate the adverse health and socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programme of Health to build epidemic response capacity at the national and local levels. It focuses on improving epidemic treatment centers, procuring equipment, and conducting staff training. It will also build awareness in communities, including through the distribution of solar power radios (600), training of community volunteers, including cash transfers as incentives to teachers to participate in the effort, and the distribution of masks (1 million) using a social register to be developed by UNICEF. The intervention also offers nutritional support through cash transfers to 160,000 people.
GUINEA-BISSAU - A

ENABLING GUINEA BISSAU TO TIMELY RESPOND AND STOP COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

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Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 1
Health First

Recipient UN Agencies

World Health Organization
IOM

Window 1

GUINEA - B

MITIGATING THE IMMEDIATE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON FORMAL AND INFORMAL PRIVATE SECTORS THROUGH INNOVATIVE BUSINESS CONTINUITY APPROACHES

This programme focuses on mass awareness raising through innovation and technology (including a sensitization video for free Wi-Fi), mass production of PPEs through private-public partnerships; and support to businesses on safe adaptation and business continuity measures. The communication campaign via smartphones will target Conakry, or approximately 1 million people.

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 3
Economic Response and Recovery

Recipient UN Agencies

UNDP
UNIDO

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Economic Response and Recovery

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KIRIBATI

ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND RESILIENCE IN KIRIBATI

To ensure sufficient, functioning food systems, this programme will support small-scale fisheries and aquaculture production as well as small-scale agriculture production systems. It will provision nine different varieties of seeds to up to 2,000 farmers (1,500 located in South Tarawa and 500 in Outer Islands) to increase the local production of vegetables and fruits. It will also provision seedlings of traditional fruit trees, to increase production of local fruits. This will be undertaken in tandem with officers raising awareness on the type of food stuffs that can be combine (i.e. fish with Taro leaves). The programme will also offer context specific counselling on breastfeeding in context of COVID-19. Further, nutrition counselling will be strengthened for pregnant and breastfeeding women during antenatal and postnatal check-ups. The programme will also assure that services for the screening and treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) are not disrupted.

GUINEA-BISSAU - B

SUSTAINING LIVELIHOODS IN GUINEA-BISSAU UNDER COVID-19 NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THE MOST VULNERABLE

Through this programme, RUNOs will distribute cash-transfers to selected food-insecure and vulnerable girls, boys, women, and men in 2,000 households for three months through mobile money solutions. The programme will establish village and household selection criteria; select target communities and conduct beneficiary enrolment, registration, and verification; roll out a digital beneficiary and transfer management system; and post distribution monitoring, including a complaint and feedback mechanism. The programme will also support vulnerable cashew crop growers in selected regions of the country.
LAO PDR - A

SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL SEXUAL, REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19 IN LAO PDR

Programmatic Alignment

This programme will support the Ministry of Health to redesign its sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (SRMNCAH) services to assure essential health services provision. The programme targets 118,955 women of reproductive age, providing them with universal access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, and 9,950 newborns, providing them with essential services.

Recipient UN Agencies

JFPA, UNAIDS

LAO PDR - B

SUPPORTING PROVINCIAL HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND SURGE CAPACITIES, INCLUDING AT POINTS OF ENTRY

Programmatic Alignment

This programme builds the capacity at 17 border crossings/point of entries (PoEs) for health screenings by providing training and capacity building for 400 officials and provisioning supplies. It also offers support for the establishment of isolation and quarantine centers in six districts, and provisions equipment and psychosocial support to residents there.

Recipient UN Agencies

UNDP, IOM, UNODC, UN-HABITAT
LESOTHO

UN SUPPORT TO CONTROL THE SPREAD AND MINIMIZE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN LESOTHO

This joint programme employs innovative approaches and data and digital technology solutions to: (i) enhance coordination, planning and monitoring of the national response, (ii) facilitate rapid response for surveillance, investigation and case management, (iii) promote infection prevention and control, and (iv) enable continuity and delivery of critical health and non-health services.

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 1
Health First

Recipient UN Agencies

World Health Organization
UNDP
UNFPA
UNICEF

MADAGASCAR

REINFORCING SURVEILLANCE AND CASE MANAGEMENT/INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL THROUGH SUPPORT TO MADAGASCAR’S NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN AGAINST COVID-19

This programme focuses on supporting frontline healthcare workers by offering them incentives and salaries, trainings and capacity building opportunities (e.g. for use of anaesthetist sand resuscitators, PPE and other medical and non-medical supplies). A treatment center will be provided with oxygen. The programme also provides for the establishment of investigators and contact tracing teams as well a mass distribution of masks and tissues. It aims to impact over 5 million people in 14 districts.

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 1
Health First

Recipient UN Agencies

World Health Organization
UNIDO
UNICEF
MALAWI

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR CONTINUITY OF MATERNAL AND NEW-BORN HEALTH SERVICES**

This programme responds to the need for **women's access to basic maternal and new-born health services in the context of COVID-19**. It will deliver: 1) protocols and guidelines to ensure compliance of facilities for the treatment of pregnant women; 2) strengthened continuity of maternal and new-born care services including comprehensive obstetric emergency services; and 3) increased access to information, support and referral systems. Overall, the programme will seek to **improve care for the expected 260,000 new born baby deliveries** over six months. This means the care will be provisioned across 28 districts, that include 11 COVID-19 treatment centres, four-central hospitals and 24 district hospitals. Four central hospitals and eight COVID-19 treatment centres will be refurbished to provide comprehensive obstetric care services, and tents will be provided to all of the 24 district hospitals plus 10 health centres in 5 selected districts so as to provide **isolation for mother with and without COVID-19**. The programme will also establish and man a **helpline and recruit 290 additional staff** to increase capacity in the COVID-19 centres for labour and delivery.

**Mauritania**

**IMPROVING EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE FOR COVID-19 THROUGH AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY LEVEL RESPONSE IN MAURITANIA**

This programme supports three interventions: community surveillance/watches, field epidemiology, and case management in eight Wilayas that include the capital and border areas with Senegal. It provides **information, support and PoEs for community members and officials**; and support to contact tracing teams, rapid response teams and **treatment facilities** to identify and isolate COVID-19 cases. The programme will train **5,500 people involved in this three-tiered response**.
SAFEGUARDING THE LIVELIHOODS OF PEOPLE MOST VULNERABLE TO COVID-19 IN NEPAL

This programme targets traditionally at-risk groups whose vulnerabilities have been further compounded by COVID-19 containment measures. It builds on tested project interventions but modifies them to COVID-19 circumstances. The programme will target internal migrants and those returning from overseas who are identified as at-risk of exclusion from existing programmes. It will also target young women who can benefit from specific training and opportunities to become “bare-foot engineers”. With a view towards sustainable tourism promotion in the long run, the programme will also: introduces basic bio-engineering approaches to local communities to preserve the environment along road sites; and support waste management, signage, drainage, landslide clearing, and other improvement work along 600km of trekking trails in the Annapurna, Everest, Langtang and Manaslu Regions.

ENSURING THE ACCESS OF MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES TO FOOD AND WORKING CONDITIONS FACILITIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The proposed interventions will support rural, vulnerable families. It will provide trainings to families engaged in agriculture to support hygiene and health and safety in the agricultural workplace. Trainings will also address SGBV. The programme will restore three warehouses / conservation centers for agricultural products, and it will establish six community silos for identified communities. In addition, 17 schools will have water reservoirs for rainwater harvesting to support the irrigation of the school gardens. The programme aims to directly benefit 540 vulnerable families (2,700 people) living in rural areas.
ENSURING CONTINUITY OF LEARNING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN SENEGAL

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 2
Protecting People

Budget: US $ 973 793

Recipient UN Agencies

UNHCR
UNICEF

This programme addresses the need and the right of children and adolescents to continue their education until schools/TVET institutions reopen. It supports the acquisition of equipment (tablets), e-learning techniques, teaching through radio shows, and Wi-Fi/internet connectivity. Altogether, through these various approaches and audiences, it will support refugee children, children with disabilities, students in TVET institutions, as well as 200 teachers. The programme is expected to extend distance learning solutions to about 1 million learners who would otherwise remain deprived of learning opportunities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUPPORTING SOLOMON ISLANDS MARKETPLACES TO RESPOND TO TWIN CRISIS OF COVID-19 AND TROPICAL CYCLONE HAROLD

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 2
Protecting People

Budget: US $ 302 520

Recipient UN Agencies

UN Women
UNDP
UNICEF

By supporting central and local government counterparts and working with Market Vendors Associations in respective markets and youth in agriculture networks, this programme will support marketplaces, SMEs and local communities engaging in food production and agricultural activities. It will provide for WASH, agricultural support, and the integration of ICT tools to support business adaptation to COVID-19. Additionally, the programme will assess the employment impacts of the pandemic at the country-level to support governments and businesses to make evidence-based decisions in relation to the design of business and employment policies. The programme is designed to respond to both COVID-19 impacts and the consequences of Cyclone Harold.
LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND IN TIMOR-LESTE’S COVID-19 RESPONSE: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CASH TRANSFER SCHEME FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

This programme supports the Government of Timor Leste to expand the scale, delivery, security, and speed of its cash transfer programme to reach 214,827 low-income households, half of which subsist on <$1.9 per day. With Fund support, a US$100 will be provided for three months to these vulnerable households, assuring that assistance targets female- and child-headed households and those of the disabled. This programme will be delivered through 454 teams working at the village level.

TUVALU

ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY AND BUILDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE TO COVID-19 IN TUVALU

This programme combines technical support and with equipment provision to support to fisheries, the exploration of agricultural needs, and a COVID-19 socio-economic impact assessment.
**VANUATU**

**SUPPORTING MARKETPLACES TO RESPOND TO DUAL CRISSES OF COVID-19 AND TROPICAL CYCLONE HAROLD IN VANUATU**

This programme focuses on the **health, hygiene, stability and needs of market vendors** that services large populations in the country. It proposes to support to the **WASH orientation of 1,000 market vendors** through the provision of essential WASH materials. This intervention will indirectly benefit an estimated 40,000 people who live in the market catchment area. The programme will also support the procurement and **distribution of seeds, seedlings and other agricultural inputs** to boost agricultural productivity and boost supply so **3,000 vendors** can help meet local demand at the Luganville market, which services a population of around 10,000 people. Finally, the programme will offer **skills trainings to businesses to help them diversify**, an intervention indirectly benefiting over 40,000 residents of Port Vila and those living in the rural areas near the market.

**Programmatic Alignment**

**Recipient UN Agencies**

**Budget:** US $ 300 000

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**ARMENIA**

**LIVING WITH CORONAVIRUS - MITIGATING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CRISIS ON PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES FOR AGENDA 2030 IN ARMENIA**

This programme focuses on clusters of solutions: technical assistance to assure that cash transfers are gender sensitive and reach those most in need and to assure that the National COVID-19 response plan meets the LNOB principle; **Psychosocial support (learning and knowledge exchange)** for caregivers supported by a the development of a helpline and a virtual platform; financial support to 1,000 small enterprises to mitigate the loss of income, especially on remittance dependent people; relief to 220 extremely vulnerable households displaced from Syria; and the mapping and tracking of social services and complimented by the development of ICT-based delivery of such services.

**Programmatic Alignment**

**Recipient UN Agencies**

**Budget:** US $ 1 000 000
SAFETY NETS AND REVENUE RECOVERY FOR THE POOREST HOUSEHOLDS AND WOMEN INFORMAL WORKERS IN CABO VERDE

Programmatic Alignment

Recipient UN Agencies

Budget: US $ 300 000

This programme will provide lifesaving and relief assistance at the national level to 1,000 vulnerable households in the country - namely those with at least a child under 15, an elderly person, or a person with disability. For six municipalities on two islands, it will also support 150 women informal-business owners in recovering their economic activities, while adapting to the pandemic context. The programme will offer concrete policy solutions for economic recovery as the islands emerge from quarantine.

CÔTE D’IVOIRE - A

SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL PRODUCTION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) TO MITIGATE THE SANITARY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE

Programmatic Alignment

Recipient UN Agencies

Budget: US $ 300 000

This programme provides manpower support to national Covid-19 response structures, and the National Strategic Monitoring Mechanism, in particular. It focuses on policy advice, implementation monitoring of the different responses/strategies, fund management support (for the various funds established) and impact tracking.
ASSISTANCE TO POPULATIONS MADE VULNERABLE BY COVID-19

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 2 Protecting People

Recipient UN Agencies

unicef
UNHCR
UNODC

Budget: US $ 400 000

This programme focuses on supporting vulnerable groups in the context of COVID-19, particularly women, children and prison populations. It combines five distinct interventions to (1) provide psycho-social and rehabilitation support to populations made very vulnerable; (2) reinforce the mechanisms for caring for women and child victims of abuse and trafficking given the circumstances of quarantine; (3) ensure access to hygiene and dignity kits for women and girls; (4) strengthen the coordination, collection and management of information on violence, including GBV, abuse and exploitation related to COVID-19; (5) prevent the spread of COVID-19 in prisons.

SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE OVERALL NATIONAL RESPONSE

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 2 Protecting People

Recipient UN Agencies

UNDP
UNICEF

Budget: US $ 300 000

This programme will support the government to track, monitor, and respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on poverty in Cote d'Ivoire. It will aid the establishment of a National Strategic Monitoring Mechanism as well as routine socio-economic surveys and analysis that track impacts of the pandemic on various economic sectors. The programme will also support the implementation of a harmonized system to standardize the selection criteria and monitoring of assistance to beneficiaries.
EL SALVADOR - A

PROTECTING THE LIVES OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

The programme extends support to chronic-care patients, pregnant women, users of contraceptive methods, people with HIV, users of specialized pharmacies in the context of COVID-19. It will reach an estimated 40,000 women. Further, the programme will deliver PPE to health professionals and support the prevention and management of COVID19 in prisons, an intervention that will affect 80,000 incarcerated people. To reduce hospital density, the programme will support home delivery of medication and virtual medical care.

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 1

Health First

Recipient UN Agencies

UNODC

Budget: US $ 499 690

Recipient UN Agencies

UNDP

EL SALVADOR - B

SHOCK RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION TO REDUCE THE SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 ON POOR HOUSEHOLDS, WHILE ENSURING SUPPORT FOR AN EARLY AND SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

The programme will create a scalable model of ShockResponsive Social Protection, using the national social protection Programmes. It will include multipurpose cash-based transfers; agriculture inputs and technical assistance; and support to prevent violence against women, girls, boys and adolescents. The programme will establish a model in the initial phase and then scale it up with government funding. It targets 6,000 families in one district, at a cost of $108 per family.

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 2

Protecting People

Recipient UN Agencies

UNICEF

WFP
ESWATINI - A

SUPPORTING THE ESWATINI GOVERNMENT’S URGENT NEED IN RESPONDING TO COVID-19 HEALTH AND FOOD EMERGENCY

This intervention covers two critical areas, capacity building and the procurement of additional PPE and health commodities to support the Eswatini health system. As per the Eswatini National COVID-19 Contingency Plan’s priorities and objectives, the UN will support the government to meet the needs of, frontline healthcare workers, newborns, children, adolescents and young people, and women. The programme will enable the UN to procure essential equipment, supplies and commodities as well as train frontline health care workers on COVID-19 prevention, testing and management.

Programmatic Alignment

Recipient UN Agencies

Budget: US $ 375 000

ESWATINI - B

STRENGTHENING CRISIS RESPONSIVENESS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS DURING AND BEYOND COVID-19 – INDUCED FOOD EMERGENCY

This programme covers two critical and interrelated social protection components in the immediate response to COVID-19: a direct package closing gaps in social assistance interventions to address livelihoods and food insecurity challenges; and technical assistance to strengthen the crisis responsiveness of social protection mechanisms. Its activities will benefit 1,800 vulnerable households with cash transfers of $10.56 per person per month for three months. The programme will also target 200 vendors /traders of which at least 60-80% are women to provide them with a once off capital injection of US$200 to sustain their trade and provide quality service to the customers. In addition to the existing groups, the programme will provide irrigation facilities for 56 additional smallholder farmer groups to water 0.2 ha. Further, a $180 subsidy package to 80 groups.

Programmatic Alignment

Recipient UN Agencies
ASSISTING THE GEORGIAN GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

UN agencies will respond to government prioritized needs such as the provision of protective equipment, access to healthcare, continuous education for children, technology to minimize transmission of the virus, protection of the elderly, and agriculture inputs to vulnerable households. Many interventions will impact the entire population, while others will target at risk communities and groups such as the poor, women farmers, the elderly and children. Outcomes will include, inter alia, equipping 126 villages with ICT to improve social services reach and safety for 2.6 million people in 63 municipalities; extension of education to 592,000 out-of-school children; and the provision of protective gear, essential food, medicines and psychosocial support to 2,300 poor and elderly people.

ADDRESSING GAPS IN GHANA’S PANDEMIC RESPONSE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

The Joint Programme provides national-level support as well as support for direct service provision in the Greater Accra area, which is the epicenter of the pandemic and home to large numbers of people living in high density and low income circumstances. The programme will (1) assure the continuity of essential health (including TB and HIV treatment) and nutrition services and access to safe water and hygiene infrastructure (such as provision of running water and handwashing facilities) for at-risk populations. It will (2) provide technical guidance to the government to expand social protection to newly vulnerable groups. Thirdly (3), it will enhance access to SGBV and anti-stigma information, and essential services for vulnerable groups in the context of COVID-19.
GUATEMALA

UPPORT TO THE GUATEMALAN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN TO COVID-19: PROTECTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND VULNERABLE GROUPS AND PROMOTING A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED QUARANTINE

This joint programme consists of two main components: in 14 out of the 22 provinces, ensure the provision of health services, protecting and training healthcare workers and improving capacity for surveillance and laboratory analyses, including health services for women; and provide returned migrants with dignified quarantine conditions, devised from a human rights-based approach. The programme will support six Monitoring Centers that are providing humanitarian assistance and psychosocial support to 7,000 returned migrants, and ensuring their safe return to communities.

HOnduras

SAVING LIVES DURING COVID-19

This programme supports the direct health response to COVID-19. It focuses on epidemiological surveillance through the establishment of rapid response teams (RRTs), increasing the network of laboratories to improve diagnostic capacity, and strengthening Ministry of Health capacities to ensure the continuity of maternal and newborn and sexual and reproductive health services. The programme has prioritized 11 departments (out of 18 in the country) taking into account laboratory confirmed cases, number of deaths from COVID-19, and gaps in the preparation of systems to prevent and reduce infections. Improved maternal and newborn care service delivery will be pursued in three municipalities with the highest numbers of reported COVID-19 cases. Overall, the programme aims to benefit seven million people, including 240,000 women in the three municipalities selected for the sexual and reproductive health service continuity activities.
INDIA’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19: INCLUSIVE AND SCALABLE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINED FOOD, NUTRITION AND LIVELIHOOD SECURITY

This initiative will support national and state-level responses to COVID-19, facilitating collaboration between government, civil society, the private sector, the UN and other development partners. Innovations and digital tools will be applied to facilitate and expand the reach of solutions meeting the needs of vulnerable and marginalized individuals, families and communities. The programme will provide support to nearly 2.5 million people affected by the crisis in selected states and will indirectly benefit an estimated 14 million vulnerable people. Through the strengthening of the social protection systems, these interventions have the potential to impact nearly 100 million vulnerable people in India through their inclusion in the safety nets.

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO SCALE-UP INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

This programme supports the government in rolling out social protection that is more effective (reaching the most vulnerable with limited inclusion and exclusion errors), inclusive (leaving no-one behind), responsive and adaptive (contributing to long-term recovery and climate resilience). Government programmes will support 10 million households in the Family Hope Programme; 20 million households in the food voucher programme, Kartu Sembako; and 11.6 million households in a village cash transfer programme. Interventions will target those who are vulnerable to the COVID-19 crisis, especially women and children of marginalized groups.
KOSOVO* - A

SUPPORT KOSOVO INSTITUTIONS WITH SWIFT AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

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Through this intervention, the UN will support the government to migrate and verify online registration data from the web site of the Employment Agency (EA) to the Employment Management Information System (EMIS). In order to support the development of coping mechanisms, the programme will support the University of Pristina's psychoeducational website www.shendetimendor.uni-pr.edu through the production of video animation and digital content tackling issues such as depression, family communication, GBV and children’s mental health. Funding will be used to procure and distribute PPE and other equipment for front line workers including medical staff, social workers, community outreach workers and others that provide essential services in the context of COVID-19.

Recipient UN Agencies

unicef

UN VOLUNTEERS

Budget: US $ 401 645

KOSOVO* - B

COUNTERING THE DEEPENING OF PRE-EXISTING INEQUALITIES IN KOSOVO THROUGH COVID19 BY ASSISTING KOSOVO’S NON-MAJORITY COMMUNITIES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

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This programme will provide emergency as well as broader socio-economic support to non-majority communities, in particular, Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian minorities. It will also provide targeted solutions to female GBV/DV survivors from both majority and minority communities. The joint programme will reach 57,260 direct beneficiaries and 126,010 indirect beneficiaries. Approximately 50,000 will receive information on their rights and state social care services and benefits. Up to 4,180 Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian as well as Serb community members will be directly assisted. Additionally, the programme will support eight existing safe houses and their staff, which serve female victims of violence.

Recipient UN Agencies

IOM

UN Women

UNHCR

The UN Refugees Agency

Budget: US $ 600 000

* As per Security Council resolution 1244
**SAFETY FIRST: SECURING HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE RESPONSE TO THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS DURING COVID-19**

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- World Health Organization
- UNDP
- UNFPA
- UNICEF

**Budget:** US $ 1,000,000

This programme will support the health sector response to COVID-19 through the procurement and distribution of PPEs and the institution of WASH interventions and supplies across 22 hospitals and 4,000 PHC facilities. It will also support the training of 2,500 healthcare workers and the supply chain for life saving drugs for NCDs and for vulnerable children and the elderly.

**MICRONESIA**

**SUPPORT COVID-19 CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA: IMPROVED WASH ACCESS AND SERVICES IN HEALTH FACILITIES**

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**Recipient UN Agencies**

- IOM
- UNICEF

**Budget:** US $ 300,000

The overall objective of this collaborative programme is to enable governments and communities to suppress the transmission of COVID-19 through targeted WASH interventions. The programme will support WASH interventions at health dispensaries/facilities in all four FSM States, including three health facilities in Kosrae (100% coverage), four health facilities in Yap (main island, 100% coverage), six health facilities in Pohnpei (main island, 100% coverage), and seven health facilities across Chuuk (targeting both main island and lagoon islands).
MONGOLIA

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL CAPACITY TO SUPPRESS TRANSMISSION AND MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This programme supports the Government of Mongolia to implement its National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan by focusing on the provision of critical education and health services. The programme will close the gap for four provinces that last testing and breathing treatment machines, aiming to provision 1,760 COVID-19 tests and four GeneXpert machines. With regard to education, it will support the government to implement immediate upgrades to curriculum for approximately 800,000 students. It will also set the foundations for the revamp of digitally-based and innovative education models which will boost future preparedness and education delivery.
NICARAGUA

STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATIONAL STRATEGY TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES DERIVED FROM THE EMERGENCY BEFORE COVID-19 THAT PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL CARE IN ANY SETTING IN NICARAGUA

This programme supports the implementation of the Ministry of Education’s COVID-19 response plan. It focuses on ensuring educational continuity and care of children and comprises six components: 1. Development of teaching skills for effective curricular adaptation; 2. Psycho-emotional care for children and the educational community in general; 3. Strengthening the communication, planning, monitoring, and evaluation capacity; 4. Strengthening the capacity for communication, planning, monitoring, and evaluation of educational management at the municipal education offices; 5. Improving access to drinking water in schools; 6. Improvement of hygiene and sanitary conditions in schools. It includes ICT tools for connecting local schools to the Ministry’s network. Overall, 1.8 million children are covered, along with 14,000 teachers (including 5,500 receiving direct training).

MOROCCO

ENSURING THE CONTINUITY OF ESSENTIAL PRIMARY HEALTHCARE AND HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE AND DEVELOPING PREVENTION AND HYGIENE MEASURES FOR ESSENTIAL NON-HEALTH SECTORS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This programme proposes a two-pronged approach to address health and safety nationally in the context of COVID-19. It ensures the continuation of care of selected services (reproductive and maternal health, chronic care) to vulnerable populations. Second, it protects frontline workers through improved IPC and communications in the health sector and in three strategic non-health sectors. The programme combines a mix of approaches to ensure continuity of services including: self-care, mobile apps and other ICT tools, communications, provision of PPE, and support to logistics reorganization (e.g. in factories).
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

INTEGRATING WASH, NUTRITION, MATERNITY AND NEONATAL HEALTH (MNH) INTERVENTIONS FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN WESTERN PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

This programme seeks to improve **basic service delivery** in four villages of the North Fly District of **Western Province**, a border area with COVID-19 cases. It will support the provision of **WASH services for 5,000 vulnerable beneficiaries**, the reduction of severe **malnutrition** rates in young children, and the improvement and assurance of the continuity of **maternal care services**. The programme seeks a targeted approach to achieve immediate impacts while at the same time laying the **foundation for future development** to build the area’s capacity to mitigate future crises.

Recipient UN Agencies

- IOM
- UN Migration
- UNFPA
- UNICEF

Budget: US $ 991,848

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SRI LANKA

HEALTHY SOCIO-ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISE SECTOR OF SRI LANKA

This programme will support MSE support programmes, deployment of MSE surveys, COVID-19 specific Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) **training and purposing, business continuity planning, entrepreneurship support, manager-worker dialogue and on-line delivery channels and training to enhance sustainability and ensure decent work**. The programme estimates it will reach up to **70,000 enterprises** with OSH-related information and awareness raising across the country. An estimated 25% of these enterprises are **female owned and operated**. In addition, some 100 **vulnerable enterprises** will be supported to create a working environment that is safe from COVID-19 transmission. For direct support for MSEs the programme is expected to reach at least 1,100 MSEs in the two districts and facilitate their access to credit and government support schemes, including 100 MSEs through the innovative value chain financing concept. The programme will also target at least 200 female headed enterprises with training on continuity planning and resilience.

Recipient UN Agencies

- IOM
- UNOPS

Budget: US $ 1,000,000
TAJIKISTAN

STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEM IN TAJIKISTAN TO PREPARE AND RESPOND TO COVID-19

This programme will support the government’s preparation to provide care, especially to women or reproductive age, in the context of COVID-19. Specifically, it will support procurement and distribution of medications across 35 hospitals to cover the needs of 12,500 critically ill (non-COVID-19) patients. It will support procurement of breathing support machines (50 patients per month), and it will train 80 reproductive health (RH) service providers to provide consultation services remotely. It will further support the setup of mobile and internet support in four regions in Tajikistan to ensure that reproductive health services can continue to operate, and it will distribute brochures to 250,000 women of reproductive age.

TOKELAU

ENABLING QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION CAPACITY ON THE THREE ATOLLS, CONVERTIBLE TO LONG-TERM USE POST COVID-19 IN LINE WITH TOKELAU PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLAN FOR COVID-19

This programme will enhance the government’s system for preparedness and response to COVID-19 by supporting the construction of quarantine centers and isolation wards and their stocks of PPE to manage expected COVID-19 caseload. These efforts will result in a 60 bed capacity and the acquisition of 3,000 PPE items to serve the overall population of 1,647 people. The programme will also support a socio-economic impact assessment (SIEA) to understand how a lockdown will impact on the economy. It will also see that 60% of healthcare workers are trained on SRH provision and that related information reaches women and girls of reproductive age.
SUPPORT TO EARLY RECOVERY AND INCLUSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS HEAVILY AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS

This Joint Programme will focus on strengthening the capacity of and empowering the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Support and its associated service delivery civil society organizations (CSOs), to better respond to the urgent needs of the target groups, formulate and implement efficient policies and measures, as well as deliver inclusive basic socio-economic protection and assistance services to them. Vulnerable groups include: women, GBV victims, children affected by conflict, informally employed youth and women, unemployed returned migrants, and the elderly.

TUNISIA

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC RELIEF SYSTEMS FOR VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION AS A RESPONSE TO COVID-19

This programme will support the Government of Tunisia to ensure that vulnerable communities are included in the national response, through the provision of tools enabling them to target such communities. In parallel, the programme will provide emergency support - financial, psychological, shelter, NFI, etc. - to those communities that are not currently covered by the national response. It will also offer economic generating opportunities to marginalized women, supporting small and micro businesses, and promoting their inclusion in the digital economy.
VIET NAM

MITIGATING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN VIET NAM ON THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS AND SUPPORTING MORE RESILIENT POLICIES AND SYSTEMS

This Joint Programme capitalizes on the opportunity to lay the initial groundwork to ‘build back better’. It will ensure community access to essential healthcare goods and services for (10,000) women and (15,000) children under five, adapting them to the COVID-19 context through innovative delivery such as telehealth approaches. It will provide WASH services and supplies to health facilities, schools (22,500 children benefitting) and communities to assure needs are met. Emphasizing the principle of Leave No-one Behind, the proposed solution will commence with immediate cash support to 1,200 households and micro-businesses to minimize immediate livelihood losses, keep their businesses running to earn income and avoid recovery delays once opportunities arise. These will also be implemented through innovative approaches such as e-delivery tools. Overall, the programme aims to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 while also bringing new evidence and lessons on how to meet the needs of vulnerable populations.

BELIZE

COVID-19 RESPONSE TO VULNERABLE POPULATION AND FRONTLINE WORKERS IN BELIZE

The programme will support the construction of two isolation facilities in hospitals in the Western and Central Regions. It will develop and distribute information to 1,500 people working in high-risk sectors, namely tourism and healthcare, on how to minimize COVID-19 contagion and spread. Further it will help enable digital service provision for antenatal and prenatal care, assuring continuity of maternal health services.
JAMAICA - A

SUPPRESS TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 AND SAVE LIVES IN JAMAICA

This programme responds to needs within the health sector. It is designed to ensure equal access to essential health services in keeping with the SDGs and “leaving no one behind”, while at the same time addressing the existing critical gaps to respond directly to COVID-19 health response. Its solutions respond to needs for: infection prevention and control (PPE provision and training), maintenance of essential healthcare services including sexual and reproductive health services (including through mobile care units and digital approaches), case management, and risk communication and community engagements designed to assure care continuity and medication supply chains for NCD and other health conditions, in addition to COVID-19.

Window 1

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 1
Health First

Recipient UN Agencies

Budget: US $ 400 000

JAMAICA - B

SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE: ENHANCING JAMAICA’S SHOCK RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION MECHANISMS IN SUPPORT OF VULNERABLE GROUPS INCLUDING CHILDREN

This programme helps the Government of Jamaica to expand its National Social Protection Policy and Strategy to support 14,000 people. Solutions will focus mainly on shock responsive social protection strategies - characterized by vertical (increasing transfer amounts) and horizontal (increasing the number of persons) expansion of existing social protection programmes targeting vulnerable households (families with children with disabilities, pregnant and lactating women and female headed households in rural areas). The solutions will provide a financial boost for three months to 2,760 poor and vulnerable households; contribute to stabilizing the agriculture sector and keeping local markets and agricultural supply chains functional, especially through a produce buy-back scheme for 1,000 vulnerable small female-headed farmers; and increase protect the livelihoods of rural women in female headed households. It will also provide technical support to develop innovation on the disaster programmes and social development/protection programmes of the Government.

Window 2

Programmatic Alignment

Pillar 3
Economic Response and Recovery

Recipient UN Agencies

Budget: US $ 600 000
STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE TO FUTURE SHOCKS IN THE MALDIVES

This programme will **support the capacity of the mental health system** to help older persons deal better with stress, support the needs of people with disabilities, provide tailored support to children and young people on how to deal with stress and anxiety, expand government services for those living in isolation/quarantine, and provide specialized care for health and essential workers in a gender and age sensitive manner. Approximately 161 psychiatric and 31 geriatric patients living in the state care Home for People with Special Needs (HPSN) will be beneficiaries. UN agencies will further support the government to procure the essential medical equipment to provide in-facility care for COVID-19 and other cases.