UNDP Chad

Enabling and Accelerating the National Response to the Impact of COVID-19

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

On 19 March 2020, the Chadian government confirmed its first case of COVID-19 within its border. As of 25 March 2020, 3 confirmed cases are reported. The President of the Republic, in an address to the nation on 24 March, informed that international flights are on hold since 18 March and borders closed barring cargo and goods that week. All transport movements are now restricted, and shops, barrings provisions and food, are closed.

With decades of intractable conflicts, Chad has made important strides towards sustainable peace and stability in the past ten years. Since 1990, the president has placed foremost importance on the stabilization of Chad and positioning Chad as the main guarantee of stability in Lake Chad Basin areas. The security situation is highly volatile and rapidly exacerbating. On 23 March, an assault against the army garrison in Bohoma took place with heavy casualties (over 92 soldiers killed and 47 injured). Programmatically, this has implications for UNDP stabilization interventions in the Lake Chad region, and commitment to implement at least one full Joint Action Plan (JAP) on the Guitte commune (approved since March). Ngalima, other JAP sites are in the Lake are currently inaccessible and high risk.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

**Strengthening Health Systems**
- Timely and sustained procurement and delivery of health products and medical equipment
- Equipping community Health Centers in all regions with emphasis on the most vulnerable in the spirit of “leaving no-one behind”
- Non-medical requirements of health sector, such as solar power, office equipment, transport, human resource management, financial management, etc.
- Salary/incentives payments to existing and new health workers

**Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response**
- Support to inter-ministerial planning and coordination through the RC with special emphasis on support to non-health ministries and government
- Strengthening capacity of local governments for holistic response to COVID-19 crisis
- Prevention, Advocacy, Communication and Outreach to hard-to-reach areas and groups,
- Salary/incentives payments to local workers in hotspots

**Socio-Economic Impact Assessment**
- Policy Options for Government intervention based on Economic Impact Assessment of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable households
- Socio-economic Impact Analysis of COVID-19 on recovery roadmap for the Private Sector/MSMEs
- SDG Financing for National institutional strengthening and SDG acceleration
- Stabilization of the Lake Chad Basin and Liptako-Gourma Triangle

**Contribute to the UN Inter-Agency Contingency Plan**
- Support to mitigate gender impact of the pandemic

BUDGET

Following a programme criticality exercise, UNDP Chad has re-prioritized and reprogrammed its unspent and uncommitted regular resources from existing projects. At this stage, the main source of reprogrammed funds is from the global fund (5% = US$5,288,260), with 15% of regular/core available resources of UNDP (including TRAC1, TRAC 2 = $587,040). Should additional funding be needed, e.g. due to the worsening of the situation, underestimation of the needs, or lack of offer from other technical and financial partners, additional TRAC 2 resources (amounting to $1,270,750) may be reprogrammed, or requested, as may be necessary. In concertation with the Government, where possible, on-going programmes, including stabilization (limited to the Lake region) and inclusive finance (PADLFIT) will be targeting more specifically geographical areas requiring immediate and urgent socio-economic and resilience strengthening support/response.

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