UNDP Cote D’Ivoire
Support to the National Response to Contain the Impact of COVID-19

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

As of March 24, 2020, and according to WHO, the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) had been confirmed in over 45 African countries, with 1,210 confirmed cases and 26 deaths. The most severely affected countries include South Africa, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Cameroon and Cote d’Ivoire. In Côte d’Ivoire, the President of the Republic has declared a state of emergency on 23 March 2020 with the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases jumping from twenty-five (25) on 21st of March to seventy-three (73) on 23rd March.

The Government has designed a national emergency response plan and has just established the Public Health Emergency Operations Center (COUSP). A crisis committee to better manage the risk of the disease spreading has been put in place. The capacities of the Government and the national institutions involved in the response are overwhelmed and requiring support to better coordinate and deliver on the overall multidimensional response. The Government ability to ensure the effective management of risk and communication continue to jeopardize adequate sensitization and public awareness. With the enforcement of the measures announced by the Government, the state’s business continuity is elapsing, and the socio-economic impact could negatively affect the resilience of the informal sector, small business and vulnerable households. In line with the guidance from the Secretary General, the UN Country Team has also drawn up a contingency plan under the coordination of WHO.

The plan aims at strengthening all the measures to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 epidemic within the UN system in Cote d’Ivoire. The RC has raised the UN response level to phase2 on 22 March 2020. Like most partners, UNDP was asked by the government to provide support for the implementation of the national response plan. UNDP Cote d’Ivoire is mobilizing resources from internal and external sources to provide its support articulated around the following areas: (i) health system immediate response; (ii) Inclusive and integrated crisis management and (iii) social and economic impact need assessment and response.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

**Building Resilient Health Systems**
Contribute to reinforce the health system immediate response capacity with the provision of 4 intensive care units with equipment and functioning for a period of six months.
Provision of 4 ambulances and accessories

**Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response**
Provide digital technology to ensure state business continuity in the provision of state services to the most vulnerable.
Support the Governmental coordination and planning capacities at national and sub-national level
Contribute to public awareness and community sensitization

**Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery**
Conduct an economic and social impact assessment
Support recovery planning and medium and longer-term response
Support the establishment of the social and economic stabilization Fund

BUDGET

While the CO continue its intensive negotiations with donors and the Government on the reprogramming of Non-Core resources, the CO has immediately in line with the guidance provided by RBA pooled US$466,869 from its core resources as summarized in the following table (Pool 15% of the Trac 2 allocation from all COs who received more than $1 million allocation; Pool 15% of 11888 line from all COs. The CO was not able to pool part of the regional programme resources as it is entirely committed.

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