On 28 January 2020, the first suspected case of an Equatoguinean citizen was detected with possible symptoms caused by the Coronavirus. The government of Equatorial Guinea issued a ministerial circular informing the public that as of 31 January, the entries from China into the international airport would not be admitted and will be placed in quarantines as per the preventive isolation protocols. From 1 February to 13 March, a total of 89 passengers arriving from China and other countries with outbreaks were quarantined in designated isolation centers. On 14 March, the first positive case of COVID-19 was identified, and on 15 March, the government announced 12 preventive measures to control the COVID-19 pandemic to the public, including closures of all schools and academic institutions at least for a period of 30 days. Any sports events and crowded gathering such as parties, weddings, religious ceremonies, and funerals have been suspended. On the same day, all international flights were banned for a period of 30 days. On 17 March, the government announced two additional positive cases, and the President of the Republic declared that the COVID-19 situation is a national emergency. On 22 March, the government announced three additional positive cases. As of 24 March 2020, there are in total nine reported cases. All are in quarantine.

The government, in collaboration with WHO and other partners, has developed an Emergency Plan for Prevention and Contingency for possible cases of coronavirus. The plan aims to prevent the occurrence and impact of this disease in Equatorial Guinea through establishing interventions, strategies and key actions (reinforcement of surveillance, communication plan on preventive measures, case management, etc.). The government initially released XAF158,000,000 (US$263,000) for measures related to prevention, preparation and response as per the Emergency Plan. On 21 March, the government announced the creation of the Corona Virus National Emergency Fund to combat the propagation of the pandemic of COVID-19 and to contribute XAF500,000,000 (US$832,280) to the fund.

The UN team is also working to prepare a joint COVID-19 proposal to support the Government in their fundraising efforts. This proposal has been discussed within the UNCT and it was agreed that UNDP will provide support in the following: 1) procuring medical products; 2) carrying out awareness raising campaign; 3) carrying out a socio-economic impact assessment; and 4) continuity of governance to allow the Government to continue with critical services during crisis. This is also in line with UNDP’s current project cooperation and UNDP Global offer.

**Areas of Intervention**

**Building Resilient Health Systems**
- Medical products delivered to the Ministry of Health and the population
- Procurement of medical products
- Distribution of medical products

**Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response**
- Continuity of Governance supported
  - Development of the Government Continuity Plan (BCP) for the Government
  - Socialization of BCP
- Awareness of the population increased
  - Development of the campaign
  - Delivery of the campaign

**Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery**
- Socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 on the country properly assessed
- Carrying out a socio-economic impact assessment
- Dissemination and follow up of the assessment report

**Budget**

Equatorial Guinea is a middle-income country. Given the context, very limited TRAC resources are available. The budget needed for the COVID-19 response is a new budget for the country office. Currently the country office is awaiting the approved costing list for medical equipment to assess the budget for the first component.

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