



### 1. SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Ghana confirmed the first case of COVID-19 on 12 March 2020. Since then, the case incidence has risen sharply. As of 25 March 2020, a total of 68 cases have been recorded, with three [3] deaths [for updates refer to the link below]: <https://ghanahealthservice.org/covid19/>). The Government of Ghana has taken a series of measures to contain the outbreak, including closure of schools; suspension of public gatherings; travel restrictions; and closure of borders.

UNDP is working with the UN Country Team to support Government in finalizing and implementing its response plan. The Programme Response Working Group of the Outbreak Response Coordination Mechanism for UN Ghana leads the development of a costed UN Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP) for Ghana in partnership with the national authorities. UNDP is a member of the team that is mapping out UN Capacity, comparative advantage and coordinated offer (current and potential) to support the national response.

### 2. Areas of Intervention

#### Pillar 1: Health Systems Support

**Focus:** Promote safe and effective health care waste management (HCWM).

##### Short-term Interventions:

1. Provide technical support to National COVID 19 Team to integrate HCWM into national response to COVID-19.
2. Provide training to health care practitioners on best HCWM practices to ensure safe handling of infected health care waste.
3. Support Health Facilities Regulatory Authority (HEFRA) to conduct monitoring of health care facilities.
4. Support preparation of self-made hand disinfection in health care facilities in accordance with WHO guidelines.
5. Procure consumables and Personal Protective Equipment for safe handling of HCMW and reduction of infection risks.

##### Medium-term Interventions:

1. Procure and install autoclave treatment system and related equipment for safe disposal of hazardous health care waste.

#### Pillar 2: Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Responses

**Focus:** Inclusive risk communication, safeguard human rights and protect vulnerable groups.

##### Short-term Interventions

1. Produce a TV and radio documentary on hygiene and infection prevention and control targeting PWD and other vulnerable groups.
2. Provide human rights and community engagement training materials for security services to promote social cohesion.
3. Support dissemination of accurate information on prevention and response to hard-to reach areas and groups through various mediums including billboards.
4. Conduct an advocacy campaign and promote education for public and health care workers to reduce stigma.

##### Medium and long-term Interventions

1. Support Human Rights advocacy to strengthen human rights-based approaches to COVID-19 response.
2. Support communication and engagement mechanisms and digital tools to provide accurate information to vulnerable people (Ghana Health Service COVID-19 information)
3. Conduct an analysis on the gendered impact of COVID-19 in Ghana.
4. Develop trainings for corrections officials on health emergency preparedness and support to contingency planning and management.
5. Support enhancement of institutional capacity to manage COVID-19 hotlines.

#### Pillar 3: Addressing the Socio-Economic Impact

**Focus:** Protect jobs and safeguard SDGs progress amidst COVID 19 and prepare for future potential pandemics.

##### Short-term Interventions

1. Initiate a UN COVID-19 Economic Recovery Working Group to mobilize and consolidate efforts to protect jobs and safeguard SDG progress for Ghana.
2. Identify, measure and track the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 on individuals and families, small and large businesses, and local and national economies.
3. Re-imagine SDGs financing architecture to protect jobs and safeguard SDGs progress amidst COVID-19 and preparing for future pandemics, leveraging integrated national financing frameworks.
4. Support youth efforts in fighting COVID-19, protecting jobs and safeguarding SDGs progress.
5. Identify policy solutions to deliver digital transformation amidst COVID-19 and enable continuity as schools and business move online.

### 3. Budget

Following a portfolio review, UNDP Ghana has re-prioritized and will re-programme US\$650,000 regular resources from existing projects (including US\$80,000 balance of the Country Investment Facility). These funds are contributing to the budget of US\$ 21.7m, which the UN system in Ghana is targeting for responding to the COVID19 pandemic. The Government Plan is yet to be finalized and the UN is working with Partners (DPs) for coordinated support. UNDP will engage with DPs regarding possible mobilization of resources for identified initiatives around health care waste management, safeguarding the SDGs progress, community engagement and ensuring a multi-sectoral response. UNDP COVID-19 interventions will be implemented for a duration of 3-12 months depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

Pillar	Budget	Available [Core]	Gap
Health Systems Support	1.00 M	0.08 M	0.92 M
Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Responses	0.95 M	0.17 M	0.78 M
Addressing the Socio-Economic Impact	0.75 M	0.40 M	0.35 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.70 M</b>	<b>0.65 M</b>	<b>2.05 M</b>