UNDP Togo

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

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

On 6 March, Togolese authorities announced the first COVID-19 case. On 20 March, Togo confirmed nine more cases. Seven additional confirmed cases were reported on 21 March. As of 25 March, 23 confirmed cases were reported. After an extraordinary council of ministers, the government established the following measures: suspending flights from Italy, France, Germany, and Spain; cancelling all international events for three weeks; requiring people who were recently in a high-risk country to self-isolate; closing their borders; and prohibiting events with more than 100 people effective 19 March. As the virus continues to spread, the Government took additional measures to control the transmission in Togo and enacted border closure. The cities of Lomé, Tsévié, Kpalimé and Sokodé have been quarantined starting on 20 March for two weeks.

A developed national Response Plan estimated at 20 billion CFA (40 million USD) and the Government has announced a budget contribution of 2 billion CFA (4 million USD) to start fighting the pandemic. The World Bank has provided an additional amount of 4 billion CFA (8 million USD). The estimated current gap is around 14 billion CFA (28 million USD). To support the Government Response Plan, the UNCT has developed an inter-agency support plan on COVID-19, and UNDP Togo, because of its integrator role, has been as asked to lead on the implementation of that plan. In coordination and partnership with relevant actors at national level, UNDP is contributing to the overall objective of the COVID-19 National Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to halt further transmission of COVID-19, and mitigate the impact of the outbreak, including its social and economic impacts. In this regard, UNDP’s support to the Togolese National Response Plan and the UN Inter-agency Support Plan will focus on 3 pillars of the corporate offer. The approach ensures that the current response and recovery work enables the country to recover better from crises, accelerate the transition from resilience & long-term development efforts, better manage, anticipate & reduce risks, and support a rapid return to sustainable development pathways.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

**Building Resilient Health Systems**

Support the rapid supply of goods and services for disease surveillance, clinical management, PPE equipment

Support the Government to urgently enhance the health system capacity with tools and resources

Strengthen the country’s capacity in reception facilities for isolation and treatment of cases

Supporting sub-national forecasting prevention and preparedness requirement of infrastructure, equipment, reagents and commodities

Develop an App for early detection of potential cases by the AccLab

**Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response**

Strengthen the multi-sectoral national coordination mechanism

Set up and strengthen government-led coordination mechanisms including finance mechanisms, delivery units and multi-sector coordination mechanisms

Setting up a MPTF to support the Government resource mobilization

Engagement with community-based entities for sensitization, planning, implementation and monitoring of health intervention

**Socio-Economic Impact Assessment**

Undertaking a socio-economic impact study of COVID19 with Ministry of Économies, WB, IMF, ECA, UE

Undertaking sectoral economic impact assessment (Trade, labour, Transport, Services)

Mobilizing the private sector to contribute to the national response and to and to engage to support jobs and employment

In collaboration with UNCDF, supporting financial sector and business development services

**Contribute to the UN Inter-Agency Contingency Plan**

Contributing of the elaboration and implementation of the UN contingency Plan

Strengthening the United Nations system support to the national response

Strengthening coordination and planning

Strengthening of medical and social care for staff

Reinforcement of prevention and standard hygiene measures

Strengthening communication with partners

**OUTPUT**

| Building resilient health systems, including procurement and supply chain management | $1.76M | $1.28M | $479k |
| Inclusive and multi-sectoral crisis management and response | $50,000 | - | $50,000 |
| Socio-economic impact assessment and recovery | $100,000 | - | $100,000 |
| **Total** | **$1.91M** | **$1.28M** | **$629k** |

**BUDGET**

Following a programme criticality exercise, UNDP TOGO has re-prioritized and reprogrammed its unspent and uncommitted regular resources and other resources from existing project by US$1.2 million. UNDP is mobilizing additional $629K bringing the total UNDP contribution to the National COVID-19 pandemic to US$ 1.9 million. The approach ensures that the current response and recovery work enables the country to recover better from crises, accelerate the transition from resilience & long-term development efforts, better manage, anticipate & reduce risks, and support a rapid return to sustainable development pathways.