UNDP Uganda
Support to the National Response to Contain the Impact of COVID-19

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS
Uganda registered a total of 14 COVID-19 cases as of 26 March 2020. The Minister of Finance’s speech to Parliament is already showing that the economy is volatile, most GDP targets would not be met, and many businesses are already folding up, particularly, small to medium size private sector enterprises and sectors such as tourism have been hardly hit. Over 2.5 million people would already slip into poverty in 2020 and inequalities would exacerbate.

COVID-19 is already adversely impacting business continuity in the public and private sector with many workers having to stay away from work. Uganda is likely to follow other Governments in Africa that have opted to telecommute or work from home as total lockdowns become the main option to contain COVID-19. In South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda government departments are now working from home.

Growing public anxiety and demand for information from public call centre. The public is anxious to understand the challenges at hand as well as preventive and treatment measures in the face of COVID-19 pandemic.

UNDP’s offer is aligned with the National Response Plan for COVID-19 and the UN Response plan.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

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

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Business continuity Planning conducted for Government to continue function (including Parliament) amidst COVID-19.

Accelerator Lab leveraged for COVID-19 response and recovery

**Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery**

Economic Modelling and Economic Impact Analytical studies supported through seconding experts to to the Ministry of Finance

Economic Recovery Programme including economic stimuli and fiscal instruments for the most vulnerable established through seed funding (potential COVID facility for social protection/assistance)

BUDGET

The total UNDP Uganda response plan budget requirement is US$3.15 million. Following programme criticality assessment, UNDP reprogrammed US$ 650K from existing resources for immediate response, leaving a gap of US$2.5 million for new resource mobilization.

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