



1- Government Response

According to PAHO, the outbreak of COVID-19 in Colombia has reached 11,063 cases and 463 deaths confirmed. In response to the pandemic, the Government took preventive measures including a nationwide mandatory curfew and the closure of all borders as well as schools. The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting upon vulnerable populations that are already suffering from armed conflict, natural disasters, and displacement.

The crisis and associated preventive measures have exacerbated existing and generated new humanitarian needs, particularly with regards to food security. The 1.8 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela have been particularly affected by the situation due to loss of jobs and livelihood opportunities.

UNDP estimates a 4 to 11 per cent GDP decrease in 2020 combined with an increase in unemployment rates of 37-70 per cent. To mitigate this, the Government is exploring a gradual re-opening of various sectors which, on the other hand, may increase transmission risks.

The government also started to address emerging socioeconomic impacts with measures focused on policies to protect formal employment and long-term productive activity, formal independent workers and informal workers, among other measures. Mechanisms have been put also in place to mobilize private sector resources in order to facilitate solidarity, including telecommunications and banking sectors.

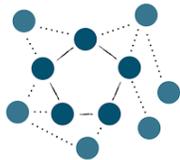
2- UNDP Support to Prepare, Respond and Recover

Strengthening Health Systems



- UNDP seeks to increase hospital capacity in first and second level hospitals and community-based health care spaces, through national logistics deployment and articulation with UNS agencies (UNV and PAHO/WHO) and local strategic partners.
- The focus of work will be in rural or municipal areas, with a shortfall in medical and specialized personnel. Therefore, in support of existing personnel and deployed to territory under UNV modality, technical/technological conditions for telemedicine may be enabled in order to expand the capacity for reaction and attention.

Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response



- UNDP has designed an open information system that allows data collection and analysis for decision making to combat the health crisis with COVID19.
- UNDP's accelerator lab designed the Innovation contest #RetoCascosDeVida. The contest, carried out in partnership with the National Government, the National Business Association (ANDI), the Makers Community and EAN University and more, aimed at harnessing collective intelligence to design and produce -massively and openly- products that protect doctors/medical staff, patients and citizens from contagion while providing an opportunity to overcome limits to circulation in public space.
- A second version of the #RetoCascosdeVida challenge, will work on lessons learned from the first version and will seek to specialize the focus on three profiles considered vital to advance the normalization of daily activities and thus the gradual economic reactivation: Specialized health personnel; Domestic workers and children in school environment.

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



- UNDP developed a Socioeconomic Impact and Needs assessment which was presented to President and Cabinet on April 7. Based on that document, UNDP is leading the elaboration by the UNCT of a deeper socio-economic impact analysis.
- A paper on Human Development and COVID-19 is under preparation as well as a paper on Multidimensional Poverty Index and COVID-19 focused on “missing dimensions” and behavioral sciences (shame, dignity.).
- UNDP is supporting the Government economic recovery programme in two areas: access to financing opportunities that contribute to sustaining jobs and income generation activities; and collaborative work strategies with vulnerable populations based on payment schemes to produce goods (cash for productivity) for the prevention and containment.
- UNDP is developing a multi-actor platform for articulation, innovation and financing for the stabilization and reactivation of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, together with public and private partners, in the framework of the COVID-19 crisis. Proposal Will include innovative financing mechanisms, allowing combination of blended finance with Crowdfunding, Crowdfunding, crowdfinancing and Crowdinvesting (i.e. impact bonds).
- UNDP will foster the implementation of rural nodes to dynamize the economy to combat undersupply, ensure food security and boost human development, through a comprehensive strategy supporting community supply network and food security in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.
- UNDP is adapting its peace and development programs to foster production while supporting the livelihoods of former combatants and their communities of engagement. UNDP is working closely with key counterparts (ARN, Health Ministry, CNR-FARC) and other UN entities to assess the main needs of former combatants and nearby communities.

3- UNDP Support to UN Country Team

- UNDP is leading the elaboration by the UNCT of a deeper socio-economic impact analysis.
- UNDP has actively participated in the revision of the Humanitarian Response Plan for Colombia and the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan to respond to COVID-19.

4- Resources- COVID19 Response

<i>Areas of Response</i>	<i>Reprogramming (Existing Projects) USD</i>	<i>New Resources USD</i>
Strengthening Health Systems		
Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response	\$1.361.000	
Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery	\$583.000	\$250.000
Sub Total	\$ 1.944.000	\$250.000
Total	\$2.194.000	

UNDP in Colombia is supporting the continuity its current portfolio implementation with national and local governments, while is seeking to identify possible resources for reprogramming to respond to COVID19.

New resources include the USD 250k of UNDP internal funds. Reprogramming of funds includes mainly resources from the peace and development portfolio.