

## SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO COVID-19

*Keeping Ahead of the Curve*

OUR RESPONSE



### **UNDP Africa contributing to the global COVID-19 narrative**

*This is the first of regular updates from UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa focusing on innovative COVID-19 responses across Sub-Saharan Africa. This snapshot will feature best practices and innovative solutions from UNDP and partners to confront the COVID-19 emergency across the region. While much remains uncertain about the trajectory of this pandemic in Africa, one thing is clear – that we need to work jointly and learn fast to confront the challenges ahead.*



[Richest countries agree to freeze poorer nations' debt](#)

['Complete collapse of economies' ahead as Africa faces virus](#)

RBA Director Ahunna Eziakonwa spoke to Associated Press on the impact of COVID-19 on African economies, picked up in two rounds of coverage through New York Times, Fox News, Guardian, and more.



**Écoutez Ici:** [Coronavirus en Afrique: «Personne ne sera laissé de côté»](#)

La Directrice adjointe du PNUD Afrique, Noura Hamladji, répond aux questions de RFI à propos des conséquences du coronavirus sur les économies africaines.

[Developing Countries Face Economic Collapse in COVID-19 Fight: UN](#)



[UNDP partners with Africa CDC to strengthen COVID-19 response](#)

*"UNDP is proud to work with the African Union through the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to not only draw on learnings from Ebola but so that we can prepare better, fight back and recover stronger," the RBA Director said.*

[Africa's business leaders commit to fighting COVID-19](#)

*African Influencers for Development (AI4Dev), some of Africa's top business leaders, are joining UNDP Africa to focus on building a coordinated continent-wide response to the crisis.*

**L'approche du PNUD pour appuyer le gouvernement du Mali** (Représentant Résident du PNUD au Mali Jo Scheuer sur @mikadofm) [Écoutez Ici](#)

**COVID-19 Response Insights from Nigeria with UNDP Nigeria Resident Representative Mohamed Yahya** (UNTV) [Watch Here](#)

## INNOVATIVE RAPID RESPONSE: BEST PRACTICES SURFACING ACROSS AFRICA



### UGANDA

In [Uganda](#), UNDP is facilitating business continuity in government operations by purchasing thousands of Zoom licenses to be rolled out to enable telecommuting and remote collaboration between civil servants during the confinement and social distancing period.

### TOGO

In [Togo](#), the UNDP Accelerator Lab is working with the Data Pop Alliance on a "Big Data for COVID-19" initiative which will help analyze the Togolese perception of the disease through mobile phone surveys and make projections on possible new cases; analyze impact of measures taken so far by the government on living conditions of the poorest, locate the most vulnerable and anticipate effects of support measures.



### ANGOLA

In collaboration with the government of Angola and with support from the EU, UNDP is working on a COVID-19 Monitor. The tool will be integrated into a wider information dashboard correlating different demographic, socio-economic, and infrastructure variables to identify vulnerable groups, higher risk areas, in the southern part of the country where 1.1 million people are severely affected by the impact of climate change.

### CABO VERDE

In Cabo Verde, UNDP partnered with the Government and young IT entrepreneurs to launch an app that links the public to a virtual data platform to do timely diagnostics, credible messaging and sensitization, mapping, monitoring and control of the spread of COVID-19 to strengthen early warning and action.



### MAURITIUS

In Mauritius, the government has created a streamlined online system for economic operators to apply and obtain Work Access Permits for a limited number of employees considered to be delivering essential services during the quarantine. This system goes a long way towards strengthening not only efficiency but also transparency and trust between government and the private sector at a difficult time for society as a whole.

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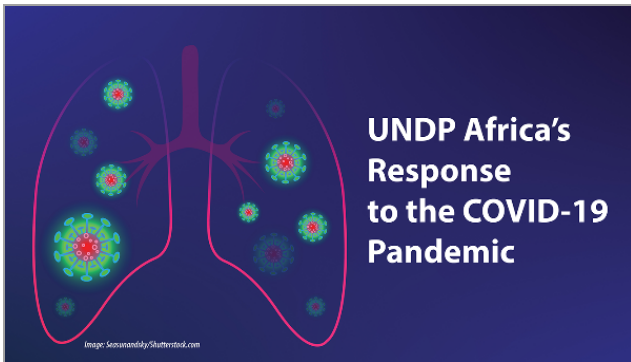
 **Ahunna Eziakonwa**  @ahunnaeziakonwa

## World Creativity & Innovation Day: COVID-19 Responses in Africa

World Creativity and Innovation Day was celebrated on 21 April 2020. Check out this [moment on Twitter](#) curated by the Regional Director highlighting creative and innovative COVID-19 responses from our Country Offices.

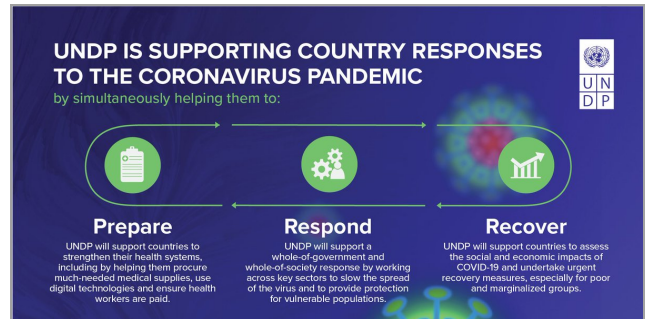
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## Links & Resources



**UNDP Africa's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**REGIONAL RESOURCES**  
[UNDP Africa Regional Offer on COVID-19](#)  
[UNDP Africa Country Response One-Pagers](#)



**UNDP IS SUPPORTING COUNTRY RESPONSES TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**  
by simultaneously helping them to:

**Prepare**  
UNDP will support countries to strengthen their health systems, including by helping them procure much-needed medical supplies, use digital technologies and ensure health workers are paid.

**Respond**  
UNDP will support a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response by working across key sectors to slow the spread of the virus and to provide protection for vulnerable populations.

**Recover**  
UNDP will support countries to assess the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 and undertake urgent recovery measures, especially for poor and marginalized groups.

**GLOBAL RESOURCES**  
[UNDP Global Offer on COVID-19 \(English\)](#)  
[UNDP Global Offer on COVID-19 \(French\)](#)  
[UNDP Global Offer on COVID-19 \(Portuguese\)](#)

# Publications

The Regional Bureau for Africa's [COVID-19 brief series](#) draws on UNDP's experience and knowledge globally and from the expertise and capacity of our partner think tanks and academic institutions in **Africa**, to promote a collective reflection on the response to the COVID-19 health crisis and its economic and social effects on our societies.

## Policy Brief

Issue No: 4/2020 April 2020

**A vehicle to articulate development issues and foster dialogue**

### Articulating the Pathways of the Socio-Economic Impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic on the Kenyan Economy<sup>1</sup>

**Summary** - This policy brief assesses the possible vulnerabilities and impacts on Kenya of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although it is too early to predict the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Kenyan economy, this policy brief uses an adapted World Bank conceptual and methodological framework which was used to analyse the economic impact of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa 2014-2016 to identify the pathways of the COVID-19 pandemic impact on the economy, poverty and inequality, women and girls, refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and migrants, education, food security and nutrition and governance and security. There has already been adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the several sectors of the economy in particular; tourism, agriculture, manufacturing and trade putting people's jobs and livelihoods at risk. The policy brief argues that considering the adverse socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and livelihoods of families and communities, in particular the most vulnerable groups which will regress progress across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), policymakers, should adopt a whole of government and society approach to lessen the adverse impacts.

#### 1. Introduction

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was informed of a cluster of cases of pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, Peoples' Republic of China. This was subsequently confirmed as an outbreak of a new type of coronavirus, 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by the National Health Commission, Peoples' Republic of China and the WHO. As of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, the Coronavirus Worldometer shows that the number of infected cases globally was 935,957 with recorded 47,245 deaths, and 194,298 recovered patients<sup>2</sup>. In Kenya, the number of infected cases is eighty one (81) with one (1) death and three (3) recovered patients.

<sup>1</sup>This policy brief is an output of the Strategic Policy Advisory Unit (SPAU) in the UNDP Kenya Country Office and UNRCO in collaboration with FAO, UNICEF, UN Women, IOM, UNHCR, UN Habitat and UNESCO. This policy brief was prepared to stimulate policy debate on the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Kenyan economy and to inform UN programming and Government of Kenya response to the pandemic.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries> (last updated: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, 02:57 GMT). The analysis in this policy brief is based on data available as at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

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## NOTE SUR L'IMPACT DU COVID-19 SUR L'ÉCONOMIE DE MADAGASCAR

Scénarios et recommandations



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