

# UNDP Cameroon

## Support to the National Response to Contain the Impact of COVID-19



### SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

In Cameroon, there have been 1,016 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 22 deaths as of 17 April. Cameroon has the second highest infection rates in Sub-Saharan. The Government assessed that the national health structures are not able to respond rapidly to the evolving COVID-19 epidemic. Socio-economic impact of the crisis on Cameroon is on various fronts. The expected decline in export earnings will have major impact on the country's ability to respond and provide effective services to the population. Restrictive measures that have been put in place to contain the virus will have impact on small businesses and the informal sector that employ most of the population especially in urban centers. The disruptions in overall national earning and households' ability to spend will affect the services sector, particularly the transport, tourism and trade sectors.

The Government prepared a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan US\$ 600 million to respond to the crisis. The health response strategy under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Health has eight components: i) Multisectoral and international coordination, ii) Surveillance for early detection of cases, iii) Investigation and rapid intervention teams, iv) Laboratory capacities, v) Infection

prevention and control measures in hospitals and in the community, vi) Cases management, vii) Risk communication and Community engagement, and viii) logistics. UNDP is partnering with the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development on socio-economic impact assessment and response. A socioeconomic response plan is being developed with the support of UNDP. This plan is based on five pillars: (i) strengthening the health system, (ii) social resilience, (iii) macroeconomic and financial stability, (iv) strategic supply, (v) research and innovation. The United Nations in Cameroon has decided to put in place COVID-19 Basket Fund which has been designed to serve as the One COVID-19 Financing and Investment Platform. UNDP is responsible for the financial management of the Basket Fund and ensures monitoring of the implementation of the Fund.

UNDP Cameroon and WFP are co-leads on Operations and Logistics support in the UN Response Plan and partnering with the World Bank and the Global Fund on medical supplies. UNDP will continue to align its responses with the broader UNCT response plan.

### AREAS OF INTERVENTION

#### Strengthening Health Systems



Support hospitals through provision of medical supplies and equipment to improve overall medical service delivery. UNDP Cameroon has initiated procurement of a first wave of urgent medical supplies in partnership with the World Bank and the Global Fund

Provision of non-medical requirements for health sector, such as vehicles, motorbikes, bicycles, computers, communications and audio-visual equipment, generators containers and temporary construction

Advisory support to the Ministry of Health for reallocation of Global Fund resources in support of COVID-19 response, in line with Global Fund guidance

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



Support the establishment of a country coordination platform on COVID-19

Support the Government to disseminate communication material on COVID-19 to vulnerable communities in the North, Far North, North West and South West regions. UNDP will partner with UNESCO to capitalize on its well-established network of community media centers (Community Radio), and invest in efforts led by independent media, non-governmental organizations to share impartial and credible news about COVID-19 to counter rumor and political manipulation of the crisis

Creation of local authority's platform to allow for information exchanges through the involvement of traditional and religious authorities and local NGOs to develop strategies for fast recovery of livelihood.

#### Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Support the Government to undertake a large socio-economic impact assessment of COVID-19 to anticipate and manage the medium and long-term impact on the economy

Support the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Ministry of Trade for monitoring the economic impact of COVID-19, use Market Information System put in place with UNDP support to monitor inflation and consumption prices for essential goods and products, distribution of food kits to more than 1 million vulnerable people at least. and provide policy and programme advisory support to address the developmental impacts of COVID-19 and safeguard progress towards the SDGs.

UNDP in collaboration with the Government is setting-up of a Basket Fund to complement ongoing efforts to mobilize resource in support of the National Solidarity Fund developed by the Government to tackle COVID-19.

### BUDGET

The total UNDP Cameroon response plan budget requirement is US\$18.5 million. Following detailed consultation with the Government and programme criticality assessment, UNDP reprogrammed \$1.25 million from existing resources for immediate response, mobilized \$4.10 million from World Bank (\$2.3 million), Global Fund (\$1.77 million), ILO (\$25,000), UN Habitat (\$5,000) and leaving a gap of \$12.38 million. New funding is being discussed with World Bank (\$4 million) and AFD (\$1.5 million).

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Support to build resilient health systems (including health procurement, training etc.)	\$12M	\$5.6M	\$6.4M
Promote inclusive and integrated crisis management and multi-sectoral responses	\$1M	\$158k	\$916k
Support to address socio-economic impact and recovery	\$5.33M	\$304k	\$5M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.5M</b>	<b>\$6.1M</b>	<b>\$12.38M</b>