



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Eritrea registered its first confirmed case of COVID-19 on Saturday March 21, since then no additional case has been confirmed even though as part of Government immediate measures people arriving in Asmara from affected countries are subjected to compulsory testing/screening and self-quarantining. Prior to this, the Government of the State of Eritrea (GoSE) has demonstrated strong ownership and leadership by embarking on proactive progressive approaches as part of its overall prevention, preparedness and response strategy against COVID-19. Proactive steps have been taken to strengthen the relatively fragile health system, and to engage with donors and suppliers as early as possible, in view of the demand and global nature of the outbreak.

Cognizant of the fact that a system-wide outbreak will have an devastating exponential impact in Eritrea, especially on its vulnerable population, including the elderly and those with co-morbidities, the trigger of the first case, saw the Ministry of Health released a seven point communique, "to all citizens and foreigners residing in the country to take utmost precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic and to strictly implement the Government guidelines for the safety of their own lives and the country". In the past few days the government has stepped up advocacy, public sensitization, and awareness creation in its 8 national languages, and has

also started to restrict commercial flights from some major countries (e.g. Dubai) and the reduction of Ethiopia Airlines to only 2 times in a week.

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As an integral part of the whole UN system wide support and with the critical mind of safeguarding progress on the achievement of the SDGs and also in line with our commitment to leave no one behind and leveraging its integrator role and ability to work across the humanitarian-development nexus; UNDP's COV-19 Response will provide support across the value chain of the COV-19 response; utilizing expertise and leveraging on its Global Offer, tools and resources. As a trusted partner of GoSE and key DPs, UNDP, will play a lead role for an integrated resource mobilization in support of the National Response Plan.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Building Resilient Health Systems



Procuring health equipment and supplies worth

Sensitize on preventive messages in line with our programme criticality and ongoing partnership with the Ministry of Information, the mass media, new media and social media platforms to promote national preparedness and response plans

Build alliance and partnership with national leaderships, for multisectoral and whole of society approach on preventive measures

Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response



Support and strengthen multi-sectoral dialogues with emphasis on promoting social responsibility and cohesion; community mobilization and surveillance with the view to reducing stigmatization

Support the facilitation of delivery of social services aimed at improving access to livelihoods

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Support socio-economic impact analysis assessments to promote interventions that will build back and scale up opportunities for livelihoods in communities; foster financial inclusion, particularly for women, youth, and the rural poor

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Strengthening health systems (including health procurement, training etc.)	\$2.17M	\$688k	\$1.41M
Promote inclusive and integrated crisis management and multi-sectoral responses	\$350k	\$86,200	\$263k
Support to address socio-economic impact and recovery	\$210k	\$60,000	\$150k
Total	\$1.43M	\$730k	\$700k