



UNDP RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN ANGOLA MARCH - JUNE 2020



INTRODUCTION

UNDP is fully operational in 170 countries and territories and focused on the global COVID-19 response. We are mobilizing all our assets to respond to this unprecedented challenge. We have transitioned all critical operations to digital and virtual platforms, enabling our teams to continue delivering effectively despite restrictions on movement and physical interaction.

In Angola, UNDP's COVID-19 Response is focused on four Areas of Intervention: 1) Resilient Health Systems; 2) Economic and Social Impact; 3) National Strategic and Inclusive Leadership 4) Innovations for Critical Programmes, Response and Recovery. In addition to cutting across all UNDP's assistance, specific support is being provided to mainstream gender and human rights in Response and Recovery.

As the country continues to respond, the UNDP's programme and policy offer on COVID-19 is changing to adapt to the evolving nature of the pandemic and the corresponding response architecture of the United Nations. Looking ahead, UNDP is leading the United Nations' Framework for the Immediate Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19 to protect needs and rights, with a focus on the most vulnerable. The five streams of work of the will be delivered with health, governance, gender, nature, digital advances and means of managing uncertainty--each of which will be crucial for success. Together, they comprise the ten parts of UNDP's Back to Better Agenda.

This agenda is fully integrated with the UN's public health response under the leadership of WHO and the humanitarian response under the leadership of the UN Office for Humanitarian Affairs. It puts UNDP's integrated expertise, programming capacities, technical knowledge, and advisory services at the center to work to serve countries and support the UN development system, keeping our human development mandate front and center.

1. RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS TO RESPOND TO COVID-19, INCLUDING PROCUREMENT

UNDP continues to deliver intensive technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and Civil society, At the request of the Public Health Directorate (DNSP), UNDP joined the Sub Commission on Logistics and was instrumental, alongside the World Bank, WHO and the WFP, in producing the National Quantification of needs for COVID-19 health products and equipment. On 20th April, the Ministry of Health published the Quantification Report for development partners.

UNDP provided further support to the Ministry in mapping donations received and procurement done to date. This mapping, which helped confirm commodity and equipment gaps, was also shared by the Ministry with partners on 13th May 2020.

UNDP has provided human resource support to DNSP for the development of the following normative documents: (i) prevention guidelines for the population aged over 65 years old; (ii) guidelines for exposed health professionals; (iii) guidelines for the type of individual protection equipment by type of service at health facilities; (iv) flowchart for the management of pregnant women in the context of COVID-19; (v) guidelines for post-natal care of babies born to exposed mothers; (vi) flowchart for the use of individual protection equipment in health facilities; (vii) development of a test results form template and respective guidelines for laboratories and health facilities issuing the results; (viii) guidelines for the prevention and control of infections at oral health facilities. Working alongside WHO, UNDP contributes to the redesign and the content of the daily COVID-19 epidemiological bulletin.

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- At the request of Luanda Provincial Authorities, UNDP facilitated the development of a Community Engagement Strategy for COVID-19. Based on rapid participatory assessments conducted with the Inter Faith Platform, ANASO members and the UN Joint Team on HIV/aids, the draft Strategy was presented to Luanda's Provincial Governor for Political and Social Affairs, on 4th May 2020. Subsequently, UNDP helped ANASO and its civil society members in developing community engagement plans and budgets which are ready to be funded.
 - Working within the Country Co-ordination Mechanism for the implementation of the GF (CCM) UNDP provided technical assistance which was instrumental in drafting the CCM Funding Request, submitted on 31st May to the new Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism. On 12th June, the Global Fund announced its approval of the components of the Request related to the protection of health professionals against COVID-19 infection. Other components are under review.



Members of UNDP, ANASO , Luanda's Provincial Governor in Community Engagement Strategy for COVID-19 meeting held on 4th May 2020.

2. SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

Poverty

- UNDP has provided technical assistance to the President of the Republic's Office to conduct a mapping and diagnostic of 36 key national programmes oriented to end poverty in Angola, in partnership with IPC-IG Center.
- Three analyses of the socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19 in Angola were published in April, in partnership with UN-Habitat, including the participation into radio debates. With support from UNDP as technical lead, a third assessment by the UN and World Bank in Angola was presented in May. Based on this analysis, UNDP has continued to provide support for the elaboration of the UN response plan.
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- With objective to improve the enabling environment for innovation and entrepreneurship UNDP signed the MoU with the Ministry of High Education, Technology and Innovation to foster entrepreneurial spirit with



UNDP Resident Representative, Henrik Fredborg Larsen, met with the Office of the President and her Excellency State Minister Carolina Cerqueira, June 2020/UNDP Angola

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- UNDP has maintained close dialogue with the private sector through online meetings with the representatives of business associations of small and medium-sized enterprises to sense the likely impacts of COVID-19 and possible solutions. Online meetings were also held with the Ministry of Public Administration, Labor and Social Security (MAPTSS) and the National Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (INEFOP) to define an action plan to support skill development, and youth employment.
- Finally, UNDP has continued to work closely with the National Institute of Statistics (INE), in partnership with Oxford's University OPHI to elaborate the forthcoming National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) of Angola. This Index will become an important instrument for the decision makers elaborate anti-poverty policies, especially during difficult times. Having a picture of the real levels of poverty in the country will also help UNDP and UN agencies trace strategies to “reach those further behind first”. It will be the first National Multidimensional Poverty Index, which shows how national institutions are committed and empowered.



Beneficiaries of the sustainable Charcoal project, Cuanza Sul/UNDP Angola |

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Resilience (Projecto Fortalecimento da Resiliência e da Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional em Angola ‘FRESAN’ – Huila)

- UNDP is providing support to provincial coordination, communication and contingency planning through its field presence and established partnership with the three provincial vice-governors leading the Disaster Risks Management and Provincial Civil Protection Commissions. Three Covid-19 provincial contingency plans were produced with Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for disaster response at provincial level in the 3 provinces.
- Jointly with the provincial governments of Huila, Namibe and Cunene, and the National Civil Protection Commission of the Ministry of Interior of Angola, UNDP and the EU developed a COVID-19 Monitor using technologies such as Power BI and GIS maps. The monitor is awaiting its official launch by the provincial governments and civil protection and defense authorities.
- Design and implementation of immediate response in partnership with Huila provincial government and logistical support from UNICEF, the provincial government started implementation of social mobilization/community outreach activities targeting women in informal markets with hygiene materials and information on COVID-19 in all municipalities of Huila.

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- Support to Civil Services and Fire Department (Serviço de Protecção Civil e Bombeiros - SPCB) capacity building and coordination with National Police on the response and implementation of state of emergency. SPCB staff was integrated with the Police on the road blocks that now have teams also with one or two SPCB firefighters.
- Ongoing support to crisis room in Lubango, now integrated with all Minister of Interior sectors. This provides an opportunity also for the FRESAN team to have access to better working conditions in a new building with the necessary infrastructure.



Woman trained with Resilience Building preparedness for resilient recovery in Huila Province/UNDP Angola

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Sustainability

- Emission of three radio programs per week in Otchivambo and Nhaneca-Humbe on climate change adaptation and disaster resilience through Radio Cunene, covering COVID aspects and reaching an estimated 336.500 people;
- Training of communities in the Cuvelai basin in resilient agriculture, including COVID aspects;
- Installation of radio systems in 10 communities previously without communication and in 10 vehicles of Civil Protection in Cunene;
- Formation and training of 2 community disaster management groups by Civil Protection in Cunene;
- Strengthening of communities' capacities in Huambo and Cuanza Sul in community-based forest management and sustainable charcoal production. Were included in the project the awareness about COVID aspects and the spread of security and prevention measures.



Beneficiaries of the Tip-taps/ADPP
Angola

3. INCLUSIVE AND MULTI-SECTORAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- Support for safe functioning of local markets to avoid closures, to ensure low income families maintain their livelihood and to advance fundamental rights. This support is being provided in partnership with the Ministry of Territorial Administration (MAT), Provincial COVID-19 Response Commissions, Municipal Administrators and local market managers.
- There is also a collaboration with a private sector actor, Roque-Online, that is leading the process of registration of informal vendors in 24 local markets. The registration will be linked to the Single Social Registry for Social Protection and the formalization of the informal market. The biosafety Manual has been finalized in collaboration with WHO and have been distributed to the markets, and in turn the latter have started implementing it through the established Local Implementation Committees made up of Local Administrations and local market managers.
- UNDP and MAT are currently negotiating a broader COVID-19 response collaboration package that also involves preparatory activities for the functioning of local governments whose electoral process is still scheduled so start in 2020 if all conditions are created.



National Assembly of Angola /ANGOP Angola

3. INCLUSIVE AND MULTI-SECTORAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- UNDP supported Parliament in the design of legislation for remote sessions. This legislation was approved in March and enabled the first ever remote session in the history of Angola's Parliament (during which the first Presidential decree 81/20 on the State of Emergency - SoE - was endorsed). In collaboration with the Accelerator Lab, Parliament was advised on online facility options viable for virtual sessions by Parliament.
- In collaboration with OHCHR and UNPOL at regional and global levels, the training focuses on the police daily duties, including arrest, use of force, detention, investigation and police protection and accountability. A total of 12 national trainers, specialists from Ministry of Interior, with the participation of the National Human Rights Director and a member of the Intersectoral Commission for National Human Rights Reporting - CIERNDH, to update and strengthen human rights knowledge and its adaptation to the COVID-19 emergency context. In turn, the trained trainers will cascade the training countrywide and reach up to 5,000 police agents.



Participants of training focuses on the police daily duties on COVID-19 crisis /UNDP Angola

GENDER & WOMEN



Beneficiaries of Promoting the Empowerment of Angolan Women Through CSOS Project /UNDP Angola

- Ongoing engagement with the Civil Society for public campaigns on the rights of domestic workers (for duty bearers and rights holders) and on domestic violence, including provision of police support to guarantee the physical safety of victims, provision of psychological support, as well as free legal aid through the Human Rights Center of the Angolan Catholic University.



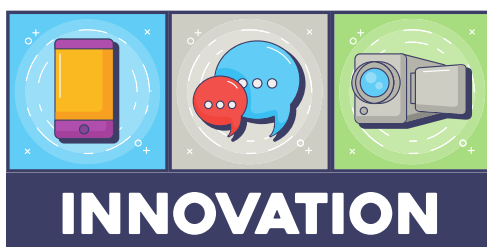
Beneficiaries of Sustainable Economic Development & Inclusive Growth Project /UNDP Angola

The public campaign products include radio spots, tailored messages, a package of radio programs and debates and literature distribution.

INNOVATION FOR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

STRENGTHEN CAPACITY

The Accelerator Lab has been providing support to the CO units and partners through advice on tools and resources for remote working and sharing information on innovative approaches to support business continuity. Examples: advice on virtual platforms for remote sessions to support the Parliament function and most recently support for the deployment of Virtual Training Sessions on Human Rights delivered to Ministry of Interior.

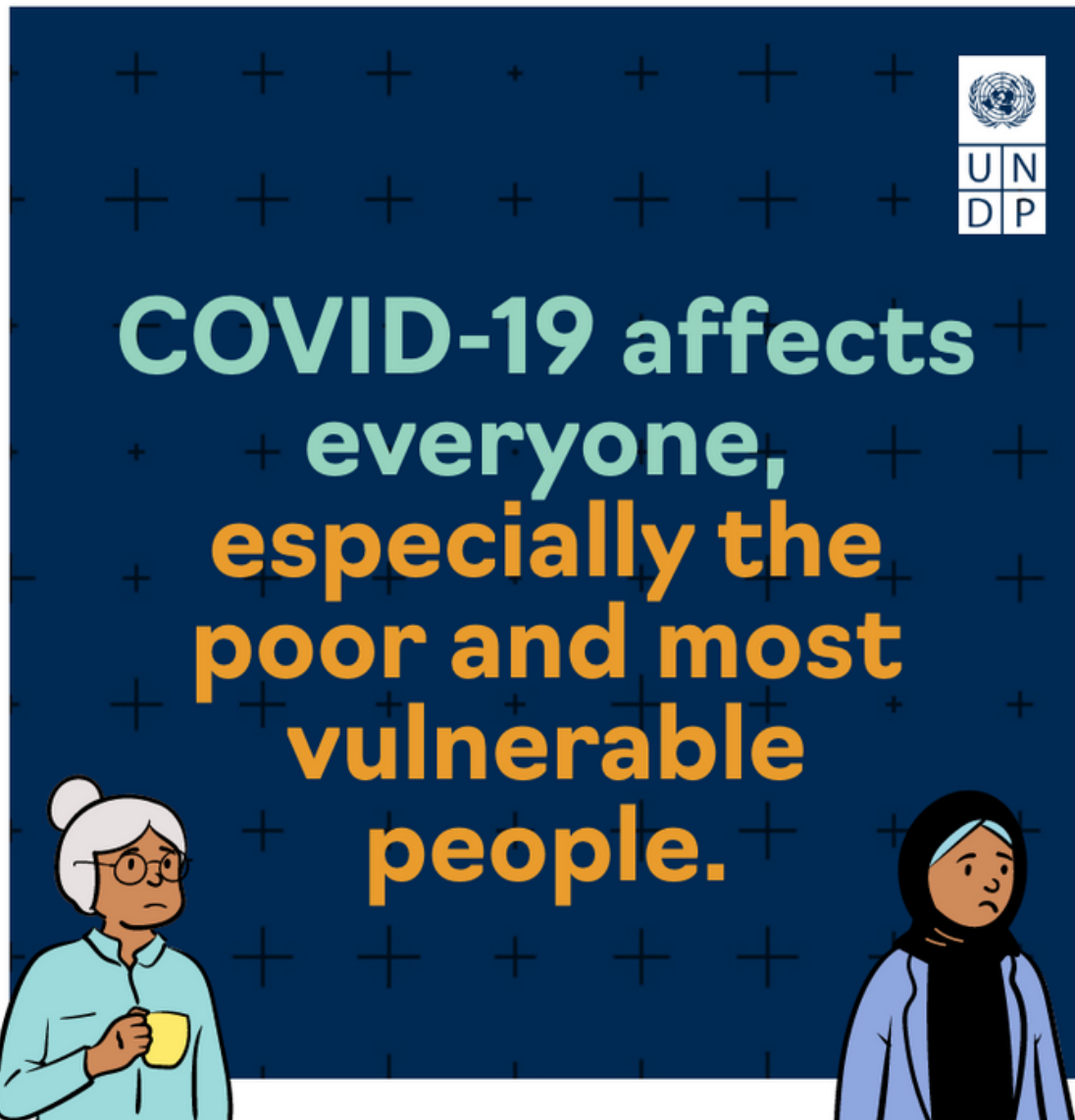


The Accelerator Lab continues providing support for the safe functioning of informal markets in collaboration with the Governance Unit and MAT. A Biosecurity guide and Brochure was produced and UNDP will be supporting the digital registry of sellers and connection to an e-commerce platform, as well as the implementation of biosecurity measures and specific interventions in selected markets..

The Accelerator Lab has provided support to the Global Fund/UNDP by facilitating participatory sessions with different actors including: Inter Faith Platform, Civil Society/ANASO, UN Agencies and Private Sector, using sensemaking and collective intelligence to create actionable knowledge. A Provincial Plan for Community Engagement was drafted and presented to the Vice Governor.

SHARING AND SCALING

The Accelerator Lab is providing support in the design of the PALOP Hackathon, a project developed by UNDP in Guiné-Bissau in partnership with other PALOP countries.



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