



Chief Field Office Nampula in the celebrations of world hand washing day / UNICEF Mozambique

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Key Facts and Actions

- The covid-19 active cases are concentrated in the country capital city of Maputo having 72.7 per cent of the total active cases.
- 78.6 per cent of the people previously infected with COVID-19 has fully recovered.
- UNICEF supported the training of 354 Community Health Workers in IPC for COVID-19 and for assurance of continuity of health services
- 8,705 masks have been produced by persons with disabilities trained and supported by UNICEF
- 12 million people reached by Radio Mozambique and 111 community radios with COVID-19 prevention measures
- 983 girls and women with disabilities in Sofala province have been supported with dignity kits.

Situation Overview

Since the report of the first case of covid-19 in Mozambique seven months ago (March 2020), the health authorities continue detecting and reporting additional cases at daily basis. As of 23 October, 80 per cent of total districts in the country reported at least one case of COVID-19 and the positivity rate was 7.7 per cent. The health authorities reported a cumulative of 11,748 confirmed cases (35.4 per cent increase since the last report) of COVID-19 (11,445 are from local transmission), 82 deaths and 390 hospitalizations which 64 (15.6 per cent increase since last report) are still in isolation centers under treatment (as of 23 October) and other health facilities. Most of confirmed cases are asymptomatic (57 per cent as of epidemiological report of 26 October 2020) and 1 per cent of cases presented severe symptoms. The covid-19 active cases are concentrated in Maputo city having 72.7 per cent of the total active cases, followed by Maputo province, Sofala and Cabo Delgado provinces. In terms of deaths, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported that 78 per cent (12 per cent increase since last report) of the deaths (35) occurred in Maputo city and the age groups with major cases are 20-29 and 30-39 years old. Health Minister has disclosed its COVID-19 positive test on 13th October and took opportunity to appeal for strengthening of prevention measure.

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Situation in Numbers

11,748 Confirmed cases

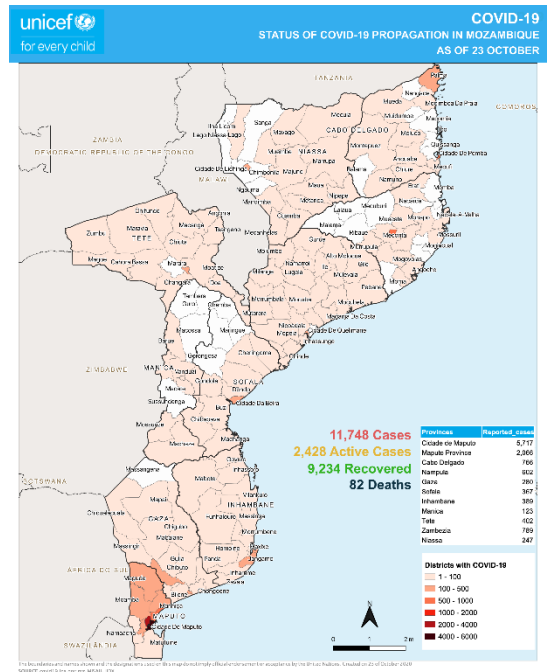
2,428 Active cases

82 Deaths

177,287 Tested

2,443 active contacts

9,234 Recovered



It is worth to highlight that the country has improved its testing capacity having done so far 177,287 tests since the declaration of the pandemic. The average daily testing capacity increased to 1,900 tests/day (65 test/Million hab/day last 2 weeks – 11-25 October), this represents 26% increase in the testing capacity. Current bed occupancy rate is still manageable due to high proportion of mild and asymptomatic cases and Maputo city is at 28% occupancy rate. Provinces with higher occupancy capacity are Cabo Delgado and Zambézia.

The MoH has reported that 78.6 per cent (17 per cent increase since last report) of the people previously infected with COVID-19 has fully recovered. As part of its strategy to increase knowledge on how the epidemic is unfolding in Mozambique, the National Institute of Health (INS) conducted further sero-epidemiological surveys in Lichinga, Beira and Matola cities. Preliminary results of these surveys varies from city to city but overall, there is indication that among the different target groups of the survey, transporters, markets sellers and store workers are the most exposed to covid-19 and in terms of age group all are exposed to COVID-19 but the young and youth are the most exposed. These results will help the authorities to make informed decisions and target the priority groups and locations in its response. Lichinga city presented the lowest positivity rate when compared to all cities that the surveys have conducted.

As an effort for the gradual return to normality, the Government of Mozambique authorized and initiated with the re-opening of schools subject to evaluations of basic WASH conditions. Priority was given to universities, technical schools and grades with exams (only secondary as of October 2020).

Coordination

The Ministry of Health (MoH) established an Emergency Commission within the ministry to ensure effective coordination of COVID-19 prevention and response through the efforts of nine Technical Working Groups co-led by staff of the MoH and development partners. Internally, the Commission meets daily, and twice weekly in a broader group with the participation of key departments of the ministry, line ministries and development partners. The National Institute of Health opened delegations at provincial level in Maputo city and Sofala.

There are also ongoing coordination efforts targeted at mitigating the secondary impacts that may emerge as a result of the outbreak. To this end, the government disaster agency (INGC) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) are currently working with line ministries to identify the needs and priority measures to be taken. Aligned with this, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), led by the Resident Coordinator and composed of UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross, and donor representatives, is developing a Response Plan to COVID-19, focusing on sector specific impacts of COVID-19.

UNICEF Response (during reporting period)

Health

- In Sofala and Manica, UNICEF supported the acquisition and distribution of Covid-19 prevention material, for Community Health workers and volunteers attending Integrated Nutrition Package training, namely: 1,502 masks, 2,604 soap bars, 364 buckets with taps for nutrition sites and 200 bottles of alcohol gel.
- In Sofala province supervisions visits were held for monitoring and assurance of continuity of health services in 6 health facilities in Cheringoma district and in 4 of Buzi.
- 354 Community Health Workers trained in IPC for COVID-19 and for assurance of continuity of health services in 14 districts of Cabo Delgado province.

Nutrition

- As part of Covid-19 response, on-site mentoring of Inpatient Treatment of acute malnutrition was carried out in the districts of Balama, Chiure, Metuge and Mecufi. These mentoring are still ongoing remotely for other districts of Cabo Delgado.
- In progress, is the training in Integrated Nutrition Package for Community health workers in the districts of Mecufi, Nangade and Meluco (Cabo Delgado province).
- In Manica province, 18 Journalists were trained on effective health and nutrition communication and pandemic prevention of COVID19.
- As part of the celebration of the world breastfeeding week, 200 masks, 1 alcohol dispenser and 20 bottles of alcohol gel were delivered to the central ceremonies in Chimoio, Manica province.

WASH

- Ongoing advocacy efforts for the support from Government budget for support to private operators for continuity of centralized water supply systems.
- Advocacy, including visibility at Parliament and events in Sofala and Nampula for Global Handwashing Day - prioritizing handwashing as an effective measure for the prevention of COVID-19.

Communication for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability

- 12 million people reached by Radio Mozambique and 111 community radios that through the active support to weekly radio programmes: Ouro Negro, Saude e Vida and daily radio spots (preventive measures and secondary impact).
- 13 radio debates conducted in Pemba and Metuge as COVID19 prevention with IDPs families.
- TV spots on COVID-19 prevention, risk mitigation at water points, demand health services, broadcasting in prime time in the TV channels with highest coverage in Mozambique.
- 20 public announcements using cars with megaphones have been conducted to disseminate messages on COVID-19 preventive practices among IDPs families in Pemba and Metuge.
- Almost 2.9 million impressions on COVID-19 contents on social media and 3.5 thousand unique pageviews for COVID-related content.
- 13,474 people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention, access to services and people sharing their concerns on U-Report.
- Community meeting in COVID19 hot spots (markets and transportation hubs) reaching high-risk population according to seroprevalence studies.
- 91 thousand engagements on COVID-19 on social media.

Education

- Provision of Education supplies: - (170) school in a box kits, learners' kit (15,403), tarpaulins sheets (600) and chalkboard (298).
- Provision of personal hygiene kits consisting of 11,500 masks, 920 bars of soap and 920 buckets to help children and schools prepare for a safe return to classes as soon as they reopen.
- Trainings of 363 displaced teachers (175 female and 188 male) in PSS has been organized in good collaboration with DPEDH in districts Ancuabe, Metuge, Chiure, Namuno, Balama, Pemba and Metuge.

Child Protection

- Messages on PSS and parenting continue being broadcasted nationwide (in portuguese and local languages) through radio spots.
- The partnership with REPSSI to train and provide technical assistance to social workers to provide PSS to children and their caregivers is under finalization.

- A partnership agreement with FDC (and Ministry of Health-Mental Health Department) to strengthen the provision of remote psychosocial support and specialized mental health services to children and caregivers is at its final stage.
- Ongoing recruitment of a consultant to assist in the development and integration of VAC and GBV modules and referral protocols into the teachers PSS training manual.
- Continue to support the survey of children in the informal and formal sector with an additional focus on COVID19.
- Continue to support DGCAS with the actions that are being developed to support children in the context of the mapping done in the markets

Disability inclusion

- Training for CP partners in Manica and Sofala on Disability Inclusive PSS and Case Management.
- 983 girls and women with disabilities from Beira, Dondo and Buzi have been supported with dignity kits
- 1,097 beneficiaries and their family members have received awareness raising and sensitization about COVID-19 (transmission, symptoms and prevention) in Nhamatanda district.
- 1 radio debate organized in the community radio of Nhamatanda on COVID-19 and infection diseases.
- Second Radio Spot broadcasted in community radios of Gorongosa, Buzi, Nhamatanda and Dondo districts as well as in Beira at Radio Indico and Radio Pax. Total in 7 radios, three times per day and three languages (Portuguese Sena and Ndau).
- 8,705 masks have been produced by persons with disabilities that have been trained and supported by the project for mask production and the masks produced have been distributed to persons with disabilities and their family members for COVID-19 prevention.
- 207 beneficiaries received psychosocial support in Sofala Province.
- 90 children family members benefited by sports activities and recreation in the family at Sussundenga district

PSEA

- With support to Linha Verde, Linha Fala Crianca and police, a total of 20,138 (16,915 Male & 3,223 Female), including 1,611 children) were able to have access to reporting mechanisms on SEA.

Social Protection and Cash-Based Assistance

- Government announced first payments are expected in November in Cabo Delgado through mobile money. Alternatives are under discussion to face possible challenges with supply of phones for all participants.
- UNICEF and WFP have started registrations of 68,307 households in Quelimane (Zambezia) and 17,356 households in Moatize (Tete) under coordination of INAS. Using Government structures and information management system, WFP provides logistical support (including enumerators) and UNICEF leads C4D and Civil Society (women's associations) engagement. Registrations are expected to finish by early November (Tete) and late November (Zambezia).
- C4D key messages are agreed, setting up of the Rapid Pro platform (that will allow to send SMS and voice messages and gather feedback from cash transfer recipients) is ongoing in coordination with Government (INAS and INCM) and mobile network operators.
- MGCAS/INAS initiated enrolments into the Phase 2 (target is 700,000 families countrywide). First payments to Phase 1 beneficiaries are expected in November, while for Phase 2 beneficiaries implementation is dependent on final confirmation and availability of State Budget Support funds.

Supply and Logistics

- Orders to be issued against the \$800k received from WB/PEF now under discussion with the MoH. We are yet to receive the \$9 MM funding from the IDB to continue procurement of PPEs and laboratory supplies and equipment through PS in SD.
- Internal and external coordination to enhance our support to the MoH in regards to the COVAX facility is escalating. Several e-meetings have been organized with key donors and national partners, together with the MoH. UNICEF to play a key role as the procurement agent of the vaccines to be finally approved through COVAX.
- The Global Supply portal is fully operational, now opening it up to other partners like UNFPA and the MoH. Global shipping challenges continue, as well as delays experienced to import goods as they reach the port of entry.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

In support of the country efforts to prevent and contain the COVID-19 as well as address its impact, UNICEF has developed a 9-month preparedness and response plan with revised funding requirement of \$25 million USD. As of end-October, the office has received \$10,440,648 USD for COVID-19 response thanks to the generous contributions from Education Cannot Wait, Global Partnership for Education (GPE), Japan, Netherlands, France, USAID, World Bank and Norway. About \$ 1,759,957USD from existing projects funded by European Union, DFID, Canada, Norway and KOICA were reprogrammed for COVID-19 response and UNICEF is managing \$15 million from GPE as Grant Agent for the Government's COVID Education response.

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Annex A: Summary of Programme Results

Indicators	Target to 31 Dec 2020	Results as of 21 Oct 2020
RCCE		
# of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services	12 000,000	12,000,000
# of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	60,000 ¹	35,868
# of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	45,000 ¹	13,474
IPC		
# of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.	112,000	604,930
# of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	2,500	3,451
CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE		
# of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases among children, pregnant and breastfeeding women.	2,500	2,895
Number of caregivers of children (0-23 months) reached with messages on breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19	100,000	77,413
Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)	19,000	15,310
ACCESS TO CONTINUOUS EDUCATION, CHILD PROTECTION AND GBV SERVICES INDICATOR		
# of children supported with distance/home-based learning.	1,112,137	261,100
# of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements	400	8,318
# of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support	10,000	13,852
# of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation & referrals for survivors, including for PSEA	326	149
# of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report SEA	164,488	99,075
SOCIAL PROTECTION		
# of households (economically affected by COVID-19) in urban and peri-urban areas receiving cash transfers for basic needs	200,000	0

¹ Monthly target