

Annex: Country info



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1. SITUATION ANALYSIS

The first case of corona virus in Somalia was reported on 16th March 2020. Since then, the number of cases has continued to rise. As of 8th May 2020, there were a total of 928 laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases and 42 deaths reported in Somalia¹. After a handful of initial cases related to travel, community transmission now accounts for the vast majority of cases². With almost non-existent detection and prevention facilities, the impact of COVID-19 in Somalia is likely to be significant, particularly on the already impoverished population groups which could result in an increasing number of youths being drawn to violent extremism. Concerns remain over the possible spread of the virus to some 2,000 congested IDP settlements where social distancing is impossible and adherence to infection prevention control measures is challenging.

In response to COVID-19, the Federal Government of Somalia (FSG) has put in place several measures including closure of schools, suspension of domestic and international flights, overnight curfew and restrictions of mass gatherings. The Government established a National COVID-19 Task Force and designated \$5 million for COVID-19 response. In addition, noting the socio-economic impact of COVID-19, the Government has announced tax relieve measures to prevent price hikes on basic foodstuffs during the crisis. Further, the Government has sought emergency international financial and technical aid to confront the economic and health challenges of COVID-19.

If the crisis persists and the measures put in place by the Government continue, many people will find themselves unable to provide for their families as economic activities and business interactions are negatively impacted. This leads to the risk of youth, women and IDPs losing their livelihoods. It is estimated that there will be a decline of 35% of exports, 20% of imports, 10% of household consumption and 15% of gross capital formation³. While the economy in its entirety will be impacted, specific sectors including education, aviation, hospitality, trade, agriculture and retail are likely to be hit in particular. Employment both in the public and private sectors are also expected to decline in the medium to long run. This will almost certainly have a differentiated impact by gender, with women more impacted than men.

To support the national efforts, the UN system in Somalia has put in place several structures, including the Emergency & Crisis Management Team (ECMT) and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). To take forward it's support in a coordinated manner, the UNCT has developed a Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP) which outlines immediate/short-term humanitarian response actions as well as actions aimed at ensuring socio-economic response

¹ Situation Report 9; 02-08 May 2020: Jointly published by the Ministry of Health & Human Services, Federal Government of Somalia and WHO Somalia Country Office.

² Somalia COVID-19 Impact Update No. 3; As of 26th April 2020; OCHA.

³ Somalia and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Socio-economic Impact and the Policy Responses; Policy Brief – April 2020: Horn Institute for Peace and Development (HIPAD).

and recovery in the medium to long-term. Within these structures and in taking forward the CPRP, a division of labour has been agreed to in which WHO is leading on the immediate response and functions as the technical lead in providing guidelines and specifications for necessary medical equipment and supplies, OCHA is leading on humanitarian response, while UNDP is leading on awareness creation and communication as well as on socio-economic response and recovery.

UNDP Somalia is adopting a **coordinated approach** to its support, with the National COVID-19 Task Force serving as the entry point for all support/interventions. The Country Office has adopted a number of strategies including: i) **reprogramming and rephasing** existing projects to identify activities and funding which would be reprogrammed, and identification of new initiatives within the respective projects in response to COVID-19; ii) identifying existing projects to serve as **entry points for response and recovery initiatives on COVID-19**, particularly on socio-economic recovery; iii) **resource mobilization** from various streams to complement existing resources in support of national COVID-19 response initiatives; and iv) ensuring **continued functionality** of government entities to facilitate implementation of key national priorities. The Country Office adopts a number of **key guiding principles** targeting the most vulnerable populations and marginalized areas (reaching the 'unreached'); enhancing equality and ensuring no one is left behind (targeting those farthest left behind); ensuring alignment to national strategies, plans and structures; and factoring in sustainability strategies. Furthermore, the Country Office strategy has been divided into short, medium- and long-term initiatives.

Key interventions linked immediate/short-term priorities are already ongoing. These measure include: awareness raising and communication on COVID-19; advocacy for release of low risk prisoners to decongest the prisons in Puntland, Central Prisons in Mogadishu and Somaliland to mitigate any potential outbreaks in these facilities; provision of WASH facilities in collaboration with the COVID 19 Detention TASK Force⁴ of the UN for prisons and police to facilitate practicing of hygiene measures in line with WHO guidelines; monitoring of SGBV cases anticipated to increase due to COVID-19 related impacts (loss of livelihoods, lockdown and related stress); and provision of VTC facilities to facilitate functioning of key government entities in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

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.

The initiatives/activities will be implemented through direct implementation modality (DIM), where the UNDP Somalia country office through technical inputs from various staff, will be overall responsible and accountable for the management of resources and the achievement of results. Government partners will be engaged as responsible parties (RPs) through Letters of Agreement (LOA) , to allow for the delivery of specific project outputs with specified results as outlined in the

⁴ The COVID 19 UN Task Force on Detentions includes UNSOM, UNDP, Human Rights Protection Group, UN Police, and UNODC. Coordination is also undertaken with ICRC which is providing WASH facilities to a number of prisons in Somalia. UNDP is providing water tanks to all police stations in Banadir.

LOA. Programme staff in UNDP Somalia will serve as focal point for delivering the defined outputs/activities and providing technical guidance to RPs under the overall direction of the Resident Representative.

Technical and advisory support for specific initiatives such as the socio-economic impact assessment/study, will be sought from relevant UNDP units/departments including the GPN network, BPPS, BERA and the Regional Hub as need be.

2. ANNUAL WORK PLAN BUDGET SHEET

	Applicable Outcome(s) from the UNDP Somalia Country Programme Document: Outcome 2: Countries have strengthened institutions to progressively deliver universal access to basic services Outcome 3: Early recovery and rapid return to sustainable development pathways are achieved in post-conflict and post-disaster settings			
	Project title: Supporting an Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Response to COVID-19 and Addressing its Socio-Economic Impact in Somalia			
Expected outputs	Planned activities	Descriptions of activities	Budget description	Budget amount
	Output 1: Health Systems Strengthening			
Output 1: Health Systems Strengthening	1.1 Procurement services of health products including personal protective equipment (PPE) and laboratory equipment/ Provision of non-medical requirements of health sector	1.1.1 Targeted support to community health workers (majority of whom are women) through provision of medical supplies, equipment and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Support and guidance will be sought from UNDP's Recovery Solutions and Human Mobility team as well as the Health team.	Equipment & Furniture	\$151,282.71
		1.1.2 Partner with relevant business/private sector entities to locally produce PPEs in line with WHO standards for distribution to vulnerable groups including IDPs, the elderly, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and female headed households.	Equipment; Technical Assistance	\$50,000
	1.2 Advisory support to governments including Ministries of Health	1.2.1 Strengthen government diagnostics and response capacity through innovative solutions (mobile application data collection, mobilizing Somalis in the diaspora) to provide medical equipment, supplies and medical services including through teleconsulting and telemedicine.	Equipment; Technical Assistance	\$25,000
		1.2.2 Strengthening coordination in the health sector and capacity support for resilient health systems with equipment, trainings, including on hygiene and infection control, and sustainable energy sources.	Equipment; Technical Assistance	\$20,000
	1.3 Health waste management	1.3.1 Development of guidelines for safe disposal of medical waste in collaboration with WHO.	Technical Assistance	\$20,000
		1.3.2 Training and remuneration of health workers and religious leaders hired as Community UN Volunteers to establish burial teams at district and FMS level to ensure safe burials of COVID-19 victims.	Contractual services; Technical Assistance	\$35,000
Subtotal for Output 1				\$301,282.71
	Output 2: Inclusive and integrated crisis management and responses			

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		2.1.2 Enhance capacities of disaster management and health institutions at national and sub-national levels for multi-hazards risk management (health – COVID-19 & cholera and climate change related – floods; droughts through preparing Somalia specific modules for multi-hazards preparedness and response, hazards identification & evaluation, creating a national technical experts pool in relevant institutions for disasters risk reduction and trainings of setting and use of early warning systems.	Technical Assistance	\$50,000
	2.2 Safeguarding human rights and protecting vulnerable groups	2.2.1 Online training for the Somali Police Force on how to handle COVID-19 law and order situations and personal hygiene & health guidance.	Contractual Services; Technical Assistance	\$60,000
	2.3 Community engagement for prevention, response and social cohesion	2.3.1 Establishment of community peace committees (comprising community representatives and police officers) to respond to the community in support of FGS Police and State police to maintain law and order during COVID-19 restrictions (e.g. crowd control during protests following closure of mosques etc.). Peace committee platforms will be established that will document the solutions originating from these committees as well as the number of grievances resolved.	Contractual services; Technical Assistance	\$60,000
		2.3.2 Support to the Puntland Human Rights Defenders Office and CSOs to monitor human rights violations and engage in reporting of these incidents. This shall also include cases of SGBV. Support will be provided in Puntland and FGS AGO through referral as reports are received.	Contractual services; Technical Assistance	\$40,000
Subtotal for Output 2			\$250,000.00	
Output 3: Addressing the human rights and socio-economic impact of COVID-19				
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		August 2020 through mapping of existing initiatives and adoption of Rapid Impact Assessment (RIA) methodologies, would also look into the impact on the informal sector/small-scale businesses, including the care economy, as well as the environmental and institutional impact of COVID-19.			
	3.2 Policy and programme interventions to address the developmental impacts of COVID-19 and safeguard progress towards the SDGs. Targeted interventions will focus on vulnerable groups such as IDPs living in camps,; build on the Country Office's ongoing support to the longer-term investment strategy addressing economic opportunities as well as root-causes of (economic) vulnerability; continue to engage in advocacy within existing coordination structures such as donor group meetings to take longer-term development objectives into consideration; and ensure evidence based actions, informed by data and statistics generated through the socio-economic impact assessment study.	3.2.1 Targeted support to micro enterprises especially those owned by women, youth, IDPs and PWDs in order to safeguard income and livelihoods. Support includes business management training, access to business development services, marketing, product development revolving fund scheme. Existing structures of the Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG) will be used to identify vulnerable groups at FGS and FMS levels to whom funds will be provided and strategies put in place for transferring the funds to the next group within agreed timeframe.	Contractual services; Technical Assistance	\$213,084.17	
		3.2.2 Capacity building support to IDPs, FHH and PWDs through technical and vocational training to build back better, and training on hygiene/infection control.	Contractual services; Technical Assistance	\$120,154.59	
		3.3 Policy and legal advisory services	3.2.3 Provide support to the Policy and Legal Drafting Units in MOPIED and Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS) for reviewing/updating/developing necessary policy, legal and regulatory frameworks in line with the socio-economic study findings.	Consultancy; Technical assistance	\$50,000
Subtotal for Output 3				\$443,238.76	
Total Operating Costs				\$994,521.47	
DPC					
				Security (common services; security staff)	\$39,780.86
				Communications (reporting)	\$9,945.21
				M&E (Third Party Monitoring, field data collection, etc.)	\$9,945.21
				Programme Oversight (audit, compliance, HACT assurance)	\$29,835.64

		Operations (finance, procurement, admin and operations staff)	\$39,780.86
GMS Excluded			\$1,123,809.26
GMS (8%)			\$89,904.74
TOTAL			\$1,213,714.00