



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

On March 21, Angola confirmed the first cases of COVID-19 infection, seeing youth employment surge to 56 percent (2.7 million people) as the country experienced the first impact of the global crisis. With high levels also of monetary and multidimensional poverty, a limited social protection system, a large share of the population in the informal economy and high unemployment especially among youth and women, the health as well as the social and economic impact of the COVID crisis will likely be severe for Angola. The new Government elected in August 2017, democratizing the country and seeking to end poverty, will have to respond to the COVID-19 crisis while facing a hard economic crisis caused by falling oil prices and more than 3/5 of its budgeted resources allocated for debt-servicing.

A higher level multi-disciplinary task force has been formed, co-chaired by the state minister for security and ministers of health and interior. A multi-sectoral response plan assigns responsibilities to the twenty-three key institutions, broadening the actions from the health contingency plan approved in February 2020. A State of Emergency was declared on 25 March, effective 27 March 2020.

UNDP Angola COVID-19 Response focuses on (1) Resilient Health Systems, (2) Economic and Social Impact, and (3) National Strategic and Inclusive Leadership, contributing to the Humanitarian - Development - Peace nexus in the ongoing pandemic crisis. In addition to cutting across all UNDP's assistance, specific support will be provided to address Gender and Women in Response and Recovery working with the Ministry of Women Affairs and other key partners, and UNDP will work with Angola on the challenges for resilience in Southern Angola where 1.1 million people are severely affected by the impact of El Nino and climate change. The Accelerator Lab will facilitate Innovations for Critical Programmes, Response and Recovery. Apart from the specific actions outlined below for COVID-19 response, UNDP Angola continues implementing identified critical activities under the regular development programme to augment the government's crisis response efforts following the declaration of emergency measures. All assistance of the UN Development Programme will be delivered within UNDP's Corporate Offer for COVID-19 and in coordination with UN's technical agencies and overall leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Strengthening Health Systems



As the Principal Recipient (PR) for the Global Fund HIV Grant in Angola and designated PR for the malaria and tuberculosis Grants, UNDP is ready to contribute to the Government's COVID-19 response:

Lending the Global Fund grant **infrastructure to the COVID-19 response**

Offering access to UNDP **procurement platform** and negotiating Global Fund finance

Offering **expert procurement advice** to the Direção Nacional da Saúde Pública in the specification, quantification and sourcing of health products and equipment.

Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Policy Options for Government intervention to address economic and social impact

Redesign and delivery in **flagship national employment and poverty programmes**

Socio-economic Impact Analysis and recovery roadmap

Support to **mitigate gender impact** of the pandemic

Assess and address **challenges of the 1.1 million people** severely affected by impact of El Nino and climate change.

Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response



Government's high-level capacity to plan and implement the contingency plan as well as the national strategic leadership on the wider response and recovery

Strengthening of their capacity in the promotion and **protection of human rights**

Support to safeguard also the **continued social and political stability** of the country

Innovation for Response and Recovery



Support to **strengthen the innovation capacity** both internally and externally to address the new challenges

Integration of **innovation tools and digital solutions** in the national response and recovery process

Sharing and scaling of technical and technological innovations and digital solutions for COVID-19 drawing from the Accelerator Lab Global Network of collective intelligence and the local innovation community

BUDGET

UNDP Angola has re-prioritized and re-programmed its regular resources and negotiated its COVID-19 response with existing partners, allocating initially more than US\$2 million. UNDP is seeking to mobilize an additional \$2.6 million for its response and support for recovery.

UNDP's prime focus in Angola is to support the national mechanisms and programmes that will determine the country's success in responding and recovering from the crisis, including reshaping the programmes and support effective delivery. As such, UNDP will have significant focus on delivering the high-level technical assistance, policy options and innovations for Angola to deliver effectively with its national resources.

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Strengthening health systems, including procurement	\$1.35M	\$1.10M	\$250k
Socio-economic impact of COVID-19 – response and recovery, including impact on gender and women and men affected by drought	\$2.86M	\$677k	\$2.18M
National strategic and inclusive leadership	\$295k	\$125k	\$270k
Policy Innovations for Response and Recovery	\$100k	\$0.50M	-
Total	\$4.6M	\$2M	\$2.6M