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## COVID-19 UNDP working together with the UN system

1. As the UN's leading development network on the ground and a critical contributor to the overall UN response to the pandemic, UNDP is working hand-in-hand with UN Resident Coordinators/Humanitarian Coordinators, UN Country Teams, UN Missions and with our sister development and humanitarian agencies globally and regionally to support an integrated UN response to the pandemic.

2. The COVID-19 pandemic is a test case for UN reform in action. For UNDP, it is an opportunity to show that reform is not a bureaucratic checklist, but a commitment we have all made to deliver better, quicker, and more effective support to programme countries – leveraging our collective and individual strengths as a strong and joined-up UN development system. This paper presents an initial scan of how UNDP is engaging within the re-positioned UN development system and hand-in-hand with political, peace and humanitarian partners.

### I. OVERVIEW

3. We work in full alignment with the **World Health Organization** through its [COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#) and in lock-step with our humanitarian partners under the [Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#). The Global HRP is a joint effort to analyze and respond to the **direct public health and indirect immediate humanitarian consequences** of the pandemic, particularly on people in countries already facing other crises. At the same time, we are supporting Governments in planning **early recovery** responses in the countries around the globe that will need it most, so that we achieve a new sustainable and inclusive economy that leaves no-one behind.

4. [UNDP's programmatic response](#) to help countries **prepare, respond and recover** is firmly embedded within the broader UN system's response led by UN Resident Coordinators (RCs) and builds on UNDP's two critical roles at country level – as an integrator across policy, programmatic and organizational silos, and as an operational backbone for the United Nations and other partners. We have also been able to immediately leverage our closer partnerships with UN agencies (such as UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, OCHA, OHCHR, UN Habitat, ILO, UN Women and many others) both at global and country level for a joined-up COVID-19 response in areas of common priority.

4. In addition, we have swiftly put UNDP's assets (including UNV, UNCDF, UNOSSC and MPTFO) at the disposal of the wider UN development system. At country level, through programmatic and operational support to RCs to ensure the UN development system's overall response is strategic, coordinated and efficient. UNDP is supporting RC Offices with critical operational and logistics support, including with regard to procurement, ICT services and administrative services.

5. At the global level, UNDP has contributed substantially to the Secretary General's Report "[Shared responsibility, global solidarity: Responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19](#)" and is co-leading the **Secretary-General's inter-agency task team** together with the UN Development Coordination Office in support of a system-wide strategy to help countries cope with the socio-economic impact of the crisis.

6. Our **Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office** has worked closely with the Office of the Secretary-General in setting up the **UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund** to support low- and middle income programme countries through a cohesive UN system response.

7. UNDP also administers the **UN Capital Development Fund, UN Volunteers** and the **UN Office for South-South Cooperation**, which complement UNDP's programmatic and operational offer in critical ways. As the UN system lead on local government finance, UNCDF supports the channeling of block grants and fiscal transfers to local authorities that are on the front line of preparedness and response and facilitates digital payments for governments, UN agencies, and the private sector. UNV is working across the UN system to support quick scaling of COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts and help address the sudden disruptions to regular programme delivery. UNOSSC at both global and regional levels is assessing needs in the Global South, facilitating connections, and sharing knowledge and best practices.

### **THREE IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES<sup>1</sup>**

8. UNDP is joining up with its UN sister agencies and partners around three immediate priorities.

#### **Priority 1: Health Systems Support**

9. Under the leadership of UN Resident Coordinators, UNDP is working closely with WHO, other UN agencies and partners to support countries in strengthening their health systems in the face of COVID-19, including by helping procure urgently needed health and medical supplies, strengthening health infrastructure, managing health waste, ensuring salary payments to health workers, and facilitating South-South knowledge sharing on health system responses.

#### **Priority 2: Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Response**

10. UNDP is leading UN Country Teams' efforts to help countries advance inclusive and integrated crisis management by supporting governments to maintain business continuity, and to plan, coordinate, communicate and finance their responses.

11. We are building on new ways of working in crises contexts, including co-leading, with peace- and political missions and/or the Office for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UN's work to promote greater collaboration between humanitarian, development and peace actors.

12. Globally, UNDP is helping the private sector respond, including through a business guide for private sector engagement, developed together with FAO, the Global Compact, IOM, OCHA, the UN Foundation, UN Women, WFP and WHO.

#### **Priority 3: Social and Economic Impact Needs Assessment and Response**

13. UNDP is helping countries assess and understand the impacts of COVID-19. Our post-disaster needs assessments are developed in coordination with the European Union, the World Bank and the rest of the UN system, building on extensive experience dating back to the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, through the Ebola and Zika epidemics and many other crises and disasters around the world.

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<sup>1</sup> Country examples are available in the Annex

**II. EXAMPLES OF UNDP’S COLLABORATION WITH THE WIDER UN SYSTEM**

Coordinated approaches at global and regional level		
Where	Nature of Initiative	UN Partners
Globally	✓ The <b>MPTF Office</b> administers the <b>United Nations COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund</b> established by the UN Secretary-General offering a cohesive UN system response to national governments through a common financing mechanism led by RCs. It will support low- and middle income programme countries overcome the health and development crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and support those most vulnerable to economic hardship and social disruption.	UNSDG
	✓ UNDP has teamed up with WHO, UNICEF and the messaging giant WhatsApp to launch the <a href="#">WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Hub</a> , providing simple, actionable guidance and real-time health information to billions of people around the world.	WHO, UNICEF
	✓ In its work to <b>strengthen the capacity and resilience of health systems</b> , UNDP is collaborating with the <b>Gavi</b> (Vaccine Alliance), development partners, and civil society, leveraging the experience and expertise of UN agencies.	IOM, UNICEF, WFP, UNV and others
	✓ UNDP is partnering with <b>UNICEF</b> on <b>micro-level socio-economic impact assessments</b> , with particular focus on gender dimensions; vulnerable and marginalized populations; migrants; mobile populations; and people living with disabilities.	UNICEF
	✓ UNDP is partnering with the <b>World Bank</b> on <b>meso- and macro-level impact assessments</b> on the economy, with particular focus on specific sectors in accordance with country-contexts, analysis of the gender implications of COVID-19, and design of tailored actions to avoid gender-based discrimination and disadvantages in its response and impact.	World Bank Group
	✓ UNDP is collaborating with <b>OCHA</b> on the <b>Connecting Business initiative</b> that connects requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) with intermediaries, like Aviation without borders.	OCHA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In partnership with the <b>UN Technology Bank</b> and other UN entities, UNDP is exploring the possibility of establishing a <b>voluntary technology transfer platform</b> to promote the local production of critical health technologies needed to prevent, detect and treat COVID-19 given the acute world-wide shortage of key products such as Personal Protective Equipment, diagnostics and ventilators.</li> </ul>	UN Technology Bank and other UN partners (TBD)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ On the <b>management</b> side, UNDP is coordinating closely with UN agencies on harmonizing <b>COVID-19 related guidance</b>, including ensuring the safety and wellbeing of personnel, including UN Volunteers, and maintaining critical business continuity throughout our operations. UNDP has also opened up its <b>psychosocial support and tele-medicine</b> staff services to RC Offices.</li> </ul>	UNSDG, RC Offices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>UNOSSC</b> at both global and regional levels, has been actively <b>assessing needs in the Global South</b>, facilitating connections, including sourcing medical PPE suppliers' information through partner networks, sharing knowledge and best practices, and urging strong international solidarity.</li> </ul>	UNOSSC, UN system
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ South-South Galaxy, a global knowledge sharing and partnership brokering platform supported by <b>UNOSSC</b> and over 15 UN agencies, is <b>mapping emergency responses by health sectors of developing countries</b> and sharing the information for peer learning. This includes the mapping of crowdfunding mechanisms established by governments to mobilize resources to address their health needs in the face of the pandemic.</li> </ul>	UNOSSC, UN system
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>UNV's</b> Online Volunteering service is supporting UN system and civil society partners globally to access over <b>600,000 registered online volunteers</b> to remotely support the translation of COVID-19 guidance materials, develop project proposals to support COVID-19 response, raise awareness about COVID-19 prevention measures, and work with big data and AI to identify emerging COVID-19 locations.</li> </ul>	UNV, UN system
<b>Regions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At the <b>regional level</b>, UNDP is leading an integrated UN system-wide response in its role as chair of the R-UNSDGs. In <b>Africa</b>, for example, the R-UNSDG agreed on a <b>joint Action Plan to fight COVID-19</b> with focus on joint procurement, knowledge management, joined-up support to Governments, bolstering financing, messaging against human rights abuses and developing the Africa e-Education Strategy for the continent's 100 million children who are now out of school.</li> </ul>	R-UNSDGs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In <b>Europe and the CIS</b>, UNDP is participating in <b>cross-border and sub-regional collaboration</b> led by UNECE around a number of issue-based coalitions that provide regional-level guidance, policy and advocacy support around the <b>health, gender and social protection</b> dimensions of the pandemic.</li> </ul>	UNECE, R-UNSDG

	<p>✓ In the <b>Arab States</b>, UNDP – in coordination with ESCWA and other UN agencies – has started research on COVID-19 and its implications in the Arab countries with a focus on <b>institutional preparedness</b> to deal with health epidemics and the <b>socio-economic implications</b> of the outbreak, including on progress towards achieving the SDGs and Leaving No One Behind. UNDP is working together with UNFPA, UN Women, and ESCWA to build on existing regional collaboration on <b>gender justice</b> and equality by issuing a joint appeal to governments to respond to increasing domestic violence, to provide support to unpaid care workers, and to share best practices.</p>	ESCWA, R-UNSDG UNFPA, UN Women
<b>Working together on Health Systems Support</b>		
<b>Argentina</b>	<p>✓ The Pan-American Health Organization/WHO is leading the <b>UN system’s joined-up effort to support the health sector</b> with containment and mitigation with focus on high-risk populations. UNDP is supporting community kitchens and care centres, providing food and <b>social protection</b> to approximately 200,000 vulnerable people as part of the UN system’s support in areas such as health, child protection, prevention of violence against women and food provision.</p>	PAHO, UNCT
<b>Libya</b>	<p>✓ UNDP is working under the broader UN response plan in the country to provide <b>integrated and multi-sectoral support</b> to strengthen health systems, enhance inclusive crisis management, and assess and respond to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19. In close cooperation with WHO and the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Planning and the National Centre for Disease Control, UNDP has procured test kits, rehabilitated an isolation facility to receive coronavirus patients and established a testing facility in the southern region. In a joint programme with UN Women, UNDP supports increasing the production capacity of Tripoli’s only factory producing PPEs while also creating jobs for women.</p>	RCO, UNCT, WHO, UN Women
<b>Tunisia</b>	<p>✓ UNDP is coordinating with WHO, the UNCT and civil society organizations to support <b>strengthening of local health systems</b> including through the establishment of four Advanced Medical Posts in Regional Hospitals for screening and/or confinement of potential patients suspected of carrying the virus, as well as procurement of health products, protective gear and other key health equipment and supplies to municipalities for supporting monitoring and response to the pandemic.</p>	WHO, RCO, UNCT
<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	<p>✓ UNDP is teaming up with UNICEF, IOM and WHO in a coordinated effort to <b>help build and finance isolation facilities and triage space</b> while <b>procuring</b> the most necessary equipment, both for the national hospital as well as for the re-modelling of the UN clinic.</p>	UNICEF, IOM, WHO

<b>Iraq</b>	✓ In coordination with the RC and WHO, UNDP is working on <b>strengthening Iraq's health sector readiness and response capacity</b> by (a) enhancing active case identification through improving access to laboratories, supporting suspected patients through a dedicated platform to increase awareness, and providing infection control and PPE to limit the spread of COVID-19 among healthcare workers, and (b) strengthening available health facilities to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and enhancing capacity to manage confirmed cases in order to reduce the mortality rate.	WHO, RCO
<b>Serbia</b>	✓ UNDP is leading the coordination of <b>procurement and logistic support</b> in the framework of the UN Country Preparedness and Response plan (CPRP). At the request of the Government and with financial support from the EU, UNDP has already organized 7 out of 15 vital air cargo transports of medical supplies and PPE equipment from China and India. UNDP has also developed a special Serbia Joint procurement web-based platform to help coordinate and map UN joint procurement activities as well as identify funding gaps against the UN CPRP.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Madagascar</b>	✓ UNDP is working closely with WHO to <b>procure</b> priority medical supplies needed to support the response	WHO
<b>Togo</b>	✓ UNDP and UNICEF have developed a <b>joint procurement</b> plan to support the acquisition of critical medical supplies for the Government.	UNICEF
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	✓ UNDP has been designated as UN lead agency on COVID-19-related <b>logistics and supply management</b> and has been recommended to development partners and donors as the go-to agency for procurement of COVID-19-related health supplies in close consultations with WHO and the RCO.	WHO, RCO, UNCT
<b>Indonesia</b>	✓ UNDP is responding to a request from WHO to advise on <b>support for health workers</b> , including incentives to retain the workforce, as well as on health procurement.	WHO
<b>Cambodia</b>	✓ Upon request from WHO and the World Bank, UNDP is assisting the Ministry of Health through <b>procurement of PPEs and critical medical equipment</b> including ventilators and ambulances.	WHO, World Bank
<b>Belarus</b>	✓ In coordination with the Resident Coordinator and consultations with respective donors, UNDP has re-programmed its resources to <b>procure</b> PPEs, raise awareness and support volunteers' action in response to COVID-19 and for the benefit of the State Border Committee, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Red Cross.	RCO

<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	✓ UNDP is working closely with WHO on medical <b>procurement</b> and on <b>coordination of Government needs priorities.</b>	WHO
<b>Algeria</b>	✓ UNDP in coordination with WHO is supporting the <b>strengthening of the health system and the capacity of national institutions on prevention and response</b> to COVID-19, including through the provision of digital solutions and tools to maximize efficiency of operations and decision making.	WHO
<b>Iran</b>	✓ UNDP is working jointly with WHO and UNICEF on <b>PPE procurement</b> and has submitted a joint proposal with UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS and Relief International to the European Commission.	WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS
<b>Colombia</b>	✓ The UNDP <b>Accelerator Lab</b> ran a solutions <b>hackathon</b> and the winning idea - a facial mask - has been quality-tested in partnership with WHO and was presented on TV by the President of Colombia.	WHO
<b>Fiji/Pacific</b>	✓ In support of the national COVID-19 plan for Fiji and equivalent plans for nine countries in the Pacific, UNDP is working with WHO, UNICEF and WFP to address <b>critical gaps in COVID-19-specific health care systems</b> , which were identified with support from the WHO-led Joint Incident Management Team.	WHO, UNICEF, WFP
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	✓ UNDP is co-leading the joined-up UN efforts on <b>socio-economic mitigation and health procurement</b> in support of WHO's Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, while also supporting the workstreams on communication/awareness raising, capacity development, and protection. UNDP supports WHO with procurement and operational capacity and planning cooperation with UNFPA (implementation at grassroot level) and UNICEF (youth engagement programmes).	WHO, RCO, UNCT, UNFPA, UNICEF
<b>Working Together on Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Response</b>		
<b>China</b>	✓ UNDP in partnership with WHO launched an <b>innovative social media campaign</b> that engaged 36 million people to "Spread the Word, Not the Virus." WHO provided information kits on proper protection procedures and best health practices and UNDP packaged them in creative and accessible ways so as to amplify WHO's message to a wider audience: Youth from Yunan Nationalities University were invited to create their own social media content with the messaging, often translating it into their own dialects and ethnic languages, and share it with their friends and neighbours. The campaign also engaged a host of Chinese UN Goodwill Ambassadors. By creating an online community that was engaged, actively generating their own content and sharing valuable and timely information, we were able to reach 36 million views (Weibo, TikTok) spanning 50 languages and dialects.	WHO

<b>China</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ As companies resume operations and people return to the workplace, UNDP is working with WHO and private sector partners to increase awareness of the importance of workplace safety, including by launching a joint campaign with LinkedIn targeting private sector CEOs and professionals, hosting an online CEO roundtable on workplace safety, and disseminating WHO workplace safety toolkits to member companies.</li> </ul>	WHO
<b>Moldova</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At the request of the Prime Minister's Office, together with WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and in coordination with the RCO, UNDP has established a <b>Big Data for COVID-19 partnership platform</b> with the private sector and the European Space Agency. It draws on Big Data on mobility, electricity consumption, 112 data (national emergency services), and ESA earth observation data, to develop services in support of the Government's efforts in raising awareness on COVID-19 and making evidence-based decisions to curb the spread of pandemic. The outcomes will also inform the socio-economic impact assessment and the design of the eventual recovery programme.</li> </ul>	RCO, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF
<b>Bolivia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At the request of the RC, UNDP helped <b>design a situation room</b> staffed with technical experts from UNDP, RCO, PAHO and OCHA, and inputs from WFP. The situation room supports joint decision-making and intersectoral actions aimed at containing COVID-19 and mitigating its impact by making available data and strategic information (e.g. on health systems, economic systems, social aspects), establishing a multisectoral team, integrating and analyzing sectoral data for scenario modeling, and generating daily information products for the Inter-ministerial Committee.</li> </ul>	RCO, PAHO, OCHA, WFP
<b>South Africa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The RC is leading the concerted effort of the UNCT to assist the national authorities in their response to the pandemic and post-crisis recovery efforts. With WHO leading on health-related aspects, UNDP is focusing on <b>coordination and post-crisis response</b> while OHCHR is looking at Human Rights aspects, such as stigma and discrimination, and other agencies are assisting in their respective areas of specialisation.</li> <li>✓ UNDP and UNICEF are working with Zlto, the award-winning <b>digital rewards system</b> that helps smash barriers to employment faced by many young South Africans, to refocus it to motivate safe, healthy actions around COVID-19 and help mitigate the social and economic impact of the pandemic. Zlto offers <b>free e-learning</b> for youth and children, incl. courses on Personal Hygiene, Living a Healthy Lifestyle, Food Safety, Financial Literacy and skills development. Rewards can now be earned through hand washing and house-cleaning, and in a spirit of solidarity, users can spend their rewards on buying pre-paid electricity for others who may be struggling to get by, as well as food and other crucial items.</li> </ul>	RCO, UNCT, WHO, OHCHR, UNICEF



<b>Zambia</b>	✓ UNDP is leading the development of the UN system's joint programmatic offer to support the national response plan and supports the RC in the <b>coordination of a coherent and integrated UN system response</b> through liaising across Government coordination bodies and chairing the UN Programme and Operations Management Teams.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Somalia</b>	✓ UNDP is contributing to the UN Emergency & Crisis Response Team and the Humanitarian Country Team and is specifically leading on <b>awareness creation and communication</b> among other actions.	RCO, OCHA, HCT
<b>Nigeria</b>	✓ UNDP is leading the UN system's joint response to COVID-19 in support of the Government at the request of the RC. UNDP has led the development of the <b>joint UN strategy</b> on the COVID-19 response and set up a <b>basket fund</b> arrangement pooling resources from across UN agencies to manage its integrated implementation. UNDP is supporting the presidential task force on COVID-19, while also supporting the RC Office in terms of <b>financial management, coordination and procurement</b> of critical supplies.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Argentina</b>	✓ UNDP's <b>Accelerator Lab</b> has launched the <a href="#">#payinadvance initiative</a> in partnership with the RC Office, UNV and UN Women. The initiative supports self-employed, informal economy workers and small businesses by allowing citizens to order services in advance for collection as soon as the lockdown is over.	RCO, UNV, UN Women
<b>Micronesia</b>	✓ UNDP's <b>Accelerator Lab</b> in the <b>Pacific</b> launched "UReport", a mobile phone poll among youth in the Federated States of Micronesia, to identify local solutions for the COVID-19 challenges in collaboration with UNICEF.	UNICEF
<b>Sudan</b>	✓ As part of the UNCT response, UNDP is working together with UNICEF and WHO to support the Transitional Government to design a <b>multi-sectoral COVID-19 gender-sensitive contingency plan</b> for national and state level while enhancing <b>preparedness and crisis management</b> and coordination capacities.	WHO, UNICEF, RCO, UNCT
<b>Iran</b>	✓ UNDP joined up with UNICEF, UNAIDS and UNFPA to implement initiatives focused on <b>behaviour change, risk communication and community mobilization</b> against COVID-19, and is raising public awareness about WHO-recommended precautionary measures through social media platforms (#SpreadingFacts).	WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNFPA

<b>Libya</b>	✓ UNDP is working closely with WHO and the Ministry of Health to <b>strengthen capacities for national crisis management and coordination of the response</b> . UNDP and UNSMIL have joined forces to support public information and awareness raising by mobilizing the National Reconciliation Network of Mediators and other local networks established through the Stabilization Facility, including through the promotion of a <b>social media campaign</b> to support the global call for ceasefire and peace to fight the COVID-19 (#peacenowstopcorona).	WHO, UNSMIL
<b>Samoa</b>	✓ Under the leadership of the RC, UNDP is working in close collaboration with the UNCT as part of the <b>'One UN' response</b> to COVID-19 in support of the Governments of Samoa, the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau.	RCO, WHO, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO, FAO
<b>Serbia</b>	✓ In partnership with WHO, UNDP has launched a <a href="#">Challenge</a> for new, innovative solutions to <b>protect service providers and caregivers</b> from COVID-19 and to minimize the risk of transmission. The goal of the Challenge is to not only incentivize production by the private sector, but also stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in the time of crisis. Serbia's <b>Acceleration Lab</b> will work with the RCO and UNCT to design an integrated early recovery portfolio in response to the crisis.	WHO, RCO, UNCT
<b>Mauritius</b>	✓ UNDP is leading the development of the UN COVID-19 Response Framework with key contributions from IOM and WHO and UNDP has been working closely with the RC in holding discussions with the Government on operationalizing the <b>COVID-19 solidarity fund</b> in Mauritius. The UNDP TRAC 1.1.3 application (Crisis Assessment and Coordination Resources) has integrated the proposals developed by the Government of Mauritius and WHO.	WHO, IOM, RCO
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	✓ UNDP has been supporting the Government in the development of the <b>National Preparedness and Response Plan</b> and provided support to keep critical Government functions operational throughout the crisis.	RCO
<b>Madagascar</b>	✓ UNDP is working closely with WHO to <b>strengthen the capacity of the Government's Operational Command Centre</b> that is coordinating a whole-of-government COVID-19 response, including through the provision of critical ICT equipment.	WHO
<b>Eswatini</b>	✓ The <b>Accelerator Lab</b> is collaborating with UNICEF on an initiative to enable teachers to continue teaching students and children via an <b>eLearning platform</b> .	UNICEF

<b>India</b>	✓ The <b>Accelerator Lab</b> partners with UNV on launching the <b>social media campaign</b> “GrandMaPa” to inform citizens about COVID-19 and about the protection of the elderly.	UNV
<b>Bangladesh</b>	✓ UNDP contributes across the six pillars of the UN-proposed multisectoral approach and coordination platform reflecting key segments of the country’s National Preparedness and Response Plan and is the designated UN lead agency on <b>social stability and peace preservation</b> .	RCO, UNCT
<b>Cameroon</b>	✓ UNDP is working under the leadership of the RC and together with the World Bank, the Global Fund and key donors on the partners group to support the Government in <b>activating the National Response Plan</b> .	RCO, World Bank
<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	✓ UNDP is working hand in hand with other UN agencies under the leadership of WHO to ensure the implementation of the <b>COVID-19 contingency plan</b> as well as the implementation of the UN Contingency Plan.	WHO, RCO, UNCT
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	✓ UNDP is the Secretariat to the National Disaster Team Meeting mechanism and has <b>seconded its Humanitarian Coordination Officer to WHO</b> to support national preparedness efforts as well as the UNCT Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.	WHO
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	✓ Together with other UN agencies, UNDP has been supporting the RC in leading a <b>joined-up UN response</b> to the COVID-19 crisis. UNDP has contributed to the national COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan led by WHO, with emphasis on procurement of critical health equipment and the socio-economic response.	RCO, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM, UNODC
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	✓ UNDP helped prepare the national strategic response and preparedness plan together with WHO.	WHO
<b>Timor Leste</b>	✓ UNDP is working together with WHO, UNICEF and others in information campaigns, public awareness and outreach.	WHO, UNICEF
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	✓ UNDP is actively supporting the joined-up UN COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan led by WHO. UNDP is the designated lead for the socio-economic response by the UNCT with focus on socio-economic recovery, employment for vulnerable groups, and government business process continuity.	WHO, RCO, UNCT

Working Together on Social and Economic Impact Needs Assessment and Response		
<b>Togo</b>	✓ UNDP is undertaking a COVID-19 <b>socio-economic impact analysis</b> together with the RC Office, UNICEF, the IMF, the World Bank and the Ministry of Finance. UNDP and UNICEF are also working together on setting up a <b>COVID-19 MPTF</b> , which will be under the leadership of the RC.	RCO, UNICEF, IMF, World Bank
<b>Tajikistan</b>	✓ UNDP is leading on a COVID-19 <b>Socio-Economic Impact Assessment</b> jointly with RCO and UNICEF, ILO, IOM and WFP. UNDP is also working closely with WHO and other UN agencies on preparedness and response and is supporting the UNCT in the coordination effort through the set-up of an <b>on-line system to capture each agency's expected contribution</b> in line with the Government's Preparedness and Response Plan.	RCO, UNICEF, ILO, IOM, WFP
<b>Somalia</b>	✓ The UNCT is working together under the leadership of the DSRSR to combine the <b>humanitarian and development responses</b> into a single response plan and create a costed <b>socio-economic plan</b> . UNDP's response, which will be undertaken within the existing coordination structures, focuses on targeted support for vulnerable groups including the elderly, youth, persons with disabilities, IDPs and detainees/prisoners. It also intends to mobilize volunteers with specialized skills in key areas in need of temporary surge support to help the Government prepare and respond to the crisis.	DSRSR, UNCT
<b>Eswatini</b>	✓ UNDP is teaming up with UN entities to carry out the <b>socio-economic impact assessment</b> of COVID-19 in support of the National Disaster Management Agency.	WFP, UNFPA, FAO, UNICEF and WHO
<b>Ethiopia</b>	✓ UNDP is collaborating closely with ILO, FAO, IFAD and UNIDO on <b>assessing the socio-economic impacts</b> and coordinating the programmatic response to the pandemic. UNDP is also working with the World Bank and the IMF on <b>macro modelling</b> .	ILO, FAO, IFAD, UNIDO, IMF, World Bank
<b>Egypt</b>	✓ As co-chair of the UNCT Prosperity Results Group, UNDP is working closely with the RCO, UN entities and the Government on designing critical <b>socio-economic response initiatives</b> .	RCO, UNCT
<b>Libya</b>	✓ In close cooperation with WHO, UN Women and IOM as well as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Planning, UNDP is working on a <b>nation-wide study on the socio-economic impact</b> of COVID-19 as well as a <b>gender assessment</b> of the impact of COVID-19.	WHO, UN Women and IOM

<b>Tunisia</b>	✓ UNDP as part of the UNCT is co-leading with the World Bank a <b>micro-economic assessment</b> of the impact of COVID-19 on businesses and households focusing on gender and vulnerabilities.	UNCT, World Bank
<b>Algeria</b>	✓ UNDP is working in close coordination with the RC and UNCT partners and together with local authorities, research centres, the National Council for Economic Studies and the private sector to prepare a <b>rapid needs assessment of the socio-economic impact</b> of the health crisis on vulnerable groups and businesses in the most affected Wilayas.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Morocco</b>	✓ UNDP is working with the UNCT on a) a <b>gender-sensitive, human rights-based needs assessment</b> framework on the socio-economic impact of the health crisis and b) a <b>coordination platform</b> , including UN agencies, international financial institutions and other relevant technical and financial partners, to offer efficient coordinated support to the Government, including a budgeted COVID-19 response plan in support of national efforts	RCO, UNCT, IFIs
<b>Sudan</b>	✓ In coordination with the UNCT and together with UNICEF and WFP UNDP is co-leading on a <b>socio-economic impact assessment</b> of COVID-19 which will include preventive mitigation measures to lessen the impact on the informal sector and on the provision of security.	UNICEF, WFP
<b>Syria / Iraq</b>	✓ UNDP has been asked to support the UNCT by playing a <b>lead integrator role</b> with regard to undertaking a <b>socio-economic assessment</b> and then leading the discussion on the formulation of a <b>long-term socio-economic recovery strategy</b> for both countries. As part of UNCT coordination, both UNDP Country Offices are also adjusting their delivery capacities to assist WHO priorities.	RCO, UNCT, WHO
<b>Bhutan</b>	✓ UNDP is the technical lead agency for a <b>socio-economic assessment</b> in close collaboration with UNICEF and other UN agencies.	UNICEF, UNCT
<b>Madagascar</b>	✓ UNDP is working with the World Bank, UNICEF, and WFP to develop a comprehensive social protection programme to support the most vulnerable.	World Bank, UNICEF, and WFP
<b>Niger</b>	✓ UNDP is working with the Economic Commission of Africa on the <b>socio-economic impact</b> and with the World Bank on <b>private sector support to recovery</b> .	ECA, World Bank
<b>Tanzania</b>	✓ UNDP is collaborating with UNICEF and the UNCT to launch a <b>social and economic impact assessment</b> study to support the Government.	UNICEF, UNCT

<b>Seychelles</b>	✓ UNDP is working with the RC Office to support a <b>socio-economic impact analysis</b> in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and the National Bureau of Statistics.	RCO
<b>Iran</b>	✓ UNDP is co-leading the <b>resilient economy</b> pillar together with UNICEF to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 through social protection and livelihoods interventions.	UNICEF
<b>Malaysia</b>	✓ Under the leadership of the RC, UNDP is working closely with the UNCT on the ' <b>One UN</b> ' response to COVID-19.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Cambodia</b>	✓ UNDP and the RCO are leading an <b>economic modelling and impact analysis</b> and provide the Government with projections of the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic to support timely and evidence-based emergency and recovery policymaking. As part of the wider UN response, the RC engaged UNDP to advocate for an <b>inclusive economic stimulus package</b> . In close coordination with the UNCT-led economic interventions, UNDP will assist the Government in framing its proposed stimulus response to protect the economy, and specifically, the most affected and vulnerable citizens. In addition, UNDP is advising on <b>emergency social protection</b> measures.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Viet Nam</b>	✓ Together with UN Women and the National Center for Information and Forecasting, UNDP is conducting a <b>socio-economic impact assessment</b> with focus on micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, poor households, and ethnic minorities.	UN Women
<b>Belarus</b>	✓ In close coordination with the RC, the UNCT, national partners and the donor community, UNDP is contributing to a COVID-19 <b>socio-economic impact assessment</b> with special focus on sectors and population groups most exposed to risk in order to buffer the effect of COVID-19 and increase resilience of the economy and at-risk communities in the future.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Laos</b>	✓ UNDP is working with the UNCT on conducting a <b>multi-sectoral impact assessment</b> of COVID-19, which will inform the Government's recovery plans and interventions and the formulation of the 9 <sup>th</sup> National Socio-Economic Development Plan.	UNCT
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	✓ Together with the RCO and UNICEF, UNDP is working on a <b>Socio-Economic Policy Brief</b> on the impact of COVID-19, which will form the basis for a <b>dialogue</b> with the Government, IFIs and development partners to outline relevant and coordinated programming for early recovery.	RCO, UNICEF, IFIs and partners

<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	✓ UNDP is working with the RCO and UN agencies and in close collaboration with development partners and IFIs on rapid appraisals of the <b>short-term socio-economic impact</b> of COVID-19. This will be followed by a <b>full-scale impact assessment</b> that will assist the UN and development partners in formulating policy and programme responses around social protection and other initiatives addressing the immediate and longer-term socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.	RCO, UNFPA, UN Women, UNCDF, FAO, IFIs and partners
<b>Myanmar</b>	✓ UNDP and UNICEF are co-chairing the UNCT-led socio-economic workstream, which has been set up to coordinate, customize and operationalize the UN Myanmar Socio-Economic Framework for a <b>joined-up immediate socio-economic response</b> to COVID-19. UNDP will also lead or co-lead three of the eight thematic pillars within the Framework around Investing in Resilience, Economic Recovery and Social Cohesion.	UNICEF, RCO, UNCT
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	✓ UNDP is taking the lead on an <b>economic impact assessment</b> , the scope of which is being determined jointly with the RC Office and IFIs. UNDP will also contribute to the preparation of a <b>social impact assessment</b> led by UNICEF.	UNICEF
<b>Moldova</b>	✓ In agreement with the UNCT and in coordination with the Government, UNDP has provided a <b>platform for a COVID-19 Social and Economic Taskforce</b> composed of 23 member entities, including UN entities (RCO, UNFPA, UN Women, UNICEF, UNECE, ILO, FAO, UNAIDS, UNODC, UNIDO, IOM, OHCHR), international financial institutions (WB, IMF, EBRD, EIB) and major development partners (SDC, EUD, Council of Europe, UK Embassy, USAID, OSCE). The objective of the platform is to address the impacts of COVID-19 in a coordinated way, capitalizing on expertise, resources and partnerships of all of the involved institutions.	RCO, UNCT, World Bank, IMF, Partners
<b>Serbia</b>	✓ In partnership with UNHCR and civil society organisations, UNDP conducted a <b>joint assessment of IDPs' and Roma communities' needs</b> and delivered first life-saving hygiene and humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable and marginalized living in informal settlements of unofficial collective centres. The number of Roma UN Volunteers to engage in wider outreach to Roma communities has been increased and WHO information materials on safety measures have been translated into the local Roma dialect and distributed through UNDP's network of partner Roma civil society organisations.	UNHCR, WHO, UNV
<b>Bolivia</b>	✓ Under the coordination of the RC and PAHO, UNDP is leading on <b>health procurement</b> and in coordination with RCO staff, IFAD, other UN agencies and the World Bank on the analysis of <b>political and socio-economic impacts</b> of Covid-19.	RCO, PAHO, IFAD, UNCT, World Bank

<b>Ukraine</b>	✓ In its role as SDG integrator, UNDP is chairing the UNCT's socio-economic recovery and SDG work stream, which ensures a coordinated and harmonized effort by the UNDS in the country towards providing support to the Government in <b>assessing the multidimensional impact of the COVID-19 crisis</b> (prepare), <b>responding</b> to the challenges (respond), and <b>recovering</b> back better and greener to safeguard the progress towards the achievement of the SDGs.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Barbados / Eastern Caribbean</b>	✓ UNDP is leading on the social and economic impacts of the crisis in the Eastern Caribbean, working on the <b>Economic and Human Development Impact Assessments</b> with UNICEF and UN Women, with WFP and FAO on the <b>Food Security and Economic Recovery</b> initiatives, and supporting the RC on <b>security management</b> in several countries.	RCO, UNICEF, UN Women, FAO, WFP
<b>Operational Support to UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams</b>		
<b>Globally</b>	✓ To support a rapid response to COVID-19 at country level within the existing budgets, DCO and UNDP have agreed to allow <b>flexibility in the use of existing SPTF budget allocations</b> . Offices that have unutilized budget for travel can, at the discretion of the RC, use the existing budget allocations for the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) kits, other medical items, business continuity-related equipment or other activities related to COVID-19 (e.g. stress counselling).	UNDCO, RCOs
<b>Cameroon</b>	✓ UNDP is co-leading with WFP on <b>operations and logistics</b> in support of the RC's/UNCT's effort, with emphasis on the procurement of urgent medical equipment.	RCO, WFP
<b>Eswatini</b>	✓ UNDP is supporting the RC Office in its coordination mandate by providing <b>administrative, ICT, procurement and logistics support</b> , including to the UN House.	RCO
<b>Niger</b>	✓ UNDP supports the RC Office in <b>resource mobilisation</b> and <b>strategic communications</b> in support of the Government's overall response to the pandemic. UNDP also co-chairs the communications and community engagement efforts within the UNCT and provides backbone support to the RC Office by providing <b>staffing and ICT support</b> .	RCO
<b>Guatemala</b>	✓ In its capacity of leading the <b>Procurement Task Force</b> , UNDP is coordinating all agencies with procurement capacities in support of a joined-up approach in the health sector cluster with the aim of providing optimal support to the government.	UNOPS, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, PAHO



<b>Zambia</b>	✓ UNDP played a critical role in overseeing the finalisation of the UN Contingency Plan to COVID-19 within 48 hours. UNDP also serves as secretariat of the <b>UN Technical Crisis Team</b> , which provides guidance and advisory support to the UN Security Management Team in all aspects of the UN response to COVID-19.	RCO
<b>Syria</b>	✓ Given its lead coordination role on the resilience segment of the Humanitarian Response Plan, the RC has requested UNDP to support the RCO by establishing a specific <b>coordination structure</b> dedicated to the Covid-19 response that coordinates among the UN and Government with <b>multi-sectoral responses</b> as complement to the on-going humanitarian efforts.	RCO
<b>Iran</b>	✓ UNDP's Deputy Representative serves as the COVID-19 Coordinator for efforts across UNCT agencies to address internal <b>duty-of-care</b> matters.	RCO, UNCT
<b>Bangladesh</b>	✓ The UNDP Resident Representative is supporting the RC as the <b>COVID-19 UN Response Coordinator</b> together with FAO.	RCO, FAO
<b>UNDP-administered assets at the service of a UN system approach</b>		
<b>Globally</b>	✓ UNV is allocating \$1,000,000 under a new <b>response mechanism to support RCOs and UNCTs</b> to address UN system gaps and support volunteer mobilization to scale COVID-19 responses.	UNV, RCOs, UNCTs
<b>Africa</b>	✓ UNV and WHO have launched an initiative to recruit <b>100 UN Volunteers as Africa Women Health Champions</b> to deploy young African women on health-related assignments (e.g. public health, epidemiology, health research, health emergency and data management) across 47 countries.	UNV, WHO
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	✓ Under a joint programme, UNDP, UNV and the RCO are training <b>2,000 community health volunteers</b> to promote disease prevention and awareness regionally.	UNV, RCO, UNDP
<b>China</b>	✓ UNV deployed a UN Volunteer from China's Wuhan, Hubei Province, with UNICEF to provide <b>physio-social support</b> to parents, caregivers, community workers, volunteers, and children.	UNV, UNICEF
<b>Yemen</b>	✓ UNV is deploying 210 National UN Volunteer health professionals to support the <b>UN clinic</b> .	UNV, UNCT
<b>Venezuela</b>	✓ UNV has deployed 19 Humanitarian Affairs Officers with <b>OCHA</b> for <b>preparedness and response</b> .	UNV, OCHA

<b>India</b>	✓ UNV is partnering with the NYKS (Youth Association under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports) to clean and disinfect public spaces, as well as distribute groceries to marginalized and vulnerable groups. This is a long-standing partnership in 58 districts that has pivoted to promote <b>youth engagement for inclusive COVID-19 responses</b> .	UNV
<b>Viet Nam</b>	✓ The UNOSSC-managed India, Brazil and South Africa Facility and Poverty Alleviation - the IBSA Fund - is supporting the “ <b>Innovative e-Learning Approach for Health</b> ”, which has been successful in reaching health care workers in remote medical settings and is now being refocused to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic with online training modules developed by WHO.	UNOSSC, WHO
<b>Iran</b>	✓ The UNOSSC regional team in Asia Pacific is working with the <b>UN RC Office</b> to strengthen its capacity for a <b>needs assessment on the socio-economic impact</b> of the pandemic.	UNOSSC, RCO
<b>Bangladesh, Uganda</b>	✓ UNCDF has developed guidance for global mayors and local authorities on the <b>channeling of block grants and fiscal transfers</b> to local authorities who are on the front line of preparedness and response. The method has been tested in Bangladesh and Uganda and is ready for scale.	UNCDF
<b>Lao PDR</b>	✓ UNCDF is working with the RCO and UNDP to re-purpose funding from the UNCDF – UNDP Governance for Inclusive Development (GIDP) project to be channeled through the District Development Fund grant system for COVID-19 response at the local level. This direct system of <b>inter-government fiscal transfers</b> allows finance to flow directly into local communities via the local government institutions to provide immediate support to local governments to deliver COVID-19 preventative measures, treatments and essential services for citizens.	UNCDF, RCO, UNDP
<b>Nepal</b>	✓ UNCDF is launching an innovation challenge in Safety-net to meet immediate expenses (conditional & unconditional transfers) in partnership with digital finance service providers, government, donors and WFP, UNICEF and UNDP. The opportunity is to <b>leverage digital cash transfer (G2P) and aid (D2P) payments</b> to daily wagers, unemployed, and victims of employers’ insolvency etc.	UNCDF, WFP, UNICEF, UNDP
<b>Fiji</b>	✓ The joint UNCDF – UNDP Pacific Financial Inclusion Program is working to <b>improve remittance services</b> with Vodafone, which will allow for a two-month period of fee free remittances to Fiji for both sender and receiver using the M-PAiSA platform to support families in Fiji who depend on these incoming funds even more so as a result of Covid-19.	UNCDF, UNDP