

# UNFPA Update on the implementation of UNDS Repositioning: Country Examples



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# Upholding rights in the times of COVID-19

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# Road to UN Development System Reform in Tanzania

- **2007:** Tanzania becomes one of eight countries worldwide to pilot the UN Delivering as One Reforms.
- **2010:** Tanzania launches the UN Development Assistance Plan I, the first systemwide UN business plan to be implemented in the country.
- **2016:** The UN and the Government launch the second UN Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP II) that will be implemented until 2021 (subsequently extended to 2022).
- **2017:** The UN and the government launch the area-based Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) which consists of 17 UN agencies providing development support to communities hosting over 300,000 refugees in northwestern Tanzania.
- **2018:** Zanzibar Joint Programme (ZJP) launched which consists of 9 UN Agencies working together in Zanzibar across 4 inter-related themes with major focus on gender equality.
- **2019:** Implementation of the UN Development System Reform
- **2019:** Tanzania presents its first Voluntary National Review on implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

# COVID-19 in Tanzania & UN Development System Reform

- **UN Resident Coordinator – strong leadership** supported by a UN Resident Coordinator Office that is being further strengthened.
- Agencies are supportive in using the **Resident Coordinator as their interlocutor** in reaching out to Government and Development Partners.
- **Strong coordination** between the Resident Coordinator and WHO; UN Country Management Team; Security Management Team; Programme Management Team and Operations Management Team.
- UN Agencies **active/co-leading the technical Pillars** of the Country's National Response Plans (Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar).
- UN COVID 19 **Action Plan for Care of UN Staff** in place.
- Joint UN Coordination and Response Framework being finalized with **3 Pillars: Public Health Response; Addressing the Socio-economic Impacts and Ensuring No One is Left Behind.**

# Support to the national response



- National Contingency Plans - Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar
- Regional contingency plans – Kigoma and Simiyu
- UNHCR-led refugee plan, Kigoma Region



# Participation in implementation framework



## Pillars:

1. Coordination, planning and monitoring
2. Infection prevention and control (IPC)/case management
3. Risk communications and community engagement (RCCE)
4. Logistics, health systems strengthening and supplies

## Also supported:

- Surveillance and case management
- Point of entry interventions

# Our priorities

Upholding the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of everyone, everywhere in Tanzania by:

- Ensuring access to quality, safe and consistent life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services **continues**.
- Supplies of reproductive health commodities – contraceptives and life-saving maternal health medicines – are **uninterrupted**.
- GBV prevention and response services are **adapted and strengthened**, protecting and supporting the most vulnerable.



# Critical programme interventions



- **Strengthening** health systems – both human resources and supply chains – to support the uninterrupted delivery of the full range of SRHR services.
- **Training and protecting** frontline health workers to provide these services safely.
- **Enabling and encouraging** women, girls and young people to access SRHR services in the context of COVID-19.





# Robust supply chains and timely distribution

- Projecting national reproductive health commodities and supply needs.
- Working with partners to ensure timely distribution, including at the last mile.

# Training and protecting front line health workers

- **Supporting training** in IPC and SRHR in targeted regional, district and health level facilities – Simiyu, Kigoma, Dodoma and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania mainland) and Ugunja and Pemba Islands (Zanzibar).
- **Procuring essential supplies** for IPC and personal protection equipment (PPE) kits for targeted health facilities.
- **Providing technical and financial resources** to government for health worker training in COVID-19 IPC.



# Supporting health workers on the frontline and clients accessing services

- Establishing COVID-19 and SRHR psychosocial counselling services – within the **national toll-free COVID-19 hotline #199 and online** – for both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.
- Developing counselling and support guidelines.
- Supporting equipment needs and training for phone and online counsellors.
- Working with partners to establish data analysis systems at call centres for evidence-informed programming.
- Providing technical support for the development and dissemination of messages to mobilize and encourage populations to use SRHR services.
- Engaging partners, religious and influential leaders to promote community dialogue on COVID-19 and SRHR.

# Adapting the delivery of GBV services

- Reviewing GBV referral pathways.
- Linking GBV survivors and caregivers to services of partner national toll-free telephone helplines – Tanzania mainland, Zanzibar and refugee camps in Kigoma Region.





# Leaving no one behind

As part of inter-agency efforts in refugee camps in Kigoma:

- **Procuring and prepositioning RH kits**, maternity/safe delivery and post exposure prophylaxis (PEP)/post rape kits.
- **Recruiting nurse-midwives and clinical officers** for surge capacity deployment to ensure the continuity of SRHR services.
- **Continuing to distribute dignity (sanitary and hygiene) kits** – menstrual pads, basins, soaps, kitenge etc. – to women and girls of reproductive age directly and through partners in refugee camps.
- Provided a **COVID-19 isolation tent**.
- Supported **COVID-19 IPC training** for 400 community workers and 77 influencers.
- **Distribution of information, education and communication (IEC) materials** is also on-going.



# Youth as leaders

- Partnering with AfriYAN (African Youth and Adolescent Network).
- Providing youth with platforms – traditional and digital media – to exercise leadership and mobilize peers and communities in the fight against COVID-19 – in all 11 regions in Tanzania where the network is active.







**Thank you!**



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# Experience with and potential of UN Reform implementation in the Caribbean



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# UNDS Reform in the Caribbean



**Resident  
Coordinators  
and RCOs**

**UNCT  
collaboration  
and  
programming**

**Relations with  
governments**

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**Operations**

# Resident Coordinators and RCOs



## Caribbean Experience

- Greater authority of RCs
- Strengthened capacity of Resident Coordination Offices (RCO)
- RC mediation role enhancing coherence
- Entry-point to government
- RCOs as common resource for UN system

## Potential

- RC profiles
- Access to expertise within RCOs
- Better quality CCAs and Cooperation Frameworks



# UNCT collaboration and programming



## Caribbean Experience

- Multi-country Sustainable Development Framework (Regional UNDAF),
- Mainstreaming, Acceleration, and Policy Support (MAPS Missions)
- Coordinated collaboration with regional entities (CDEMA, National authorities, UN Agencies and other partners)
- Humanitarian Response Collaboration
- Spotlight Initiative
- COVID-19 response
- Engagement with ECLAC is more systematic

## Potential

- Regional engagement with CARICOM
- Access to system-wide expertise
- Further harmonization of planning and reporting tools

# Relations with governments



## Caribbean Experience

- Improved access to information for governments
- SDGs as common platform
- Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
- Spotlight Initiative

## Potential

- Enhanced alignment of resources for implementation
- Voluntary National Reports

# Resource mobilization



## Caribbean Experience

- SDG Fund
- Spotlight Initiative
- MPTF COVID-19 Fund
- Human Security Trust Fund

## Potential

- Joint funding windows
- Partnership officers in RCOs
- More integrated analysis and response

# Operations



## Caribbean Experience

- Common premises
- Long Term Agreements (LTA) and rosters
- Country Business Operations Strategies (BOS)

## Potential

- Regional BOS
- Common back office



# Unity of purpose in time of COVID-19

UNFPA's contribution to UNDS  
response in Peru





# Peru COVID-19 response

- March 6<sup>th</sup>: Peru confirms first COVID-19 case
- March 12<sup>th</sup>: High-Level Multisectorial Commission to Combat COVID-19
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: Peru declares **State of Emergency** – measures physical distancing; quarantine measures; advisory group
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: Closure of all international borders
- March 17<sup>th</sup>: 1st. Economic bonus of S/ 380 for vulnerable families
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>: Social immobilization**
- March 29<sup>th</sup>: Govt. announced measure up to 12% of GDP to mitigate socio- economic impact
- March 31st: Villa Panamericana received its first patients
- **April 1st: COVID-19 Command is constituted** – aims to unify chain of command for COVID-19 response of highly fragmented Health System ; includes responsibility for monitoring and distribution of assets of health services
- **April 23rd: State of emergency extends to May 10th**



# COVID-19: Multifaceted impact in Peru

- **Combination of health effects and socio-economic impact**
- Fragmented Health System is a challenge to unified response of health sector (public investment 2.48% GDP in 2018, ECLAC)
- Use of available ICU beds; MV; and IC health professionals close to full capacity
- **Lockdown (50 days +), impact on trade & drop of international commodity prices (ECLAC predicts – 4% GDP loss in 2020), and substantial increase in unemployment, poverty and inequality.**
- Vulnerable population, including lowest income quintiles, informal workers (72,6% of total workforce), indigenous peoples, and migrants and refuge seekers disproportionately affected
- **42% of people in urban areas have either lost their jobs or their income** (IPSOS survey, Apr).
- Internal migration - at least +170,000 persons trying to get to their home provinces

# COVID-19 in Peru & UN Development System

- **UN Resident Coordinator (RC)** – Agencies reach out to Government and Development Partners through the Resident Coordinator (RC) or in close coordination with the RC
- **Strengthening of the RC Office** – Temporarily dedicated Public Health Specialist embedded in the ORC (interagency pooled funds)
- **COVID-19 advisory team** on stand-by for supporting RC/DO on decisions requiring specialized technical expertise (medical experts, epidemiologists, humanitarian specialist)
- **UNDS Peru Contingency Plan on COVID-19** – lines out modus operandi; **COVID-19 Coordinator is PAHO/WHO Representative** (BCP; UNCG; OMG, etc)
- **Strong coordination** between the Resident Coordinator and COVID-19 Coordinator; UN Country Management Team; SMT; Programme Management Team and OMT
- **COVID-19 socio-economic team**
- **National Humanitarian Network** co-chaired UN RC and Chief INDECI (Nat. Civil Defense Institute) and Working Group on Refugees and Migrants

# Re-strategizing for 3 zeros

**Whole of UNFPA approach** in response to COVID19: **Reprogramming to uphold universal access to Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights and leaving no one behind:**

- **Safe pregnancies**, re-establishment or continuity of **life-saving services** such as antenatal and postnatal attentions, institutional births, EmONC and protection from COVID19
- Ensuring **universal access to family planning and contraceptives**, including **differentiated and innovative delivery modalities** to reach adolescents and youth, rural populations, indigenous peoples and migrant and refuge seekers
- Preventing and promoting effective attention of **gender-based violence** and **harmful practices**, with emphasis on sexual violence, including approaches to change social norms
- Promoting **access of health and protection workers to PPE**
- Contributing to generate, process and use **data** in decision-making processes



# Response & Recovery

## Epidemic control; health & social

- Disease Control & Health System Strengthening
- SRHR / Maternal Health / FP commodities
- GBV prevention and response
- Prevention of adolescent pregnancies / A&Y
- P&D – data for health & socio – economic response
- Indigenous pop. access to SRH and GBV services

## Humanitarian assistance to migrants & refugees

## Risk communication with one voice

## Adaptability – learning – regional harmonization

- Transitioning to sustainable long-term containment & control
- Catalyzing regional harmonization of control measures
- Promoting accuracy and transparency of data and use of data
- Coordination between Multilaterals – Regional Bodies – IFI
- CCA and post-COVID-19 UNSDCF





**Thank you!**

