

East and Southern Africa Region

COVID-19 Situation Report No. 4

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Regional Highlights

- All countries have confirmed cases with an upward trajectory of new cases.
- Most countries have lifted restrictions but there are concerns about the limited capacity of health care facilities, even in advanced countries like South Africa. Limited testing capacity and the slow turnaround of testing results are severely hampering the *test, track, isolate and treat programme* by the Africa CDC/WHO.
- South Africa (37,500), DRC (3,500), Kenya (2,200), Ethiopia (1,500) and Zambia (1,000) have highest cases while some countries like Namibia and Mauritius with no cases in more than 30 days have reported them in the last week. South Sudan has a rapid rise of cases with health system concerns
- Presidential and legislative assembly elections were conducted in Burundi from 20-21 May 2020 amidst political campaigns that went against the prescribed prevention.
- Government measures to curb the spread of the virus vary across the countries with limited cross border collaboration.
- UNFPA continues to work with other partners and Governments in the region to address bottlenecks to the continuity of essential health services. UNFPA and partners have developed a tracking matrix for monitoring the disruption of services to enable partners to verify and support countries to respond to the disruptions.
- Humanitarian crises in the region continue to be aggravated by COVID-19. Close to 4 million refugees and over 9 million IDPs face limited humanitarian access due to restrictions and with issues on social distancing and hygiene measures. South Sudan's new armed inter communal and political clashes and ongoing violence in Cabo Delgado in Mozambique have led to increased displacements.
- Over 45 million food insecure people in Southern Africa, due to social economic impact of the restrictions, with Zimbabwe hit hardest with a combination of economic collapse and food insecurity. Response to the desert locust invasion in the East and Horn of Africa has also been severely curtailed, and a looming food crisis in the region could have significant impact on women and girls' sexual and reproductive health and potentially lead to a rise in GBV.
- The plight of migrants in Southern Africa is an issue with most of them losing out on employment during the lockdowns. The irregular migrant status raises their vulnerability especially among women and girls.

Situation in Numbers



51,444 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases



1,038 COVID-19 Deaths

Source: WHO 4 June, 2020

Key Population Groups



16 M Pregnant Women



151 M Women of Reproductive Age

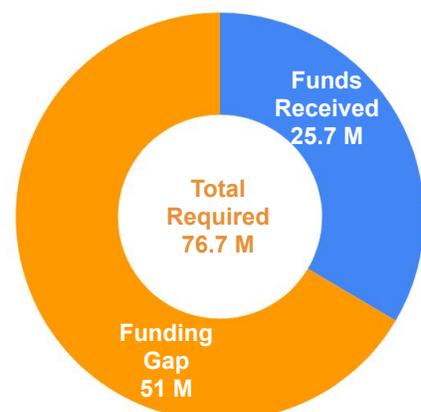


199 M Young People (age 10-24)



19 M Older Persons (age 65+)

Funding Status for Region (US\$)



Regional Response Summary

Coordination and partnerships

The UNFPA response in the region aligns with the [2030 Agenda](#), [WHO global strategic preparedness and response plan](#), [UN-coordinated global humanitarian response plan](#), the [UN framework for socio-economic response to COVID-19](#), and [UNFPA COVID-19 global response plan](#).

Country offices continue to engage with the Governments, UN agencies and civil society partners in the national coordination through task forces/command councils. This is to ensure UNFPA's mandate areas (SRH, GBV and Population dynamics) are part of the national response efforts and continuity of essential services in the three thematic areas is maintained.

At the UN Country Team (UNCT) level, country offices are working to ensure they leverage joint response and resource mobilization efforts of the country teams. Joint advocacy for continuity of essential services is ongoing in these teams. Country offices with ongoing humanitarian crises are working to ensure that COVID-19 is mainstreamed in the humanitarian response plans and programmes through UN system coordination.

In Zambia, South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique (focus on Cabo Delgado), Madagascar, the UNCTs have launched joint COVID-19 flash appeals. This process has provided opportunities for closer collaboration and joint programming among UN agencies at country level and will strengthen the efforts towards working as a one UN.

The UN regional offices have formed a "migration working group" that is working with countries and the regional economic communities (Southern African Development Community and East African Community) to address the plight of migrants and refugees in the COVID-19 era. Agencies are deploying their regional and country assets to influence the National COVID-19 task forces to ensure migrants are not left behind in the responses.

The regional partnership forum continues to provide guidance to countries on case management, surveillance, continuity of essential services, mental health and psychosocial support and entry points. This forum has brought together all UN agencies at the regional level, UNFPA chairs the continuity of essential health services working group. The main objective of this forum is the contextualization of guidance to address regional specificities.

To ensure continued focus on ongoing humanitarian crises, ESARO is involved in the regional humanitarian coordination forums (Regional Inter-Agency Standing Committee and Regional Humanitarian Partnerships Team) for South and East Africa respectively. The regional GBV working groups are supporting the countries to focus current programmes to respond to COVID-19 and address GBV programme implementation challenges occasioned by COVID-19.

Continuity of SRH interventions, including protection of health workforce

The regional office and the country offices have supported the continuity of essential SRH services by:

- Advocating at national and sub-national levels for the continuity of SRH services at health facility and community levels.
- Strengthening operational and logistics support to national supply chains, including providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to health workers; and facilitating supplies of modern contraceptives and other SRH commodities.
- Supporting referral systems especially when public and private modes of transport have been constrained.
- Strengthening the capacity building efforts for frontline SRH workers and health facility optimization for COVID-19 through virtual training platforms and mentorships.
- Providing support to risk communication and community engagement initiatives aimed at reducing risk of COVID-19 transmission while addressing the increasing fear of health facilities by communities, especially women and girls.

Country examples:

South Sudan: The country office in partnership with the International Medical Corps has strengthened infection prevention and control (IPC) measures for maternity units in three health facilities serving internally displaced people. Over 75 staff were trained in IPC and provided with PPE supplies to promote prevention of COVID-19 infection and boost their confidence to serve amidst the rising cases in the country.

Angola: Facilitated South-South cooperation between the Brazil and Angola Ministries of Health. Implementing partners in Angola have been trained on COVID-19 using materials which were developed in Brazil, the collaboration will strengthen capacity of health facilities to deliver SRH services in the COVID-19 pandemic days.

Regional Response Summary

Country examples (*continuation*):

South Africa: UNFPA Supports the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct mobile outreach services to ensure continuity of SRH services in underserved areas of KwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape provinces. UNFPA will provide operational and logistical support while DOH will provide the supplies and human resources for the outreach services.

Madagascar: Continues to support the transportation of women for antenatal care and health facility delivery in areas with limited public transport systems. The social distancing regulations for public transport vehicles has led to high costs leading to low passenger volumes and operators have withdrawn from some areas. Health facilities are being supported with additional emergency RH Kits to supplement regular supplies.

Eswatini: Continues to support the training of health care workers on basics of case management, health facility optimization, client flow and health worker safety including use of PPE. Working with the Ministry of Health, the UNFPA country office has developed guidelines for the continuity of antenatal care services at health facilities and community through outreach.

Seychelles: Supporting the equipping of the quarantine centres to ensure that the needs of pregnant women and young people are addressed. UNFPA is supporting the Emergency Public Health Operations Centre on surveillance and capacity building of health care workers on infection prevention and control measures to ensure safe delivery of SRH services at health facilities.

Addressing gender-based violence: Continuity and adaptation of GBV services and GBV prevention and mitigation measures

The regional office and country offices are working to ensure that the needs of survivors of the rising GBV incidence are met:

- Continued advocacy for the inclusion of GBV essential services by the national authorities during the times of lockdowns and other forms of restriction of movements.
- Reprogramming of existing GBV initiatives such as the Spotlight Initiative to address the rising prevalence of GBV.
- The UNFPA regional team, working with regional GBV advisors based in Nairobi, is building capacity of GBV coordinators in humanitarian contexts to position GBV as an issue of concern and priority within the humanitarian coordination structures.
- Addressing the dignity needs of women and girls in quarantine centers to help them to easily reintegrate into society at the end of their quarantine period.

Country Examples

South Sudan: 385 post-rape kits have been distributed to hard-to-reach facilities and areas experiencing armed clashes between warring tribes and political groups. The emergency post-rape kits have been re-kitted to ensure equitable distribution while promoting rational use of the content of the kits. The country office continues to provide operational support to keep 10 one-stop GBV centres open in the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure sustained reach to survivors in hotspot areas.

Namibia: Over 200 mental health/psychosocial providers were trained (virtually) on the provision of services in the context of an emergency. UNFPA was instrumental in designing the training materials and leading the sessions on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. Ten thousand pamphlets with information on how to access mental health and psychosocial support in each region were also printed and will be distributed as part of the joint effort with WFP to distribute dignity kits, along with food, to women, girls, people living with disabilities and people living with HIV.

Malawi: UNFPA through the Spotlight Initiative donated 60 motorcycles and 940 bicycles to support the mobility of GBV workers in hard-to-reach areas. This donation will also support the dissemination of COVID-19 prevention messages to the vulnerable women and girls during this time.

Mozambique: As part of GBV mitigation strategies, GBV cluster partners are identifying a PIN code to enable women and girls to denounce any case of intimate partner violence and GBV to authorities and community leaders via SMS and other methods. Support is being provided to national implementing partners to produce 20,000 reusable cloth masks developed by women in women-friendly spaces in resettlement sites across the Province of Sofala.

Country examples *continued*:

Kenya: UNFPA, UN Women and Canada support the helpline 1195 on GBV. UNFPA is additionally supporting the analysis of call data to inform preventive messaging and ensuring availability of the GBV response services for survivors. The call centre has been instrumental in helping partners provide a geographic and sectoral focus while responding to the needs of GBV survivors.

Burundi: In the context of the ongoing emergency response in Gatumba where at least 10,000 households are displaced due to the last flooding, UNFPA CO distributed 1800 dignity kits in order to respond to the needs of displaced women and girls of reproductive age in Kinyinya II displaced site. The distribution activity was conducted in collaboration with the Burundi Red Cross and GBV local partners including Social Action for development and Association communautaire pour la promotion des Droits Humains. Addition to this, the women and girls were sensitized on hygiene promotion, COVID-19 prevention and GBV services.

Ensuring the supply of modern contraceptives and other reproductive health commodities

The regional office supplies team continues to work with the country offices to ensure uninterrupted availability of modern contraceptives and reproductive health supplies:

- Closely monitoring family planning and reproductive health commodity stocks in countries and providing technical support to address any impending stock outs through redistribution, from low consumption countries or any other means.
- Supporting resource mobilization for procurement of commodities including PPE for health care providers and community-based distributors by country offices.
- Prepositioning family planning and reproductive health commodities to the lowest levels to avert any shortages arising out of logistical challenges in moving commodities.
- Providing technical support to country offices, implementing partners and Ministries of Health on supply forecasting, distribution and rational use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Country Examples

Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe: UNFPA has partnered with Food Security and Nutrition Working Group partners for the supply of condoms and contraceptives during food distribution and livelihood activities. UNFPA also provides technical support to ensure that social distancing and other preventive measures are adhere to during the process.

Namibia: Supporting the Ministry of Health to ensure family planning commodities are delivered to the country under an emergency procurement to address the shortage of commodities.

Uganda: Supported the e-conference on family planning in the context of COVID-19. UNFPA Uganda Representative, Mr. Alain Sibenaler gave the keynote address at the e-conference on Family Planning held on May 14. The e-conference was organised by Reach-A-Hand Uganda, a youth-led organization and widely shared on main media outlets and social media channels targeting the young people.

Risk communication and community engagement, including youth engagement, leaving no one behind

UNFPA is part of the regional risk communications and community engagement working group that aims at providing joint programmatic guidance to country offices, governments and media practitioners in the region.

UNFPA and UNICEF East and Southern Africa regional offices and the WHO Africa regional office continue to conduct webinars on COVID-19 and well-being for young people. The webinars have so far been attended by over 400 young people in various leadership positions from 18 countries.

Namibia: Under the Risk communication and community engagement pillar, UNFPA in partnership with UNICEF and UNESCO developed a guideline for schools on the prevention and management of COVID-19. The guidelines will be distributed to schools in line with school calendars. 3000 community engagement toolkits were given to the Ministry of Health & Social Services.

Zambia: As part of the broader UN response, UNFPA is contributing to joint risk communication and community engagement initiatives. The country office has supported public-service announcements to address myths and misconceptions around COVID-19 especially among young people. UNFPA also supports the national COVID-19 call center located at the Zambia National Public Health Institute to ensure the needs of young people are addressed.

Botswana: UNFPA is supporting the development and dissemination of targeted messages for young people on COVID-19 through various platforms including the weekly youth radio show. During the month of May, the weekly youth radio programme focused on COVID-19 and persons with disability.

Malawi: UNFPA continues to support the use of 2018 Census data to map populations at high risk of contracting or dying from COVID-19 using an interactive geospatial dashboard. This information supports a targeted response to the most at-risk groups by Government and partners.

Tanzania: UNFPA country office signed work plans with AfriYAN, Restless Development and Femina HIP to strengthen the capacity of youth organizations to engage safely, effectively and meaningfully in ways that enable young people to expand their knowledge on COVID19 and play an effective role in the prevention and response.

Rwanda: Following the launch of #YouthAgainst COVID-19 by UNFPA in partnership with Prezi, Rwanda Youth Associations teamed up to produce six educational videos containing information about how young people can fight the COVID-19 pandemic. So far 4 videos have already been produced by MEDSAR (Medical Students' Association of Rwanda member of IFMSA-International Federation of Medical Students' Association), AIESEC Rwanda, URUKUNDO GAME (a recent iAccelerator Rwanda winner), and AfriYAN. UNFPA Rwanda will continue to support AfriYAN Rwanda to disseminate the six videos to the wider public through websites, social media platforms and other channels.



UNFPA Malawi @UNFPAMalawi · May 20

Today, @UNMalawi through @GlobalSpotlight Initiative funded by @EUinMalawi has handed over 60 motorcycles and 940 bicycles to Government worth US\$285,000 (MK 208,811,795) to improve mobility for stakeholders who provide gender based violence services.



[COVID-19: What is it like for expectant women in this pandemic?](#)

[About 14,000 hygiene supplies procured by the UNFPA and information cards on GBV prevention were produced and officially delivered to the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Social Action, Family and Promotion of Women](#)
<https://www.namibian.com.na/90680/read/Family-planning-open-during-lockdown>
<https://neweralive.na/posts/more-youth-seek-family-health-services>

[In collaboration with Namibia Planned Parenthood Association \(NAPPA\), the country office conducted a virtual training on GBViE and PSEA for 47 NAPPA volunteers in five regions.](#)

[UNFPA Uganda donates 4000 lifesaving kits worth UGX.210 shillings to the COVID-19 Task force \(UBC TV, 22nd May\):](#)

[Rapariga Biz mentors continue to support the girls and young women in their communities including providing information on COVID-19 prevention](#)

[Girls and Young Women are Agents of Change in the COVID-19 Response in Mozambique](#)

[MCH nurses in Cabo Delgado province share how COVID-19 has impacted their work](#)

[Ensuring safe pregnancy & childbirth during #COVID19: the critical role of Maternal Child Health Nurses in Mozambique](#)

[Opinion-editorial in commemoration of International Day of the Midwife \(published on Jornal Noticias\): COVID-19 is changing the field of midwifery:](#)

[Facebook live concert organized by Mozambican artist/social activist, Stewart Sukuma, to mark the UN day, with the participation of UNFPA.](#)

[UN provides 940 bicycles to Malawi for gender-based violence fight](#)

[An extensive article published in Jornal Notícias in collaboration with UNFPA.](#)

[UNFPA Mozambique's Resident Representative's participation in local TV Channel, STV's program, Health and Life.](#)

[A joint blog with the CEO & Founder of Operation Fistula showcasing the monitoring and data collection system app - InfoFistula - and their joint efforts to promote partnership, technology and collaboration in the fight against Fistula.](#)

[A blog written by UNFPA Mozambique's Resident Representative highlighting the impact of crisis on management of menstrual hygiene leading to lack of mobility, lacking access to supplies, etc. Blog: Period Poverty & Pandemics: a double curse](#)

[Health Workers Around the World Are Calling for Period Products to Be Considered Essential PPE Global Citizen](#)

[What is it like for expectant women in this pandemic? BBC Africa](#)

E&M CATEGORIAS: ZAMBIA NOTÍCIAS E REPORTS POLÍTIAS

Violência contra mulher tende a aumentar com a Covid-19

Com a Covid-19 e o isolamento social, a violência contra a mulher tende a aumentar em cerca de 30% a nível global, alerta o Fundo das Nações Unidas para a População (UNFPA), em nota de imprensa.

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Confirmed Cases and Deaths (UNFPA programme countries) WHO, 4 June 2020

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Angola	86	4
Botswana	40	1
Burundi	63	1
Comoros	62	2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3,494	74
Eritrea	39	0
Eswatini	295	3
Ethiopia	1,486	17
Kenya	2,216	74
Lesotho	4	0
Madagascar	908	6
Malawi	369	4
Mauritius	335	10
Mozambique	316	2
Namibia	25	0
Rwanda	397	2
Seychelles	11	0
South Africa	37,525	792
South Sudan	1,317	14
United Republic of Tanzania	509	21
Uganda	636	0
Zambia	1,089	7
Zimbabwe	222	4
TOTAL	51,444	1,038

Confirmed Cases by Country and Region

Region ● Arab States ● Asia and the Pacific ● East and Southern Africa ● Eastern Europe and Central Asia ● Latin America and the Caribbean ● West and Central Africa

