



**World Health
Organization**

**COVID-19 Member States
Information Session 29 April 2021**

COVID-19 Response Coordination with UN Partners



Coordinated response

UN CMT

- 23 UN entities
- 9 areas of work

IASC

- 18 agencies
- COVID-19 adapted system wide scale up protocols

UNCT

- 136 UN Country Teams
- Interagency coordination for country action

COVID-19 plans and frameworks (2020)



Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP)



Purpose: Strategic plan and resource mobilisation vehicle

Objective and scope: Respond to immediate health & multi-sectoral humanitarian needs in vulnerable countries

Who benefits: Most vulnerable people in 63 countries with a refugee or humanitarian crisis, or with high vulnerability



Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP)



Purpose: Strategic plan and resource mobilisation vehicle

Objective and scope: Support public health measures to stop transmission of the virus and care for those affected

Who benefits: People in all countries affected by the pandemic or at risk



UN Socio-Economic Framework

(and other country socio-economic plans)



Purpose: Programming framework

Objective and scope: Mitigate the social & economic impact of COVID-19

Who benefits: Vulnerable people in 162 countries covered by 129 UN Resident Coordinators

COVID-19 plans and frameworks (2021)

Complementary Strategies

Socio-economic framework

- Protect health services and systems

- Protect people: social protection and basic services
- Protect jobs, small and medium-sized enterprises, and informal sectors
- Facilitate macroeconomic response and multilateral collaboration

Humanitarian overview

- Contain the spread of COVID-19 and decrease morbidity and mortality

- Reduce the deterioration of human assets and rights, social cohesion and livelihoods
- Protect, assist, and advocate for refugees, internally displaced people, migrants, and vulnerable communities

SPRP 2021

- Suppress transmission
- Reduce exposure by engaging with and mobilizing communities
- Protect the vulnerable through vaccination
- Reduce mortality and morbidity from all causes

- Catalyse development of and access to COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics

>1300 partners

Collective service | Risk Communication and Community Engagement

EPI·win



GOARN



R&DBlueprint
Powering research to prevent epidemics



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IASC MEMBERS



IASC STANDING INVITEES



ACT-A partners:



UN Crisis Management Team (CMT)



Purpose

Facilitate and align whole of UN efforts to enable coherent coordinated action leveraging synergies and ensuring transparency and accountability in response to COVID-19



Activated in 2020

- 31 Jan PHEIC → 4 Feb WHO requested CMT activation → 11 Feb 1st meeting
- WHO: Global Crisis Manager



Operational roll out: using existing global, regional & country mechanisms

- IASC Emergency Directors Group, chaired by OCHA
- UN Country Teams, under DCO's global coordination



UNCMT triggered further global response actions

- Set up and bringing the COVID-19 Supply Chain System (CSCS) to scale
- Interagency action for UN staff protection: medevac system

23

Participating entities

9

Strategic work streams

23

Briefing sessions to the UN Deputies Committee & Executive Committee

40

Meetings to date
(Feb 2020 – Apr 2021)

130

Crisis updates
(published by UNOCC)

COVID-19 Supply Chain System: collective effort of UN agencies, health and donor partners to access and procure \$1.1 billion of essential supplies for 192 countries

Co-Chairs



WHO



WFP

United Nations Agencies



UNDP



OCHA



UNICEF



UNHCR



Global Fund



UNFPA



Pan American Health Organization
World Health Organization
Organización Panamericana de la Salud



DEPARTMENT OF
**OPERATIONAL
SUPPORT**

Numerous External Partners

BILL & MELINDA
GATES foundation



Unitaid

BCG



McKinsey
& Company

PATH



FIND
Because diagnosis matters



CAI
N!AO



SGL
E-COMMERCE

Informed by the epidemiological and operational intelligence monitored by WHO and partners
Underpinned by WHO technical guidance, standards and supply forecasting tools



Purpose

- COVID-19 activated IASC system-wide “Scale Up” in 2020
- Responsible for adapting humanitarian response to COVID-19:
 - Ensuring continued delivery of essential services in FCV countries
 - Safeguarding humanitarian financing for COVID-19 response
 - Working with COVAX for vaccine delivery in humanitarian settings

Health-led, FCV-focused, whole-of-system oriented

- Weekly Principals Meetings on COVID-19 coordination: co-led by OCHA & WHO
- IASC operational guidance aligned with WHO guidance on COVID-19
- IASC-managed GHRP aligned with SPRP, including monitoring framework

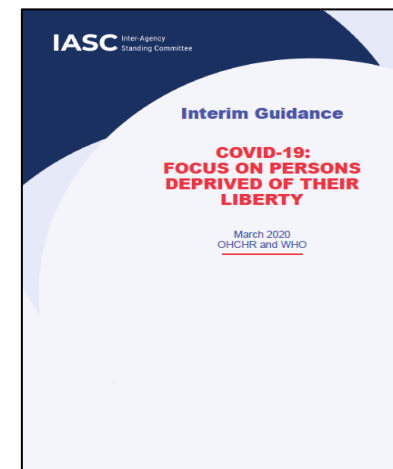
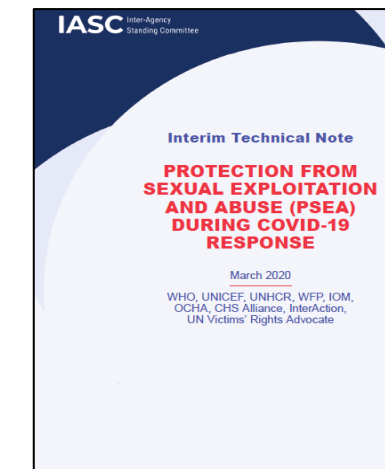
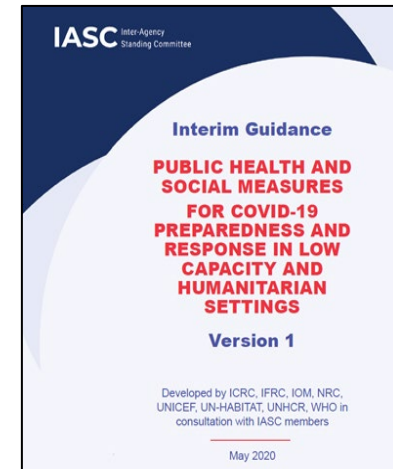
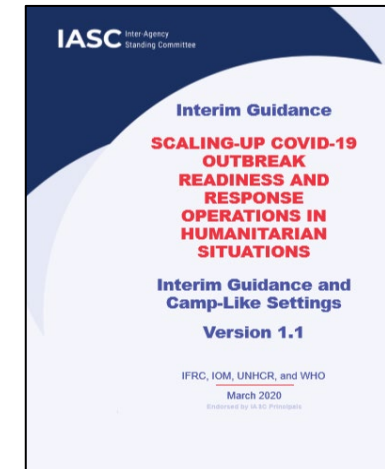


Operational foresight: shock-proofing countries with FCV settings

- Making COVID-19 prevention permanent: alignment of multi-sectoral, system-wide COVID-19 strategies with the **Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus**

50+

IASC operational guidance documents



Global Health Cluster: strength of partnership, coordination and country support

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WHO leading the collective force of >900 partners at country level to respond more effectively to COVID-19

31 Health Clusters/Sectors of which 2 are regional coordination mechanisms: targeting 83.8 million people



Banadir Development Foundation in Somalia: local NGO working to dispel myths and stop COVID-19 transmission



Concern Worldwide in Central African Republic: raising local government awareness & supporting clinical care



INTERSOS in Iraq: conducting pre-screening activities and infection prevention & control in 10 facilities

Collective Service: a partnership endorsed by the IASC for a community-centred approach on Risk Communication & Community Engagement focusing on scale and quality

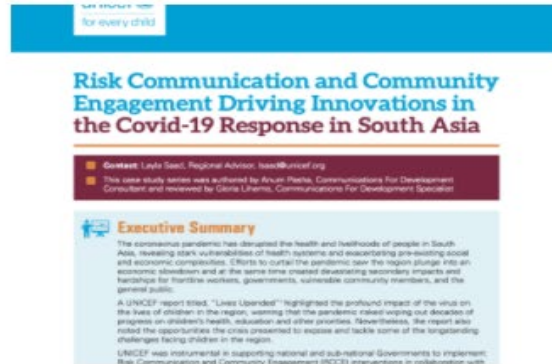


- Collaborative
- Community-led
- Reinforce capacity
- Data driven



Community had many questions on vaccine safety for state health officials and...

WHO | 2021
Dadra and Nagar Haveli: Working with communities to raise vaccine acceptance



UNICEF | 2021
Risk Communication and Community Engagement Driving Innovations in the Covid-19 Response in South Asia



My Brother SG | 2021
A national risk communication and community engagement campaign for large, closed communities in Singapore



BEHAVIOURAL INDICATORS



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



SURVEY & DATASETS

UN Country Teams (UNCT)



Presence

136 countries with a UN footprint coordinated by resident/humanitarian coordinators

UNDCO: global level leadership and coordination, articulating the support of the UN system



Frontline engagement on COVID-19

Agencies mobilized to provide vital strategic, technical and operational support to national authorities and partners

Translating the 3 global plans/frameworks into a contextualized and coherent response



UN wide three-level interagency coordination

- Existing mechanisms used and optimized: health at the heart of the response
- UNDCO led platforms and meetings with UNCTs, WHO technical leadership
- Regional interagency coordination for targeted action

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Global briefing sessions for UNRCs/UNCTs

(Mar 2020 – Apr 2021)

Up to
800

Participants from >20 UN agencies in-country

55

HQ-RO meetings REDs/IMs

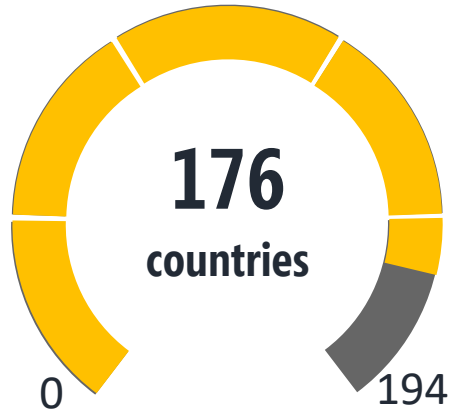
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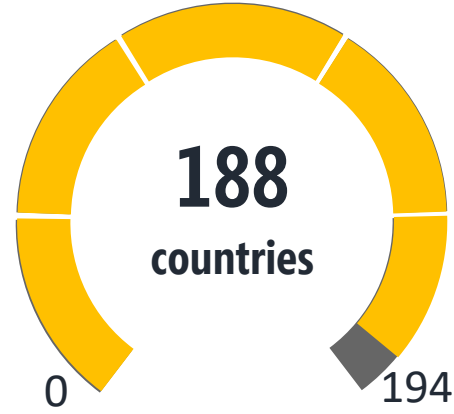
WR bulletins: key actions

(Feb 2020 – Apr 2021)

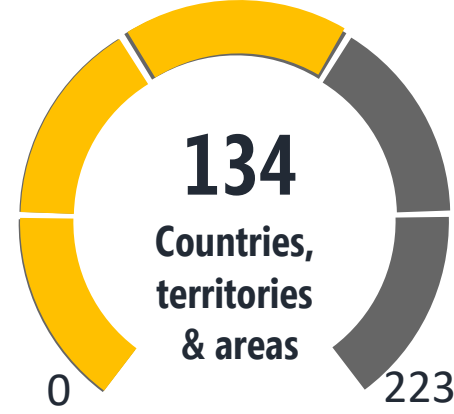
Country impact: interagency action, three-level commitment



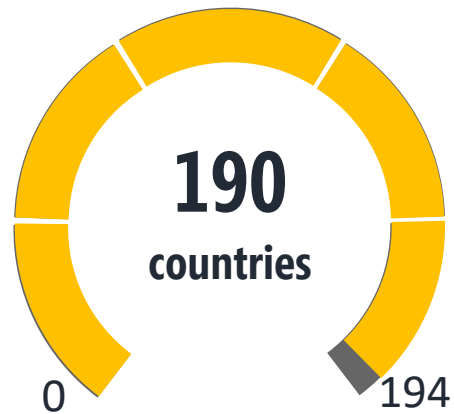
COVID-19 response plan



COVID-19 risk communication & community engagement plan



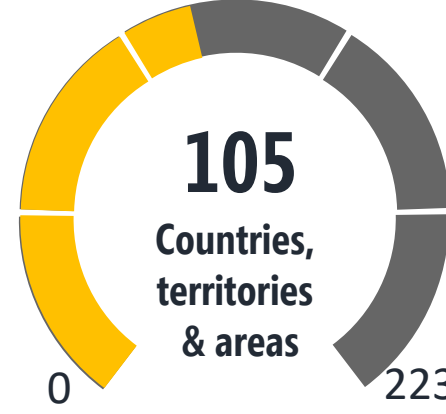
Tracking pillar actions on WHO Partners Platform



COVID-19 functional multisectoral, multi-partner coordination mechanism



Multisectoral mental health & psychosocial support working group

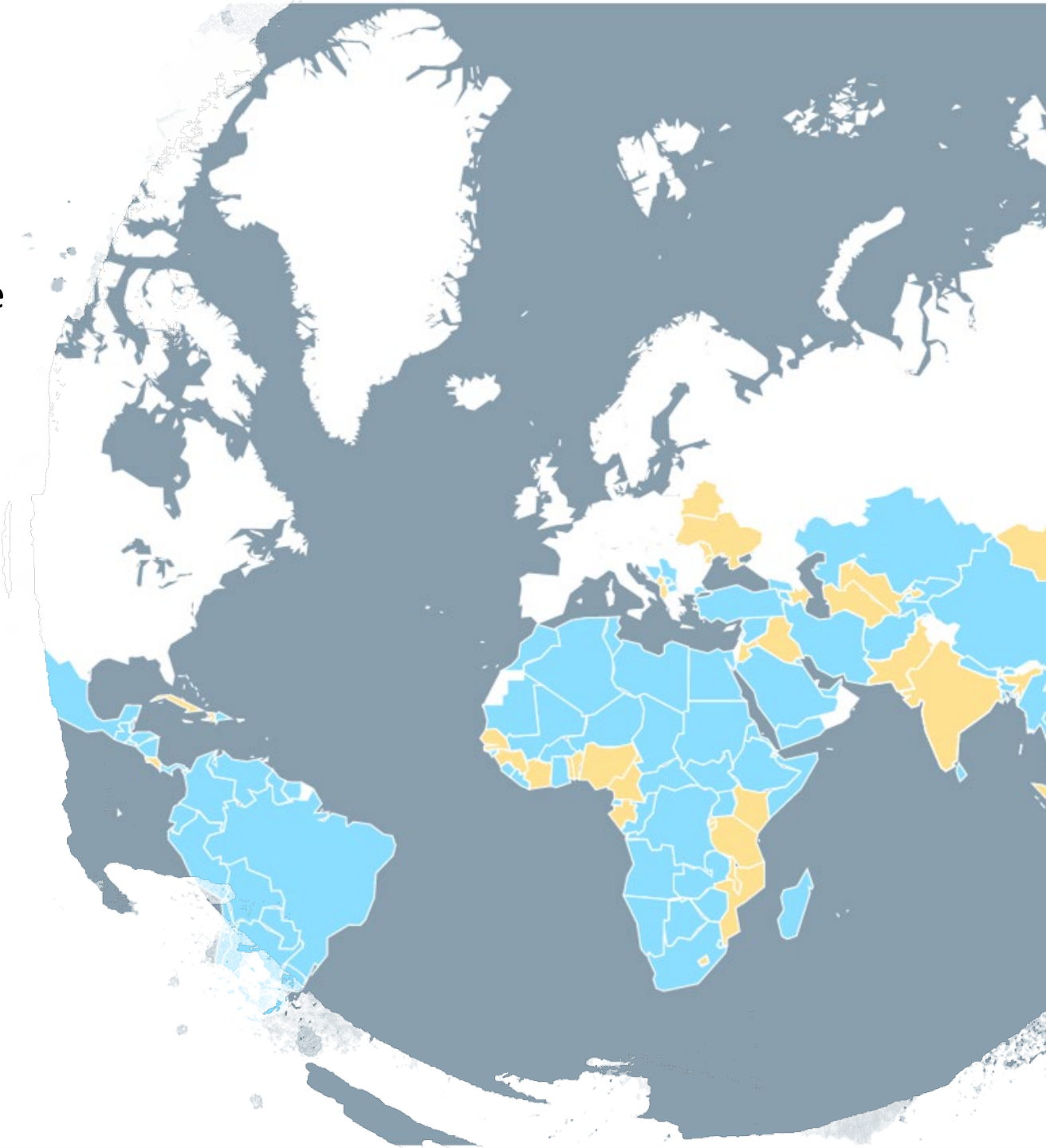


COVID-19 NDVP shared on WHO Partners Platform



Progress and future direction

- Build on the gains made in UN-wide three-level cohesion, and the relationships established for future resilience:
 - Centrality of health in humanitarian and development action
 - Country needs drive the response
 - Epidemiological and operational data drive action
- UN CMT: opportunities for use in future emergencies maintaining links to existing coordination structures and operational mechanisms
- Institutionalizing ‘building back better’ at country level considering the different global plans and frameworks
 - Opportunities to utilize the linkages, tools and mechanisms established during COVID-19
 - Humanitarian and development action for health to allow recovery and, where possible, with strengthened health security functions and basic safety in service delivery



Operational links: recognizing the critical role of interagency staff



- UNICEF and WFP: staff embedded into
 - Incident management support teams (IMSTs)
 - COVID-19 Supply Chain System (CSCS)
- UNOCC: co-secretariat of the UNCMIT
- All UN agencies for their continued engagement in response to the pandemic

THANK YOU!