

# UNFPA MONGOLIA

## Situation Report #3 on COVID-19 response



## SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of September 30, 2020, the country reported 313 cases of COVID-19 with 305 patients treated and recovered, and with 8 patients receiving medical care at the National Center for Communicable Diseases. There were 4,231 people in quarantine by the end of September, 2020.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

UNFPA Mongolia CO's estimated funds required for COVID-19 response for 2020 is US \$2,000,000. To date, the Country Office has successfully mobilized a total of US \$2,015,777.48 from core and non-core resources for COVID-19 response. Funds from non-core resources include funding from the Luxembourg Cooperation (US \$392,547.47), Rio Tinto LLC (US \$602,000), the Government of Japan (as part of the agreement between UNFPA and UNICEF: US \$80,000), UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (US \$100,000), the Swiss Development Cooperation (US \$100,000), UNFPA Regular Resources (US \$60,000). Reprogrammed funding for COVID-19 responses from Regular Resources (US \$92,231.29), from private sector (US \$79,465), from Gobi Oyu Development Support Fund (US \$10,000) and from the Swiss Development Cooperation (US \$499,533.75).

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

 **313** confirmed COVID-19 cases

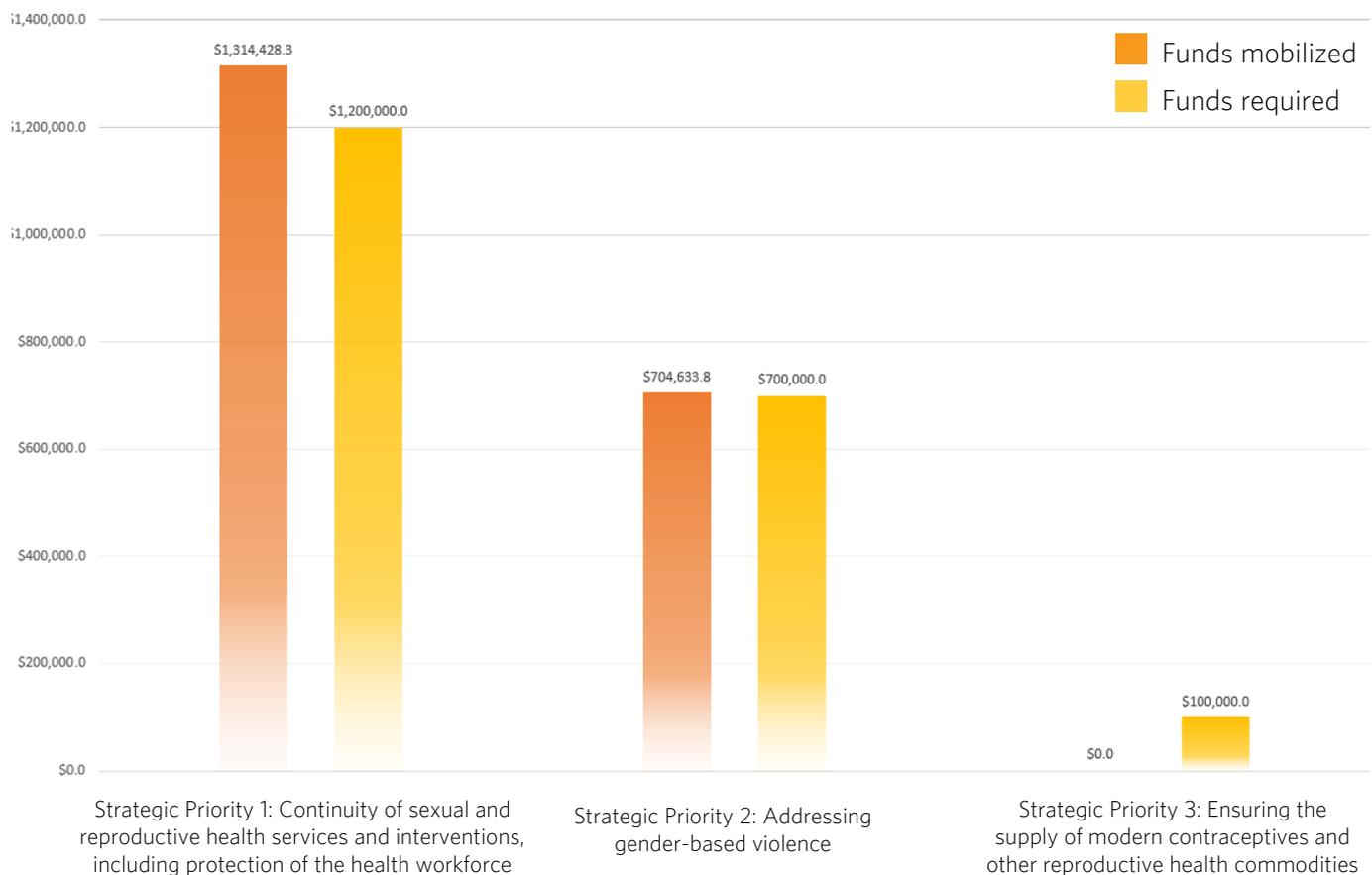
 **99** females infected

 **214** males infected

 **305** recovered cases

 **11** women gave birth while in mandatory quarantine

## Funding needs and resource mobilization by priority areas



## GOVERNMENT, UNITED NATIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS' RESPONSE

In the beginning of September, the country multi-sectoral team has conducted 12th risk assessment for COVID-19 transmission within the country. The team included representatives from health, education, inspection, emergency, policy, intelligence agencies and specialists from the National Communicable Diseases Center and the National Research Center for Zoonosis Diseases. On September 14, the Cabinet held irregular session to discuss the suggestions by the State Emergency Commission and made the following decisions:

- To extend the partial undertaking of high-alert preparedness through October 31, 2020
- To temporarily suspend entry of all passengers through all border checkpoints of Mongolia through October 31, 2020
- To lift 14 days' home-isolation requirement following the completion of 21 days' mandatory quarantine requirement at designated facilities of all passengers arriving in Mongolia
- To resume normal operations of all cultural, entertainment, leisure, retails and public events starting September 16, 2020
- To resume normal operations of all level of educational institutions starting September 21, 2020.
- The government has planned a total of 13 charter flights to bring back the Mongolians stranded abroad.

Instead of daily reporting, the Ministry of Health has made a decision to report the latest situation on COVID-19 three times a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

On September 24th, the Mongolian Government together with the State Emergency Commission organized “Prevention from COVID-19 through strengthening the multi-lateral partnership” discussion meeting in which UNFPA Mongolia Country Office was part of. The main purpose of the meeting was to present the Government policy and activities on preparedness and responses to COVID-19 pandemic, to exchange information on actions taken by international organizations in Mongolia and discuss further partnership to fight against COVID-19 with better coordination of resources.

## UNFPA PROGRAMME RESPONSE

### Continuity of sexual and reproductive health services and interventions, including protection of the health workforce

Jointly with UNICEF and UNESCO, the UNFPA CO team is in the process of developing exemplary interactive lesson on health education which will be available in Kazakh and Tuva languages for general education school students including students with special needs. These lessons will be integrated into the national e-learning curriculum which will be used during the potential closure of schools due to COVID 19 outbreak.

UNFPA is in the process of procuring personal protective equipment for health care providers and respiratory ventilators for 6 provinces - Selenge, Darkhan, Bayanulgi, Uvs, Dornogobi and Umnugobi provinces. The distribution will start in the last week of October 2020 which would strengthen capacity of provincial health services during COVID-19.

UNFPA is strengthening the capacity of 18 training of trainers in Umnugobi province on the preparedness for COVID-19. Conducted training among health care providers and midwives and other support staff including drivers, caregivers and cleaners on the preparedness for COVID-19 in all soums of Umnugobi province.

With support of UNFPA, National Center for Maternal and Child Health conducted training for neonatologists and pediatricians on the management of preterm delivery and use of ventilation in Umnugobi province.

### Continuity of youth development and youth engagement

The local Youth Development Centers organized a number of activities, using both offline and online services amid the COVID-19. For instance, in September, Youth Development Centers reached to 321 youth aged 15-34 through online training on life skills and dissemination on health information on COVID-19 and counselling. Moreover, Adolescent Cabinets provided e-counselling on adolescents' health and COVID 19 for over 214 adolescents.

### Addressing gender-based violence

UNFPA completed the distribution of dignity kits and operational guidelines to all One Stop Service Centers, operating across the country. The last batch was delivered to Dornogobi, Gobisumber and Bagakhangai aimags on September 15-18. It enabled all front line workers to continue providing life saving services and upholding rights and dignity of survivors of domestic violence in the country. UNFPA conducted training for 30 members of multi disciplinary team in Sukhbaatar province on GBV and COVID-19.



## Building partnership to unite in the fight against COVID-19

On September 15, Dr. T. Munkhsaikhan, Minister for Health had a meeting with Mr. Daniel Worrall and UNFPA Mongolia CO representatives to discuss the implementation of the “Building the Capacity of COVID-19 Diagnosis and Service Delivery for the Most Vulnerable in Mongolia amidst Pandemic” project.

### Coordination

- Participating in inter-agency coordination mechanisms.
- Leading inter-agency GBV coordination mechanisms
- UNFPA co-chairs the UN PSEA network along with RC

## STAFFING

UNFPA Mongolia Office recruited Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst, and Finance Assistant

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### FOR UPDATES OF COVID-19 IN MONGOLIA, PLEASE VISIT:

**The Ministry of Health's Daily reporting**  
<https://covid19.mohs.mn/p/cat/post/57/?page=2>

**The State Emergency Committee's decision**  
<https://nema.gov.mn/c/resolution>