

COVID-19 response in Africa: Team Europe in action

Africa has been allocated €3.8 billion as part of the “Team Europe” overall approach worth € 18.8 billion. Funding and activities have started in order to support African countries in their fight against the coronavirus.

Below you will find a list of #TeamEurope activities in Africa that have been implemented so far.

Neighbourhood

- [A new EU Initiative for Health Security](#) with the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) for €9 million has started, covering the **23 Neighbourhood and Enlargement countries**. The initiative focuses on preparedness and medical capacity to address the outbreak and the numerous repercussions.

Western Africa

- The EU-International Organisation for Migrations (IOM) Joint Initiative carries out preventive and mitigation measures to protect migrants, returnees and general population. Therefore, it has re-oriented € 0.4 million in **West Africa** from the current budget to provide medical supplies and equipment, including to communities hosting stranded migrants.
- **Cabo Verde** has received €5 million in funding to support its health system.
- **Guinea Bissau** will be given up to €1.53 million [for the National Contingency Plan](#). The plan seeks to strengthen the corona-response capacities and make up for Guinea Bissau’s frail health system, worsened by political crises. The funding will be used to provide necessary medical equipment and an awareness-raising campaign, support specialised NGOs in the field, and support training of health workers.
- In **Nigeria**, the EU will support the United Nations Development Programme’s Response Plan with 50 million to implement the UN Response Plan to fight the coronavirus. The extra budget will help to quickly provide medical equipment, ensure cooperation with various stakeholders (civil society organisations, private sector, international and national stakeholders) to provide a coherent response, and it will help maintain essential health services, especially for the most vulnerable people.
- **Sierra Leone** will receive €34.7 million in order to address the economic consequences of the coronavirus. The money will be used as follows; €25 million will strengthen macroeconomic resilience and stability, as well as provide support to a national response plan; €5.2 million will protect the income of the most vulnerable populations via the World Bank; and €4.5 million will support the agriculture sector to boost local food production.



Eastern Africa and Horn of Africa

- **Ethiopia** has received €25 million in funding to support its health system. €10 million have been allocated to the Ethiopian Government's Preparedness and Response Plan to the coronavirus outbreak, as its position as a major air transport hub in Africa means an important economic risk. The additional funding will help Ethiopia increase the number of diagnostic laboratories with coronavirus diagnostic equipment and test kits, and the number of treatment centres.
- **Kenya** has received a total of €65 million in order to minimize the spread of the pandemic and mitigate its socio-economic repercussions. €10 million out of this budget will be used to strengthen Kenya's weak health sector and lack of equipment.
- In **Sudan**, € 10 million has been mobilised to support the COVID-19 response in partnership with the World Health Organisation (WHO). The monetary support will be used to help detect, trace and confirm COVID-19 cases, to establish treatment centres, to improve access to clean water and hygiene, and to create campaigns in order to raise awareness on the virus.
- In the **Horn of Africa**, the EU-International Organisation for Migrations (IOM) Joint Initiative has re-oriented €0.44 million from the current budget to provide medical supplies and equipment, including to communities hosting stranded migrants.
 - For example, the EU has contributed to the IOM's project to erect hand-washing stations on the main access ways to Obock, **Djibouti**
 - Another example is the 2-day COVID-19 awareness mission that was launched in Bosaso (Puntland) area in **Somalia**. The Somali Police Force and Community Policing Directorate was supported to conduct an awareness campaign through delivering flyers, postcards and posters to communities in the city and surrounding area.

Continental

- The EU is joining research and innovation efforts with Africa in the fight against the coronavirus outbreak. [The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership \(EDCTP\)](#) is launching emergency calls for expressions of interest to support research on the coronavirus and strengthen research capacities in sub-Saharan Africa. Three calls in total will be funded with over €25 million from Horizon 2020, the EU research and innovation programme.

For a detailed overview and updates of the distribution of the #TeamEurope package per African country, please click [here](#).

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