



# **UNOPS**

## **COVID-19 RESPONSE CAPACITY STATEMENT**

### UNOPS Mission

*Our mission is to help people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development.*

### UN Web Buy Plus

# 20

years of experience

# \$1

billion delivery since 2000

# 128

beneficiary countries

# 260

categories of products

> More information on:  
[www.unwebbuyplus.org](http://www.unwebbuyplus.org)



### About UNOPS

UNOPS helps the UN, governments and its other partners (e.g. DFI's, Development or Cooperation Agencies) provide peace and security, humanitarian and development solutions. We are focused on implementation, and committed to UN values and private sector efficiency. Our services cover infrastructure, project management, procurement, financial management and human resources. With this operational mandate, UNOPS is well placed to supplement our partners' implementation capacities in addressing the COVID-19 health crisis.

### > ACCESSING SUPPLIES THROUGH UN WEB BUY PLUS

#### **Supply of ambulances / mobile clinics / medical incinerators / prefab buildings / biosafety labs**

UN Web Buy Plus gives partners access to a range of products, enabling your organization to benefit from UNOPS efficiency and expertise in public procurement. With a focus on sustainability and economies of scale, our user-friendly system simplifies complex procurement processes, allowing your team to focus on addressing the crisis. Ever since its establishment in 2000, UN Web Buy Plus has supported the strengthening of health systems in developing countries by delivering thousands of ambulances. Mobile clinics, medical incinerators, prefabricated buildings that can be set up as a temporary health post and transportable biosafety labs are also available.

### > LEVERAGING UNOPS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

#### **Ad-hoc procurement requirements / assessing market availability and logistics constraints**

For products or services that do not feature on UN Web Buy, UNOPS has activated its Emergency Procurement Procedures (EPP) to enable a faster response to requirements related to the COVID-19 situation. Under EPP, additional flexibility is granted in procurement while still adhering to essential public procurement principles, including carefully assessing market availability and logistics constraints in a constantly changing environment through our market intelligence and networks, so that a contract can be awarded to an appropriate supplier without delay. Currently, UNOPS is providing procurement support in response to the COVID-19 in various countries and working with partners to determine logistics requirements, including supply-chain restrictions.

### > RECRUITMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

#### **Recruitment and deployment of personnel / contract administration / remuneration / logistics**

UNOPS offers UN partners flexible and tailored human resources solutions for emergency humanitarian situations where there exists clear evidence which imminently threatens human life or livelihoods. Recruitment processes in response to COVID-19 fall under UNOPS EPP to enable rapid response to emergency recruitment requirements. UNOPS can provide UN organisations practical resources for the efficient deployment of experts in emergency situations (contract admin, remuneration, transportation etc).



## UNOPS Vision

*Our vision is a world where people can live full lives supported by appropriate, sustainable and resilient infrastructure and by the efficient, transparent use of public resources in procurement and project management.*

## In 2019

### UNOPS delivered

**\$2.3 bn**

peace and security, humanitarian and development project

**79 and 8**

health clinics & hospitals respectively constructed or rehabilitated

**\$1 bn**

worth of goods and services for partners

**12,000**

people on UNOPS contracts

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## > ASSESSING AND REHABILITATING MEDICAL FACILITIES

**Rehabilitate medical and health facilities / scaling up response efforts / repurpose public spaces into medical response / decontamination and disposal facilities**

UNOPS has strong capacity in rehabilitating medical and health facilities in response to the short and longer-term needs of emergencies. Our team of qualified advisors, architects, engineers, project managers and specialists bring industry best practices to address health-related infrastructure needs. This includes: provision of prefabricated facilities to scale up response efforts; solutions for hospital overflow accommodation; assistance in the design and implementation to repurpose public spaces into medical response operations; preparation of triage assessment facilities; and setting up decontamination and disposal facilities. In West Africa, UNOPS created a safe environment for caregivers and patients during the Ebola outbreak by rehabilitating medical facilities and in response to tackling the long term TB crisis in Indonesia and Myanmar, UNOPS delivered specialist quarantine facilities and testing facilities.

## > WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE

**Designing and installing WASH facilities on treatment centres / water resource management**

UNOPS has a track record in supporting partners to implement their water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities. The WASH response to health emergencies might require various actions simultaneously, ranging from putting in place WASH facilities in school or medical facilities to providing short term solutions for water supply to enable effective hand washing. With a strong expertise in project management, UNOPS can implement various activities holistically in a coordinated manner. For example, UNOPS recently designed and installed sustainable WASH facilities in schools in Afghanistan, rehabilitated water supply infrastructure in Sudan and mobilized communities in Haiti to promote good hygiene practice during the cholera outbreak.

## > GRANT DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND MANAGEMENT

**Managing funds and programmes / disbursement and supervision of grants/ cash for works**

The response COVID-19 will require a flexible, transparent and efficient approach to channelling financial support to those in need. UNOPS has been managing funds on behalf of partners currently worth USD 2.4 bn. Our agile grants policy enables the efficient disbursement and supervision of grants whilst ensuring funds are spent in a transparent and efficient manner. UNOPS has significant experience in disbursing grants to a large number of stakeholders from the civil society (including individuals), but not only, on behalf of partners. For example UNOPS supported the MoH in Ethiopia, in distributing per diem to health workers during cholera outbreak, and Kenya, distributing allowances to health workers during polio pre-vaccination training. UNOPS has also been managing labour-intensive Cash for Work (CfW) in emergency contexts.

## > LONGER TERM RESILIENCE AND PREPAREDNESS

**Programme management / healthcare infrastructure / medical procurement systems / humanitarian assistance centres / local infrastructure and housing**

UNOPS can manage projects to provide support on a community or national level to strengthen programme management capacities, healthcare infrastructure, local infrastructure, housing and medical procurement systems for preparedness and resilience related to protracted or future health crises. In Panama, UNOPS managed the design and construction of the Regional Logistics Centre for Humanitarian Assistance to provide life-saving support in emergency situations. In Afghanistan, UNOPS set up and operates a humanitarian call centre to ensure Afghans can receive critical information. In Myanmar, UNOPS acts as Principal Recipient of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In Haiti, UNOPS built 600 housing units and rehabilitated 2,000 homes.