



# White Paper

## Support for Côte d'Ivoire

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## I. Background of COVID-19 in Côte d'Ivoire

As the world continues to face the complications of the COVID-19 pandemic, smaller countries' health care systems are beginning to fall behind as the virus resurfaces. In Côte d'Ivoire, the COVID-19 pandemic originated in Abidjan in March of 2020 and affected 66 out of 113 health districts. The Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene (MSHP) has implemented the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), integrating traditional medicine in its priorities as an alternative to the health needs of the population in order to improve health coverage and reduce disparities and inequalities in access to quality care for the population.



## II. Problems Identified

Côte d'Ivoire, like most West African countries, carries a significant burden as a result of this pandemic due to the health and economic consequences. It has been committed to fight against this pandemic since the first case appeared in March of 2020. It is imperative to maintain the effectiveness of public action over time in view of the threats of second waves of the pandemic observed in some countries and the risks associated with other epidemics and non-communicable diseases. Aging technical platforms, non-rational management of human resources, and insufficient financial investments are all contributing factors to the weakening of Côte d'Ivoire's already strained health system.

## III. Background on Project

KPMG and its partners including Clearly Innovative (CI), Global Challenge Corporation-CI (GCC) and Fiduciaire International Ouest Afrique (FIOA), in coordination with a steering committee that would be put in place, aim to strengthen the health system, the resilience of Ivorian society in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic spreading, and to prepare the response to any other public health threat, and/or emergency. More specifically, they have come up with five specific objectives pertaining to this project:

1. Strengthen the Ivorian health system, including the monitoring and management of epidemics and non-communicable diseases
2. Strengthening the response to specifically the COVID-19 pandemic in vulnerable areas such as the rural and education sectors
3. Build up women's resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic
4. Set up logistics and a communication system that will allow for the deployment of a vaccine against the COVID-19 pandemic
5. Develop tools and systems based on new information technologies that will strengthen the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as overall disease management and monitoring

### **Purpose**

Help strengthen the health system,  
Help strengthen the resilience of Ivorian society in the face of the COVID-19 epidemic spreading  
Prepare the response to any other public health threats and emergencies

### **General Objectives**

Contribute to strengthening Côte d'Ivoire's response plan to the COVID-19 epidemic  
Aim is to strengthen the health system and integrate the response into key sectors of Côte d'Ivoire  
Strengthen national capacities in terms of epidemic preparedness and response, and better monitoring of non-communicable diseases.

## IV. Expected Results

It is important to understand that this project will target all 113 health districts in Côte d'Ivoire. Not only is it important to prioritize the health districts in Côte d'Ivoire, it is also instrumental to prioritize the rural sector that makes up 30% of the country's overall GDP, and the education sector that makes up 60% of their population. Interventions targeting the rural sector will be carried out in conjunction with the 113 health districts throughout the country and with the coordination of the health regions.



Interventions in the higher education sector will be prioritized in the Abidjan area and in the most populated urban areas most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **V. Project Management Team Presentation**

KPMG International is a worldwide consulting firm that has partnered with Côte d'Ivoire to ensure transparency and good governance practices and management throughout the duration of this project. Their ability to partner with health stakeholders in Côte d'Ivoire allow them to align their project with national policy regarding health development.

Clearly Innovative is an American firm that provides innovative technology solutions to development issues. They are a minority-owned solutions provider whose clients range from dynamic startups to inspiring enterprise-level organizations. Throughout this project, Clearly Innovative will play a decisive role in promoting suitable digital tools that allow efficient and reliable monitoring.

Fiduciaire Internationale Ouest Afrique is an audit and accounting firm that will collaborate with KPMG in the fiduciary management of this project. They will bring a second oversight on accounting and financial management, as well as take on responsibility of specific tasks regarding project management such as communication.

Global Challenge Corporation-CI (GCC) is a firm that specializes in the management of health projects in West Africa, and more specifically, in Côte d'Ivoire. GCC will bring its expertise and network connections in order to facilitate collaboration with the Ivorian administration.



## **VI. Funding Request**

\$(TBD) Million

- Strengthen the health system in Côte d'Ivoire
- Strengthen the response to COVID-19 and other epidemics in rural areas and the education sector
- Strengthen women's resilience to COVID-19 and other pandemics
- Set up logistical and communications systems for the deployment of a vaccine against COVID-19 and other pandemics
- Develop tools based on new information technologies

## **Outcomes**

Strengthening Health System	Strengthening Response to COVID-19	Strengthening Women's Resilience to COVID-19	System for Vaccine Deployment	Development of New Tools and Systems
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consolidate, coordinate, and plan for a pandemic preparedness and response to COVID-19 and other epidemics at the health district level</li> <li>2. Strengthen the surveillance system for diseases with high epidemic potential</li> <li>3. Strengthen the operational capacities of labs</li> <li>4. Strengthen the operational capacities of health management centers for the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other epidemics</li> <li>5. Develop tools to strengthen the logistics management of vaccines and specimens</li> <li>6. Training of system actors</li> <li>7. Provide equipment to the departments and services in charge of COVID-19 and other epidemics</li> <li>8. Strengthen the response to COVID-19 and other pandemics in private healthcare facilities</li> <li>9. Promote operational research related to the COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social mobilization and community capacity building</li> <li>2. Raise awareness on how to prevent COVID-19</li> <li>3. Equip households with gels and nose pads</li> <li>4. Establish an epidemiological surveillance and early warning systems in rural areas</li> <li>5. Reinforce the e-learning system in the 7 public universities and higher education institutes</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen the financial capacity of women entrepreneurs in the field of sewing</li> <li>2. Strengthen the financial capacity of women entrepreneurs in the field of chemical production</li> <li>3. Strengthen communication and information for behavior change with pregnant women</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess the national and local logistics capacity</li> <li>2. Infrastructure upgrades</li> <li>3. Communication support for immunization campaigns</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop tools and systems to strengthen patient follow-up for COVID-19 and other epidemics</li> <li>2. Develop tools and systems to strengthen distanced learning</li> <li>3. Develop tools to strengthen disease logistics management</li> </ol>