TACKLING COVID-19
A look back at the response in Africa

In March 2020, the first cases were confirmed in the 12 sub-Saharan African countries where we work, and the already fragile health systems were put to the test. ALIMA, The Alliance For International Medical Action, was able to intervene quickly and gradually adapt our response to COVID-19. Since November, a new wave is hitting the continent, and this one is stronger than the first, and deadlier.

A POPULATION AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

- **256,721** confirmed cases*
- **197,000** people recovered*
- **52,000** patients under treatment*
- **4,453** deaths*

*A: In our 12 countries of intervention, as of January 22, 2021

A WORRYING SECOND WAVE

- **+84%** confirmed cases*
- **+9%** deaths*

*In our 12 countries of intervention

April 15, 2020 - June 14, 2020
Nov. 15, 2020 - Jan. 14, 2021
1. Strengthening medical care capacities

6,000 patients treated, including 800 in critical condition.*

ALIMA supported Ministries of Health in six countries to urgently strengthen COVID-19 treatment centers and integrated Infection Prevention and Control measures in its 12 countries of intervention.

2. Ensuring biosecurity

ALIMA installed pre-triage and triage areas at the entrance of all health facilities in order to limit the spread of the virus.

10,195 nasopharyngeal swabs taken as of the end of November.*

Guinea: opening of a medical analysis laboratory unit, with the establishment of a management and monitoring process for samples and their results.

3. Training health workers

5,000 workers trained on Infection Prevention and Control measures, including those trained on the medical care of COVID-19 patients.*
4. Providing psychological support

57% of COVID-19 patients suffer from psychological distress.*

113 health workers trained to medically care for psychological distress.*

Stress, denial, guilt, stigmatization...many forms of psychological distress exist. ALIMA provides psychological support in Guinea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon and Nigeria.

5. Donating essential materials

635 oxygen concentrators*

454 pulse oximeters*

330,000 masks*

COVID-19 fundraising campaign.

6. Contributing to research on COVID-19

2 projects launched:

COVISTA (COronaVirus STAndard of care), which studies symptomatic patients with COVID-19 in sub-Saharan Africa to better understand this disease.

COVERAGE Africa, which aims to find a treatment for early care of mild and moderate cases of COVID-19 in resource-constrained areas.

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