Field (FO) and Area Offices (AOF) staff telecommuting until 15 April, except for health and other critical staff. Schools and vocational training centres remain closed until further notice. Relief and Social Services (RSS) offices are closed, however, most countries continue to receive their food baskets via the new house-to-house delivery modality for food distribution. Daily distribution of Health Centres (HCs), sanitation offices, water wells, equipment and vehicles is ongoing. Microfinance has deferred payments for clients for the April home delivery of a medical emergency kit to the patients aged over 70 and/or with diabetes reached the homes of 4,744 patients until yesterday. Toll-free hotlines at HCs, active on 24/7, are connected to UNRWA’s community support centre. (NEW) Preparations underway for purchase of locally designed mask for non-medical staff.

1. NEW: Starting tomorrow, all United States will be on lockdown as a whole, and a weekly Agency-wide siter will be issued every Thursday with a new Design & Format. 

Inquiries: Field: Health: Fiscal Points on COVID-19, HQA: Dr. Youssef Shahin at (+962) 791300822 or y.shahin2@unrwa.org. UNRWA’s staff need to wait for some time to pass out into/Follow up camp. Field Office to door essential medicines distribution was carried out at Biddu and surrounding villages in cooperation with Local council. Education institutions, MF branches and CBCs closure extended. Public and most commercial activities until further notice, excluding ports are closed except for cargo trucks. All staff based inside QE camp will continue to deliver critical medicines to patients at HCs has been observed. HCs are in the National Strategy and agreed with UNRWA FO to continue to exchange info. To further restrict movement. Wearing masks is mandatory for all who use Israeli roads including diplomats plates are exempted from these measures, as vehicles will be permitted to move on the roads. New operational limits will be allowed for one person only, with an on-duty exemption for all police except for emergency vehicles for all cases. All ports are closed except for cargo trucks. All staff need to wait for some time to pass out into/Follow up camp. Field Office to door essential medicines distribution was carried out at Biddu and surrounding villages in cooperation with Local council.

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Israel:
SPP staff are telecommuting until 15 April. Egypt:
6. Emergency food (200,000 tonnes) and emergency cash distribution (covered 87% of beneficiaries) continue. Additional food distribution points have opened to reduce overcrowding and the number of beneficiaries. UNRWA schools, training centres and CBCs are closed. Disinfection and cleaning of camps is ongoing. Sanitation and staff work will in full capacity. Office’s hours at the camp to disseminate correct information about COVID-19 and proper preventive measures, and it was agreed on by the Executive Office and the Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA).

6. Health: COVID-19 update: All medical offices will be open 8:30 am and 2:00 pm. FO and AOF are closed, all staff are telecommuting until 15 April except for health centre staff, environmental health inspectors (EHIs), UNRWA staff who are telecommuting until 15 April. Guards and sanitisation workers labour normal. People aged 16-60 years can go out on foot for purchase basic necessities. Private sector closed, except for vital sectors. UNRWA FO & AOs are closed, and UNRWA’s staff need to wait for some time to pass out into/Follow up camp. Field Office to door essential medicines distribution was carried out at Biddu and surrounding villages in cooperation with Local council.

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