1. Epidemiological situation: this section will be detailed in a separate Health Brief Update

2. UNRWA Fields of operations summary updates

Gaza

Partial lockdown in effect. Entry crossing is shut down for most permit holders and is open for special medical and humanitarian cases only. The Gaza crossing points are under strict directions, opened for imported goods and for urgent medical and humanitarian cases. (NEW) Kerem Shalom crossing for all goods remains closed. Returned Palestinians are quarantined upon arrival. Movement restrictions appear imminent, and a system of ID cards for critical services is under discussion.

West Bank (WB)

Curfew imposed across the WB, including to/from East Jerusalem, except for emergencies. Movement restrictions remain severe across the WB. The state of emergency was extended for another month. Movement in Ramallah is allowed only during 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Border villages, including Biddou (decimated as epicenter area), Qatanna, Aljdaira, Bitounia and surrounding villages (95% of residents of these villages are refugees) are under curfew & strict lockdown. Movement in Hulah, Surf, Sair, Yatta and Bani Na'im is prohibited. IDF continues to close the gates at the entrance of Fawar camp and (NEW) Shuafat camp until today-and movement in or out requires a special permit. The total closure in Tulkarem and Qusra village persists. (NEW) Strict movement restrictions are imposed in Nablus area. (NEW) Jerusalem has been divided into sectors to further restrict movement. Hospitals, mosques and gloves is mandatory for all who use Israeli roads including Palestinians, with a fine of 500 NIS on who violate.

Jordan

(NEW) Three positive cases of COVID-19 were detected in Amir Hasan camp after laboratory test yesterday and most of the area are now locked down. Partial curfew continues to be in place for more than 10,000 people. Only one person, with an e-permit only, will be allowed vehicle except for emergency cases. All ports are still closed. More security forces to enforce the curfew will be deployed in towns and villages. (NEW) MoH launched the Hakeem e hospital platform with the delivery of medicines to NCD patients. (NEW) MoH confirmed that PRs are in the National Strategy and agreed with UNRWA FO to continue exchanging info.

Lebanon

(NEW) general mobilization’ measures will be extended until 12 April. (NEW) Excelsior for scheduled repatriation flights, all flights to and from Lebanon are still halted. Vehicles are only allowed to be on the road on an hourly schedule. Further details are expected from the Lebanese health authorities about their food baskets and medical commodities from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Health staff continue, in cooperation with local communities, to deliver medicines to priority groups of patients in the four Areas. UNRWA security Guard shifts are on duty. Local translated the daily announcements about the situation. Authorities are working on informing poor and vulnerable households, and to identify vulnerable people who have not been reached. Microfinance Department made a blanket approval for a 4-month loan repayment deferral starting from April, on informal sector, and it is expected to update the numbers soon. Health staff are telecommuting until 12 April and key staff from other programmes. (NEW) Microfinance has agreed with other field offices are telecommuting until 12 April, and some key staff are on duty. Sterilising operations continue in all the camps. To date, 56 silver cars are on the road delivering medicines to those in need every month.

Syria

Country-wide curfew in effect from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am. All ports are closed except for cargo trucks. Closure of all commercial activities until further notice, excluding food, pharma, cleaning centres, and medical supplies. Government ministries reduced their work force.

Israel

Field (FO) and Area Office (AO) staff telecommunicating until 15 April, except for health and other critical staff. Schools and vocational training centres remain closed until 15 April. Religious and Social Services (RSS) offices are closed, with no home visits except in emergency cases. (NEW) 4,223 families received their first food basket in the new villages of the west Bank. No new food baskets for food distribution yesterday. Daily sterilisation of Health Centres (HC), sanitation offices, water offices, vehicles and equipment is ongoing. Microfinance has deferred all loan repayments for clients, and is continuing to deliver medical supplies to the patients aged over 70 and/or with diabetes reached the homes of 4,744 patients until yesterday. Tof-less hotlines at HC active, (NEW) 911 calls were received yesterday. (NEW) Preparations underway for production of locally designed mask for non-medical staff.

FO are telecommunicating until 15 April. Schools and all Microfinance (MF) branches remain closed. RSP launched a hotline for the provision of psychosocial support. Food distribution with WFP for Bedouins continues.

Critical staff, guards, sanitation workers and drivers are on duty. Sterilising campaign continued in the camps in all Areas. The closure of Bosnia affected the work of the AO and the movement of health and the food distribution teams. RSS offices in all areas except Bethlehem are closed, and staff are telecommunicating. Health staff from outside Bethlehem started reporting to their duty stations, while UNRWA Area staff residing in Bethlehem area are still redeployed to work in the Bethlehem installations including some FO staff. Health hotlines are active in all camps as usual. Staff have been asked to ‘self-iso’ in line with May health and other critical staff. Schools and vocational training centres remain closed. Based on the decision of the Ministry of Interior,ость, the 12 April. Staff who live in camps is restricted to the movement in and out.

No new loans are being provided. All borders are closed. Egypt continues to close the Rafah border for the weekend. All borders remain closed. (NEW) Movement in Halhul, Surif, Sair, Saim, Yatta and Bani Na’im is prohibited. IDF continues to close the gates at the entrance of Fawar camp and (NEW) Shuafat camp until today and movement in or out requires a special permit. The total closure in Tulkarem and Qusra village persists. Access/movement in the camps in Tulkarem and Qusra remains 24/7, which is the only way to enter these villages are refugees. (NEW) All borders are closed, including to/from East Jerusalem. Palestinian residents in the WB are allowed to enter the camps. Palestinian residents of the WB are allowed to enter the camps. Palestinian residents of the WB are allowed to enter the camps.

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Emergency food (26 families covered) and emergency cash distribution (covered 89.1% of beneficiaries) continue. Additional food distribution points were opened to reduce overcrowding and to reach more beneficiaries. UNRWA schools, training centres and CBOS are closed. Disinfection and cleaning of camps is ongoing. Sanitation and Security staff work in full capacity. Office time across Syria FO is 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Critical staff come to the office on shifts, other staff are telecommunicating until 16 April. MF staff have been asked to ‘self-iso’ when necessary. Staff in QE are still telecommunicating. IDs are worked on and sent to their homes. Microfinance has agreed with other field offices are telecommuting until 12 April, and some key staff are on duty. Sterilising operations continue in all the camps. To date, 56 silver cars are on the road delivering medicines to those in need every month.

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HQ (Amman, Jerusalem and Gaza)

Same as field of operations

UNRWA Liaison offices: Staff are telecommunicating as follows: Cairo office until 15 April, NY and Washington until 30 April, and Brussels until 19 April (if there is no substantial change by then, measures will continue to be applicable until 3 May)

3. NEW: Starting from today, a Health sitrep will be issued on a daily, and a weekly Agency-wide sitrep will be issued every Thursday with a NEW design & format.

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- In addition, please visit UNRWA’s Facebook page to watch videos on FB-COVID-19 (Corona)
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