1. UNRWA Fields of operations summary updates

Access/movement

UNRWA’s operations

2. Partial lockdown in effect. (NEW) Field [FO] crossing was opened yesterday for special medical and humanitarian cases only. (NEW) Jordanian authorities have extended the State of emergency until 10 April for another month. Movement in Ramallah is allowed only in case of personal necessity. Vehicular traffic in the order of villages include Al Bidsa (decided as epicenter area), Qatana, Aljbeha and Sitraa an-Nabi are closed and movement is restricted through the entrances and exits of these towns and the movement of refugees are under curfew & strict lockdown. Movement in Huluf, Sur, Yata and Bax Na’am is prohibited. (NEW) UNRWA Fafad Terminal opened yesterday for心回 refugees and for imported goods and for urgent medical and humanitarian cases. (NEW) Kerem Shalom crossing for goods transport was opened yesterday. (NEW) Discussions about an imminent imposition of movement restrictions needed, and a system of cards for critical services is under discussion.

West Bank (WB)

Curfew imposed across the WB, including to/from East Jerusalem, for emergency reasons only. Movement restrictions remain in place in all West Bank governorates. Movement in Hebron and Nablus governorates is severely restricted, while movement is allowed in the rest of the governorates. There is freedom of movement in the Jordan Valley and the West Bank South. Shufa camp [until today] and movement in or out requires a Palestinian Ministry of Interior (PMI) permission. All roadblocks in the West Bank have been dismantled except for the checkpoints at the entrance of the camps and the camps themselves. (NEW) There are curfew extensions and movement restrictions due to the spread of COVID-19 in East and West Bank areas. Movement in the West Bank South is still restricted. Movement in Jordan Valley is still under curfew due to the spread of COVID-19. Movement in the West Bank Governorates is under curfew due to the spread of COVID-19. (NEW) Movement in and out of the camps is still subject to restrictions.

Field [FO] staff will be telecommuting until 1 May. Schools remain closed. RSSL launched a hotline for the provision of psychosocial support. Food distribution continues. Critical staff, guards, sanitation workers and drivers are on duty. Sterlinging campaign continued in the camps in all areas. (NEW) As a result of coordination, this week food distribution continued to vulnerable communities in the Bethlehem district. No movement on Sundays. Cars with diplomatic plates are exempted from Monday until 12:00 today. The Ministry of Health (MoH) confirmed that PRs are still prioritized to purchase their medicines to NCD patients. (NEW) Staff are telecommuting as follows: (NEW) Staff in Qatana and Aljbeha are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Hebron are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Shelbiniu camp are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Jaffa are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in the camps in all areas except Bethlehem are still redeployed to work in the camps in all areas. Staff in Jerusalem remain severely affected. Staff in Hebron are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Jaffa are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Ramallah are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19.

Jordan

The government started to impose the comprehensive curfew for 48 hours, starting at 00:00 today, until 24:00 on Saturday, and the current partial curfew instructions will be retained. Partial curfew continues to be in effect (0:00 to 6:00) to prevent the spread of virus in the main street and to ensure that the movement in or out requires a (NEW) Field (FO) and Area Office (AO) staff will be telecommuting from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm until further notice.

Environmental health operations and medicine delivery will stop during the full curfew. (NEW) FO/ Field (FO) staff who worked in high-risk areas in the 7-day contact-tracing period with the high-risk people were tested for COVID-19 by MedLab (private lab) yesterday and their result will be ready tomorrow. (NEW) Jordan is extending its partial curfew (enforced on Sundays) to Saturdays, excluding foodstuffs, pharmacies, cleaning centres, and pharmacies. The weekly curfew will start on 1 April, and will continue until further notice. Jordan locked down its borders, with the exception of the occupations and citizens who have urgent medical necessity. Movement in and out of the camps is still subject to restrictions.

Palestinian Ministry of Interior (PMI) announced by the Israeli MoH, Palestinian Ministry of Health (WHO/EMRO) and Jordan Ministry of Health, that it will conduct a mass testing to people aged over 70 and/or those with chronic conditions. The points of queries will be from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Palestinian MoH will carry out this test in the camp and the camps in all areas. A blanket agreement for a 4-month loan repayment deferral starting from April, noting that re-approval is needed every month. Local communities mobilization campaigns started as scheduled at 4 camps and they were smoothly in a positive collaboration with local authorities (DPA, municipalities, police). Palestinian MoH is in contact with Amman local camp authority to provide required assistance.

Lebanon

(NEW) Internally mobilisation* measures will be extended until 26 April. All borders are closed. (NEW) Except for scheduled repatriation flights, all flights to and from Lebanon are still restricted. (NEW) Staff are monitoring the road on a daily basis 3 days from Monday - Saturday, and no vehicles will be permitted. Repatriation of Palestinian refugees to their countries will be decided by these measures, as an UNRWA personnel including UNRWA's staff in the surrounding areas, some of them are closed. Movement in Beirut was intensified by General Security Forces and has been extended until 12 April 2020. A country wide curfew is in place, curfew is enforced for 24 hours from 7:00 pm until 11:00 am with some essential services exempted. (NEW) Large number of commercial and public buildings are detected in Bekaa town (northern Lebanon), which was locked down for mass testing to determine the size of the local outbreak.

Area staff residing in Beirut area are still redeployed to work in the camps in all areas. Staff in Jerusalem remain severely affected. Staff in Hebron are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Jaffa are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Ramallah are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Jerusalem are in point contact to their duties while, UNRWA Area staff residing in Beirut area are still redeployed to work in the camps in all areas. Staff in Jerusalem remain severely affected. Staff in Hebron are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Jaffa are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19. Staff in Ramallah are telecommuting due to the spread of COVID-19.

Headquarters (HQ)

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Same as field of operations

All field offices are closed, and most staff are telecommuting until 15 April. UNRWA's Eastern Mediterranean Office is telecommuting due to lockdown measures. (NEW) If there is no substantial change by then, measures will continue to be applicable until 15 May.

2. NEW: A daily health status report has been launched and, this brief update will be delivered only daily until the preparation of an Agency-wide weekly report with a new design and look is finished.

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