1. Epidemiological situation (WHO data: as of 22 March 2020)

**Number of cases**
- Lebanon: 248 cases, 16 recovered, 4 deaths (local trans.) *
- West Bank: 57 cases, 17 recovered, 0 deaths (local trans.) *
- Jordan: 112 cases, 1 recovered, 0 deaths (imported cases) *
- Gaza: 2 cases, 0 deaths (imported cases) *
- Syria: 1 case, 0 deaths (imported case) *

**Global situation**
- 294,110 cases 12,944 deaths, 186 countries, areas or territories with cases

**Situation in neighbouring countries**
- Iran: 21,638 cases, 1,433 deaths
- Iraq: 233 cases, 20 deaths
- Egypt: 294 cases, 10 deaths
- Israel: 945 cases, 1 death (Ref: WHO)

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2. UNRWA operations

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<td>Gaza</td>
<td>Twelve additional food distribution centres designated. RSSP offices were closed, and no home visits will take place except in emergency cases. Staff started working from home either fully or partially. Clients with respiratory symptoms are managed separately at designated schools near health centres. Protocols for this and Operation of telephone lines and email service is being finalised to be announced to the public.</td>
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<td>West Bank (WB)</td>
<td>Curfew was imposed over all cities and villages in the WB as of 22 March for two weeks. Citizens and all arrivals from abroad are under obligatory home quarantine. Schools remain closed. All health centres are operating normally. New instructions issued for the operations of banks and microfinance institutions in WB. Microfinance and food assistance distribution open except for Bethlehem. FO and HQ staff based in Jerusalem are telecommuting. RSSP launched psychosocial hotline today for the community and staff. Palestinian workers are prohibited from reaching colonies in Israel. Closure of all ministries started today. Security forces to monitor all cities.</td>
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<td>Jordan</td>
<td>All ports (air, land, sea) closed excluding commercial freight traffic. The government imposed a curfew in Jordan starting on 21 March until further notice except for persons holding permits. Educational institutions are all closed. The Ministry of Education launched the e-learning site on 21 March. Public and private sector closed, except for health and other vital sectors. UNRWA Field and Area offices are closed, and staff are telecommuting. JFO is trying to secure safe movement of JFO staff and of UNRWA vehicles (HQA and JFO). HCs are closed today 23 March waiting permission for staff to move.</td>
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<td>Lebanon</td>
<td>Even though numbers of confirmed cases are spiking, no Palestine refugees are among the new cases. Lebanese PM requested the Lebanese Armed Forces and Ministry of Interior to intensify the country's lockdown. Travel between governorates and all communal transport (bus, taxi, van) may be suspended today, which would hinder health staff from reaching HCs. LFO is liaising with authorities to grant for UNRWA staff the ability to travel. Schools and all UNRWA offices are closed, and FO and AO staff are telecommuting. Airport, the land borders with Syria and the seaport are all closed.</td>
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<td>Syria</td>
<td>Syrian Government decided (21 March) to close markets, commercial services, cultural and social activities excluding food and catering centres, pharmacies and private health centres. Government ministries significantly reduced their work force. UNRWA schools, training centres and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) are closed. Emergency cash transfers are currently continuing. All HCs are open. Sanitation and security staff work in full capacity. Office time across SFO is 8:30 to 14:00.</td>
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<td>HQ</td>
<td>Since Wednesday 18 March 2020, HQA offices are closed, and staff are working remotely.</td>
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3. **NEW** Annex to this sitrep: **UNRWA Programmes’ Weekly Update**

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- For more info, please visit the following websites: WHO WHO/ Eastern Mediterranean Office

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