1. Epidemiological situation (WHO data: as of 2 April 2020)

Number of cases including Palestine refugees (PRs)

- Lebanon: 494 cases, (PRs: 1*), 35 recovered, 16 deaths (local trans)*
- West Bank: 149 cases, (PRs: 34*), 18 recovered, 1 death (PR) (local trans)*
- Jordan: 299 cases, (PRs: 0*), 45 recovered, 5 deaths (local trans)*
- Gaza: 12 cases, (PRs: 9*), 0 deaths (local trans)*
- Syria: 16 cases, (PRs: 0*), 2 deaths (imported cases only)*

ALL COUNTRIES AT HIGH RISK: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(* MoH, * Not officially declared, ? suspected & under investigation)

Global situation (WHO)

- 972,640 cases, 30,325 deaths, 206 countries/areas/territories with cases
- Situation in neighbouring countries:
  - Iran: 50,468 cases, 3,160 deaths
  - Iraq: 772 cases, 54 deaths
  - Egypt: 865 cases, 58 deaths
  - Israel: 6,211 cases, 29 deaths

2. UNRWA Field Operations update summary

Access/movement | Work modalities
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Gaza | The overall security risk level is assessed moderate.
Partial lockdown in effect. Erez crossing is shut down for permit holders and is open for special medical and humanitarian cases only. Rafah Terminal closed in both directions, opened for imported goods and for urgent medical and humanitarian cases. Returning Palestinians are quarantined upon arrival. Kerem Shalom crossing is open now. Movement restrictions appear imminent, and a system of ID cards for critical services is under discussion.
Field (FO) and Area Office (AO) 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 (RSSP) offices are closed, with no home visits except in emergency cases. Around 4,300 families received their food baskets via the new house-to-house delivery modality for food distribution, 0.6% of the need. Work in primary health care centers continues. Daily sterilisation of Health Centres (HCs), sanitation offices, water wells, equipment and vehicles is ongoing. Microfinance has deferred installments for clients for the month of April.

West Bank (WB) | The overall security risk level is assessed low.
Curfew imposed across the WB, including to/from East Jerusalem, except for emergencies. Movement restrictions remain severe across the WB. Movement in Ramallah is allowed only during 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Additional checkpoints and blockades were reported around Bethlehem (under 24 hrs. curfew) and surrounding areas and Arats village is still completely isolated. Movement is allowed for health, emergency staff and press. All Ministries are closed. Access to the villages around Biddou remains prohibited. The state of emergency was extended for another month. All Governors are in the North continue to carry out screening and testing of workers returning from Israel.
All ports still closed. Partial curfew in effect (6:00 pm to 10:00 am). Only one person, with e-permit only, will be allowed per vehicle except for emergency cases. Holders of UNLPS and diplomatic passports can cross King Hussein Bridge, with a COVID-19 free certificate from the GoI and should undergo 14-days home quarantine. A full curfew is implemented from 12:00 am on Friday 3 April until 12:00 am on Saturday 4 April, with no one to leave their homes, and all businesses are closed. Medical facilities remain open. More security forces to enforce the curfew will be deployed in towns and villages.

Jordan | The overall security risk level is assessed minimal (except North East where it is assessed moderate).
All ports are closed. Partial curfew in effect (6:00 pm to 10:00 pm).

Lebanon | The overall security risk level is assessed low.
All borders are closed. Lockdown of the country has intensified by General Security Forces and has been extended until 12 April. All citizens were requested to self-quarantine at home. A country-wide general closure (curfew) is in place, controlled by security forces, from 7:00 pm until 5:00 am with some essential services (security, bakeries, medicine) exempted.
HCS are open between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. FO and AOs are closed, and staff are telecommuting until 15 April. Guards and sanitation labourers work normally. People aged 16-60 can go out on foot for purchasing of basic commodities. Shops open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, with curfew from 6:00 pm till 10:00 am. A full curfew will be imposed from 6:00 pm on Thursday 2 April to 10:00 am on Saturday 4 April. JFO health staff continue distributing medications to the priority group of patients in all four Areas. JFO delivered, in cooperation with local communities, medicines to 3,192 patients yesterday in 4 Areas So far, we reached 5,554 patients.

Syria | The overall security risk level is assessed high.
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 foodstuffs, pharmacies, cleaning centres, and medical supplies. Government ministries reduced their work force. Movement is prevented between governors, and between urban and rural areas excluding those with permits, emergency services, main services providers, health workers and the press. All UN staff are permitted to move freely within two governments (Homs & Hama), and are subject to curfew in other areas.
Emergency food and emergency cash distribution continue. 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 telecommuting until 16 April. The Ministry of Foreign affairs (MoFA) has approved travel of UNRWA’s staff between rural areas and cities. Almost all UNRWA staff in rural areas have been able to reach their workplaces. UNRWA operations in some localities are affected by the security situation, e.g. Aleppo, Daraa, Latakia, and Hama. Qaber Esit (QE) area, and QE camp are isolated. QE HC will be operated by the staff live in the camp. All other UNRWA staff living in QE were asked to stay at their houses.

HQ (Amman, Jerusalem and Gaza)

Same as field of operations

UNRWA Liaison offices

All HQ offices are closed, and most staff are telecommuting until 15 April.

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3. Annexes: Health services update, Lifeline, Weekly update from Programme Deprts. & Education in Emergencies (EIE)

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