FSSWG Monthly Meeting
11 March 2020
UNDP Conference room – Downtown Beirut
**Agenda**

1. COVID-19 information and discussion on risks on programming and mitigation measures
2. WFP VAM unit presentation on the results of monitoring of food security sector indicators
3. Presentation by FAO consultant on the methodology of the assessment of the impact of the crisis on agriculture
4. Presentation by Banin Charity on their assistance to vulnerable Lebanese
5. Presentation by FAO on the RIMA methodology
6. AOB
Corona Virus Disease

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Global

Situation in numbers as per WHO dashboard:

- Globally **113,672** cases (4,329 new)
- Cases reported from 110 countries (6 new)
- 80,924 confirmed cases in China (20 new)
- 4,012 deaths (203 new) (CFR: 3.4%)
- 28,673 cases outside China (3,948)
- 686 death outside China (202 new)
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Region – Eastern Mediterranean Region

- 8,587 cases
- 16 countries
- 299 deaths (191 reported in Iran, 6 in Iraq and 1 in Lebanon)

- Outside China, Italy is the country that has reported the highest number of deaths.
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Lebanon

1,094 cases tested so far at RHUH (193 cases were tested on 10 Mar 2020 ONLY, out of which 11 were positive); Of 11 new cases tested positive, 7 contacts of confirmed cases, and 4 travel related

- First COVID-19 associated death reported in Lebanon
- 79 year old case are still in critical condition
- Total 52 contact of positive cases
- 01 pending investigation

Two trainings were conducted:
- MOPH ESU in collaboration with the Order of Nurses trained 10 nurses who will support the MOPH Call Center.
- MOPH Preventive Medicine Department in collaboration with the National Infectious Disease Committee organized a workshop carried out by Dr. Jack Mokhbat to trained 86 members of the Red Cross, local NGOs, and MOPH 1214 hotline responders on triage and psychosocial support of callers reaching out to their call centers, and on transportation of suspected cases.
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Transmission

• Incubation period: current estimates of the incubation period of the virus range from 1 to 12.5 days, median 5-6 days;

• Modes of transmission: droplets sprayed by affected individuals, contact with patient respiratory secretions, contaminated surfaces and equipment;

• Transmission from animals and human-to-human;

• Currently no available treatment or vaccination, supportive measures only.
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Symptoms

- Headache
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Breathing difficulties
- Kidney failure
- Fever

Virus seems to start with a fever, followed by a dry cough and then, after a week, leads to shortness of breath and some patients needing hospital treatment.
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Prevention

Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections

Frequent hand hygiene, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment

Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals

People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice respiratory etiquette
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What is done

- National committees activated;
- Technical SOPs updates at different levels;
- Team trained and equipped at Airport, Borders & RHUH;
- Case Definition, Case investigation, Contact Tracing & Referral SOPs updated;
- Reference lab at RHUH fully and safely equipped for testing;
- 04 isolation rooms, 128 beds dedicated, additional 64 beds under preparation at RHUH;
- Stock of PPEs for one month at RHUH;
- Guidelines for testing, referral, case management and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) disseminated to all health professionals, and to UN medical team (ESCWA and UNIFIL);
- Awareness brochures for general public and travelers.
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What is still needed

- More active engagement of non-health stakeholders;
- National risk assessment;
- Additional human resources (nurses, call center operators, case investigators);
- Training land crossing health and security staff;
- More political commitment for implementation of prevention measures;
- Logistic and Equipment support (Drivers, PPEs);
- Media support staff at MOPH for daily communication and updates;
- More community sensitization and active engagement.
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Risks

• Increase in morbidity and mortality;

• Disproportionately higher mortality impacts on older people;

• Increased psychological stress, negative impact on mental health;

• Setback: Programmes (All sectors), Industrial, Inter-Country Transportation, Governmental;

• Overloaded Health systems;

• Economic damage through multiple channels, including short-term fiscal shocks and longer-term negative shocks to economic growth;

• Individual behavioral changes, such as fear-induced aversion to workplaces and other public gathering places (negative shocks to economic growth);

• Increase in social and political stresses and tensions.
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Action Points – IA Level

• Exceptional CHWG on COVID19 – March 03, 2020;

• Service mapping on COVID19 for Health Actors;

• Training of trainers (ToT) for Health Actors;

• COVID19 Trainings to Non-Health NGOs at central and field levels;

• Community Health Mobilizers (CHM) Initiative: Bringing Inter-Sector partners together to mobilize for COVID19 awareness;

• Dropbox folder is made available including: IEC Materials, WHO Lebanon Daily Briefs, Plans & Guidelines, Governmental Decrees and Service Mappings.
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Action Points – FSS Sector level

• What are the risks related to COVID19 on programming i.e. which services have stopped? Is in-kind food assistance continuing?
• What are we doing to ensure access to food?
• What are the mitigation measures being put in place to ensure ongoing access to critical activities?
• What are the gaps, including procurement, that are not being covered, are they at programme/funding level?
• Others: i.e. need for training for non health staff, etc.
1. Situation analysis update: risks and mitigation measures related to COVID 19 and apply if possible a gender/age/disability perspective to current situation and indicators.
   - By 24 March please send inputs for the narrative.
   - The final report would be circulated 10 April.


3. 4Ws reminder!!

4. Next regional WG meetings: North 31 March 2020
Thank you!

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