



Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Situation Report

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Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases: 244,466

COVID-19 Deaths: 8,924

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to influence people's access to services and assistance, and humanitarian actors' access across and within countries of the Middle East and Eastern Europe Region.

The increase in COVID-19 cases in Government of Syria controlled areas have overwhelmed the capacity of local hospitals, with the Ministry of Health instructing hospitals in Damascus and rural Damascus to stop taking in COVID-19 patients. The COVID-19 outbreak in northwest Syria has led to restrictions on freedom of movement. Following the recent detection of the first COVID-19 cases in Syria's northwest, Idlib, western and northern Aleppo saw a return to the implementation of COVID-19 precautionary measures.

Israel continues to struggle to contain the pandemic and its economic fallout; public protests are increasing in size and intensity. Israel prematurely lifted most restrictions in late May, resulting in a surge of new infections and prompting the government to reimpose many restrictions. The surge in cases comes as the government wrestles with widespread unemployment and allegations that it failed to support businesses and workers as lockdown restrictions returned.

A rise in number of COVID-19 cases in Lebanon, Iraq, Romania, Albania, and Kosovo have forced governments to reintroduce lockdowns and travel restrictions, impacting access and reach of World Vision operations.

(COVID-19 case and death figures for 9 countries with available data. Source: WHO, 27 July 2020)

World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in **13 countries and territories in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.**



People Reached:

929,835

Men 223,948 **Women 261,466**

Children 444,421

Boys 217,648 **Girls 226,773**

(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)

Key Highlights



World Vision Syria

World Vision Syria, in a joint statement with other NGOs, demanded access to provide cross-border aid, as it is a vital lifeline mechanism for millions of Syrians, the majority being women and children.

World Vision International President and CEO, Andrew Morley, urged the UN Security Council members to adopt a resolution that authorises UN cross-border operations and allows unfettered humanitarian access to all Syrians.

While World Vision welcomed the UN Security Council Resolution 2533, we still call for the UN Security Council members to urgently find a solution for the northeast, and to expand access to all of the northwest. The urgency is also due to new COVID-19 cases.



World Vision Albania and Kosovo

The Child Protection in Education working group, which World Vision co-leads, appealed to the Government of Albania concerning two severe cases: a sexually abused girl and an adolescent beaten by the police for not following lockdown restrictions.

As a result, the prime minister approved a new order aiming to establish the Inter-Institutional Working Group to improve systems to prevent and address violence against children. Also, the parliament issued a resolution committing to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child by all relevant institutions engaged in child protection, especially gender-based violence.



RESPONSE GOAL

To limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

Strategic Objectives



1. Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



3. Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



297,866

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



101,985

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



259,014

Community members provided with preventive materials



280,385

Handwashing supplies distributed



49,947

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



3,501

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



186

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



2,322

Community health workers trained and supported



13,045

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



213,366

Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



838,767

Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



241

Medical facilities assisted



5,502

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



8,371

People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces



24

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up



1,448

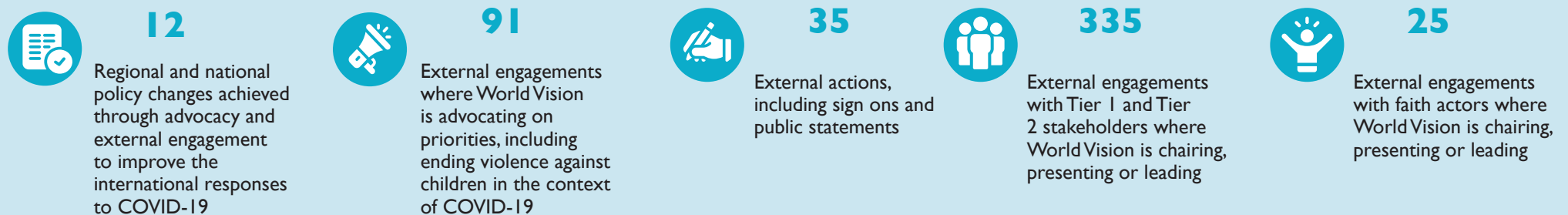
People provided with transportation support

(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)

OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected



**Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments*

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Afghanistan: Esmatullah, 11 (right), participating in a COVID-19 awareness raising campaign conducted by World Vision and receiving a hygiene kit.

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