The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases within Syria has steadily increased throughout August and into September. Between 22 March, when the first case was reported, and 12 September, the Government of Syria (GoS) announced 3,506 cases, including 827 recoveries and 152 deaths. More than 1,600 cases were recorded during August alone. While cases appear to have slightly decreased in recent weeks, the humanitarian community remains concerned that given Syria’s limited testing capacity, it is likely that actual cases far exceed those officially recorded. While GoS precautionary measures have been eased, overall compliance remains extremely low with a lack of adherence to individual preventive measures observed in many communities. Given this, the response is now focusing on the following priorities: strengthening surveillance capacity; increasing the number of tests conducted daily to more than 3,000; enhancing risk communication and community engagement efforts, including through a behavioural survey; and reinforcing infection prevention and control measures, including adherence to rational and proper usage of personal protective equipment (PPE), particularly among healthcare workers and at points of entry. In the meantime, COVID-19 continues to exact a toll on the Syrian people having contributed to a major loss of livelihoods as well as remittances, all amplified by the ongoing financial crisis in Lebanon, particularly in view of the Syrian diaspora in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. Significant funding gaps remain for the within Syria COVID-19 response, including US $29 million required to expand testing capacity through the establishment of additional laboratories and regular supply of testing kits, reagents and other laboratory supplies.

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# Strategic Objective 1
Contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and decrease morbidity and mortality

## Country-Level Coordination

- **# of COVID-19 humanitarian updates produced and disseminated**
  - **Target:** 24
  - **REACH:** 63%
  - **APR:** 7 (29%)
  - **APR-MAY:** 11 (46%)
  - **APR-JUN:** 13 (54%)
  - **APR-JULY:** 15 (63%)

- **# of times COVID-19 operational response plan is reviewed and revised**
  - **Target:** 9
  - **REACH:** 44%
  - **APR:** 1 (11%)
  - **APR-MAY:** 2 (22%)
  - **APR-JUN:** 3 (33%)
  - **APR-JULY:** 3 (44%)

- **# of SOPs, guidance notes, protocols and strategies developed by sectors, the ISC and HCT and shared to wider community on COVID-19 preparedness and response, including social protection**
  - **Target:** 28
  - **REACH:** >100%
  - **APR:** 21 (75%)
  - **APR-MAY:** 34 (>100%)
  - **APR-JUN:** 43 (>100%)
  - **APR-JULY:** 49 (>100%)

## Risk Communication & Community Engagement

- **# of people reached through COVID-19 IEC materials developed, printed and distributed**
  - **Target:** 5M
  - **REACH:** 70%
  - **APR:** 3.5M (70%)
  - **APR-MAY:** 3.5M (70%)
  - **APR-JUN:** 3.5M (70%)
  - **APR-JULY:** 3.5M (70%)

- **# of people reached through SMS messages, radio announcements and TV advertisements sent and issued**
  - **Target:** 15M
  - **REACH:** 83%
  - **APR:** 9.4M (62%)
  - **APR-MAY:** 12M (80%)
  - **APR-JUN:** 12.5M (83%)
  - **APR-JULY:**

- **# of women, girls, men and boys participating in awareness raising sessions**
  - **Target:** 3.5M
  - **REACH:** 27%
  - **APR:** 1.7K (0.1%)
  - **APR-MAY:** 213K (6%)
  - **APR-JUN:** 670K (19%)
  - **APR-JULY:** 962K (27%)

## Other Key Milestones

- **12.2M people** have been reached through social media
- **405k people** reached through outreach engagement activities to raise awareness of COVID-19
- **1.8k people** reached through online interactive quizzes
- **2 million people** reached through Smart Card/Takamol application
- **2.8k outreach volunteers** trained to raise awareness of COVID-19
- **3k religious leaders** engaged in 3,600 mosques

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SURVEILLANCE, RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS & CASE INVESTIGATION

# of RRT team members trained on COVID-19 in all governorates

- **TARGET**: 850
- **REACH**: 344

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Positivity rate

- **Positivity Rate (Range)**: 3% - 12%
- **Rate**: 5.2%

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Testing rate per day/100k population

- **TARGET** (per day /100k population): 5
- **REACH** (per day /100k population): 1.01

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% of suspected COVID 19 cases reported through surveillance system and investigated within 24-48 hours

- **TARGET**: 90%
- **REACH**: >100%

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125 Hospitals With active surveillance

111 Rapid Response Teams active across 13 governorates for case investigation, sample collection and referral

14k Samples collected and referred to laboratories for testing by the end of July across 13 governorates

POINTS OF ENTRY

# of PoEs equipped with appropriate levels of staffing, PPE and other necessary COVID-19 supplies, including ambulances

- **TARGET**: 13
- **REACH**: 100%

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15 Ambulances stationed at official points of entry

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### National Laboratories

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### Laboratory & Testing Capacity within Syria

- **1 Homs DOH Laboratory (Homs)**
- **1 Tishreen University Hospital Laboratory (Lattakia)**
- **1 Central Public Health Laboratory (MOH)**
- **1 Public Health Laboratory (UJIDET Artuz)**
- **1 Zahi Azraq Hospital Laboratory (Aleppo)**

- **Swabs and viral transport medium provided for sample collection**

#### Laboratory & Testing Capacity

- **1,370 Testing Kits**
  - Including 232 enzyme kits (46,000 reactions)
- **299 Extraction Testing Kits**
  - (55,350 reactions)
- **815 Screening Testing Kits**
  - (49,490 reactions)
- **5 PCR Machines**
- **53k**
- **GeneXpert Machines**
  - (768 tests) provided to the Central Public Health Laboratory

The current testing capacity is 1,000 per day by five laboratories, while on average 300 - 500 tests are conducted per day.
# of humanitarian personnel (health workers, warehouse employees, third party monitors and private contractors) trained on IPC

3.3K
TARGET
2.9K
REACH

# of PPE distributed among humanitarian personnel (health workers, warehouse employees, third party monitors and private contractors)

13M
TARGET
4.4M
REACH

# of COVID-19 facilities (quarantine and isolations centers) with WASH services on screening measures

35
TARGET
34
REACH

# of people reached with critical WASH services and NFI supplies, including water trucking, solid waste management and hygiene items

3M
TARGET
1.8M
REACH

# of quarantine centers adapted for COVID-19 compliance*

27
TARGET
33
REACH

# of isolation centers adapted for COVID-19 compliance

54
TARGET
22
REACH

# of children / youth accessing WASH facilities / IPC interventions in schools and youth centres

2.5M
TARGET
57
REACH

# of IDP and refugee camps where IPC measures have been set up and are operational

15
TARGET
15
REACH

# of collective shelters where IPC measures have been set up and are operational

177
TARGET
88
REACH

Footnote:
* Overachievement is due to the identification of additional quarantine centers by the Ministry of Health during the reporting period.

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**CASE MANAGEMENT**

- **# of health workers trained on case management**
  - Target: 675
  - Reached: 1,474
  - APR: 254
  - APR-MAY: 634
  - APR-JUN: 1,004
  - APR-JULY: 1,474

- **# of isolation centers established at governorate level and equipped with life-saving essentials such as ventilators, oxygenators and monitors**
  - Target: 26
  - Reached: 22
  - APR: 13
  - APR-MAY: 13
  - APR-JUN: 14
  - APR-JULY: 22

- **# of humanitarian personnel trained on MHPSS**
  - Target: 2,700
  - Reached: 4,800
  - APR: 1,000
  - APR-MAY: 2,400
  - APR-JUN: 2,700
  - APR-JULY: 4,800

- **# of people with specific vulnerabilities, including the elderly, those with chronic diseases etc., assisted with home support through community-based initiatives including the provision of medicine, food, healthcare and cleaning services**
  - Target: 200,000
  - Reached: 11,800
  - APR: 0
  - APR-MAY: 2,300
  - APR-JUN: 6,500
  - APR-JULY: 0

- **# of people supported in quarantine and isolation centers with multi-sectoral assistance (hot meals, hygiene items, protection assistance, including psychosocial support, first aid and case management)**
  - Target: 20,000
  - Reached: 0
  - APR: 0
  - APR-MAY: 0
  - APR-JUN: 0
  - APR-JULY: 0

- **# of people receiving COVID-19 related trainings on GBV, SEA, child protection and protection mainstreaming, prevention and response and knowledge of referral systems**
  - Target: 1,474
  - Reached: 798
  - APR: 0
  - APR-MAY: 203
  - APR-JUN: 428
  - APR-JULY: 0

- **# of non-COVID-19 health facilities supported in order to continue providing health services**
  - Target: 1,800
  - Reached: 228
  - APR: 208
  - APR-MAY: 222
  - APR-JUN: 228
  - APR-JULY: 228

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3.2M Outpatients consultations provided

16.9k Deliveries attended by a skilled attendant

2.4M Treatment courses delivered to health facilities by UN Actors

154k Children under the age of 1 received DPT3 or equivalent pentavalent vaccine (national programme)
**OPERATIONAL SUPPORT & LOGISTICS**

Percentage of requests for COVID-19 cargo received into common storage fulfilled

100% TARGET

100% REACH

Mt of COVID-19 related cargo transported

100% TARGET

94% REACH

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2**

Decrease the deterioration of human assets and rights, social cohesion, food security and livelihoods

**SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

# of men, women, boys and girls supported to meet their medium to longer term livelihood needs through distribution of in-kind food assistance, cash and vouchers

0.5M TARGET

0.94M REACH

# of people reached through community-based protection services, including individual targeted assistance, including cash, dignity kits and other supplies

1.4M TARGET

94K REACH

# of boys and girls of school age supported with distance/ home-based learning (formal and non-formal education)

3M TARGET

5.7K REACH

# of education personnel trained on conducting distance-learning & psychosocial support

100K TARGET

9 REACH