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COVID-19 SPECIFIC RESULTS

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1. Context and methodology

The coronavirus pandemic has affected millions of people in the world, but effects are particularly hard in groups already living in vulnerable conditions, such as Syrian refugees and their host communities. The EU Trust Fund, as part of the EU's global team Europe response, having a relevant portfolio in light of the pandemic, rapidly developed a two-pronged response: 1) Adapting and redirecting activities in ongoing projects; and 2) allocating additional funding.

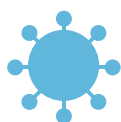
The realignment of ongoing actions, mostly in health and WASH refers to 91,5 million euros of investment. Additionally, the Trust Fund mobilised 54,7 million euros for the new assistance package -also called the corona package- focusing on eight actions -in health, WASH, education, but also protection, livelihoods, with some social cohesion components- in Lebanon and Jordan. There are still other projects -35 million euros more of investment- that will be adapted to the current crisis and will be contracted during this period.

It is key to highlight that it is not only a health crisis, but a socio-economic one. After the recent devastating explosion in Lebanon, the political crisis has also come to a new level.

This report -following a similar logic to the Trust Fund's results reporting methodology- is informed by the Quarterly Information Notes (QINs) of sixteen actions in health, livelihoods, protection, WASH and social cohesion (Annex 1). Covering the period from January to June 2020, this assessment reflects the initial results of the Trust Fund's COVID-19 response.

The main partners specifically reporting these COVID-19 related results are: ACTED, AISPO, ASAM, AVSI, DRC, EFI, IMC UK, MEDAIR, UNICEF, UNRWA, UNDP, VNG International, WAI, and WHO.

The assessment analyses to what extent projects supported by the Trust Fund are contributing specifically to COVID-19 results. As an example, COVID-19 specific services would be COVID-19 screening, emergency cash transfers related to the lockdown period, or awareness campaigns about the pandemic. In order to do that, the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) -mainly thirteen of them- have been disaggregated by its COVID-19 dimension to inform the COVID-19 response to date. Additionally, and in line with WHO recommendations, four COVID-19 specific indicators have been added to the Trust Fund's Results Framework, two output ones -on personal protective equipment





(PPE) and technical guidances- and two outcome ones referring to cases and the rate of reproduction (Annex 2).

It is important to note that these actions reporting COVID-19 specific results also contribute to other general results reflected in the 7th results report under their corresponding sector and country. The large majority of actions assessed are partially relevant to COVID-19 objectives with some exceptions that are highly relevant. These COVID-19 specific results

are not aggregated to the overall ones to prevent any distortion of targets. Due to the specific pandemic circumstances during a particular period, they are reported separately.

Before presenting the actual results, this report incorporates a brief overview of the strategies being used by implementing partners to realign their activities and/or to provide specific COVID-19 related services, training or infrastructure improvements.

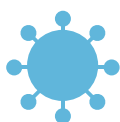
2. The Trust Fund's response to the coronavirus pandemic

The Trust Fund has rapidly and flexibly reacted to support partner countries and communities during the coronavirus outbreak, showing active engagement in the realignment and partial refocus of activities, not only in health, as mentioned before, but in other areas, such as livelihoods, protection, education or social cohesion in Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Jordan. As suggested previously, some actions have changed their strategies to deliver the planned results and others

have also added COVID-19 specific activities.

Health projects supported by the Trust Fund have contributed to procure personal protective equipment (PPE), other medical equipment, laboratory capacity and hygiene kits, awareness campaigns and training on infection prevention for health personnel. Patients have accessed medical consultations and COVID-19 related screening. Some projects report

- For more information on the corona package, please visit:
https://ec.europa.eu/trustfund-syria-region/sites/tfsr/files/eutfsyria_coronavirus_factsheet_0.pdf





they have trained their own teams. Some other measures include the disinfection of public spaces, such as schools, parks, and markets, or protection of domestic wastewater. Social cohesion components have incorporated a wide number of awareness campaigns and information materials, some distributed via social media, and some via door-to-door canvassing maintaining physical distance. Projects have also supported partners to elaborate local response plans.

Regarding livelihoods and education actions, remote tools, including webinars, have been used in various areas, such as higher education, remedial programmes, improved communication with students, pupils and their families, or health clubs with students. Some other projects are supporting universities, academic staff and students to respond to the new challenges of online or blended education. Emergency cash support has

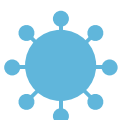
been provided to address increasing food prices; and local micro, small, medium enterprises (MSME) have received financial support and training during this specific period. Community development projects have linked the COVID-19 related health response to local employment. Some small livelihoods actions have mobilised community assets to elaborate face masks, for example. Funding has been also allocated to measures, such as incentives to maintain employment during the outbreak or to specific support research on the impact of the pandemic on specific economic sectors.

Psychosocial support and protection services for women facing gender violence has been remotely provided. In general, implementing partners agree that the coronavirus pandemic sheds light on existent inequalities, and that it brings new risks for Syrian refugees and vulnerable host populations.

3. COVID-19 specific results

It is important to underline that most interventions delivering outputs that are directly related to the coronavirus outbreak have not been able to set up

specific targets. During this period, most of the implementing partners have been assessing their strategies to react to the changing contexts, which made the setting





of any specific goal very challenging. Targets for COVID-19 specific outputs are being regularly reviewed. Disaggregation by sex and community of origin is still incipient.

Most actions reporting COVID-19 related results are being implemented in Lebanon, followed by Iraq, Turkey and Jordan, with one action informing one indicator in Egypt.

690,826 - PPE pieces distributed, including surgical and N95 masks, gloves boxes, gowns, goggles, face shields and sanitation equipment in Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Jordan

157 - Confirmed cases in Zahle, West Bekaa, and Baalbak (Lebanon)

1 - Technical guidance document on public advice developed in Lebanon

COVID-19 specific reporting is, on the one hand, based on the four indicators previously mentioned. Regarding PPE pieces, they have been distributed mainly in Lebanon (70%) and Turkey (17%), and to a minor extent in Jordan and Iraq. One technical guidance has been also produced in Lebanon, as the follow-up of some confirmed cases (157 cases have been reported in Zahle, west Bekaa, and Baalbak, the districts where Medair, supported by the Trust Fund,

operates). The technical guidance is an advocacy brief for the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, and the Ministry of Finance on the release of the Independent Municipal Fund supporting municipal operations. This emerged from the need of additional municipal resources for the COVID-19 response. The implementing partners have not reported the reproduction rate of COVID-19 yet.

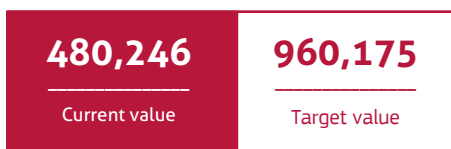
On the other hand, further KPIs from the Trust Fund's Results Framework have been disaggregated by its COVID-19 dimension. The main results delivered during this period are related to health services and awareness (social cohesion), as the figures below show. In terms of local capacities' strengthening, the focus has been on training health personnel. Local infrastructure improvements refer to MSME upgrades. From the disaggregated information available, women and men have been accessing those services to a similar extent, while many more refugees have been exposed to those results. In general, the focus of those results is Lebanon (52%) and Iraq (33%), followed by Turkey and Jordan.





Access to services

*N.D.: Not disaggregated.



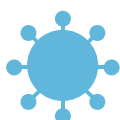
Local capacities



Local infrastructure



Figure 1: Number of people accessing to COVID-19 related services by sex and community of origin.



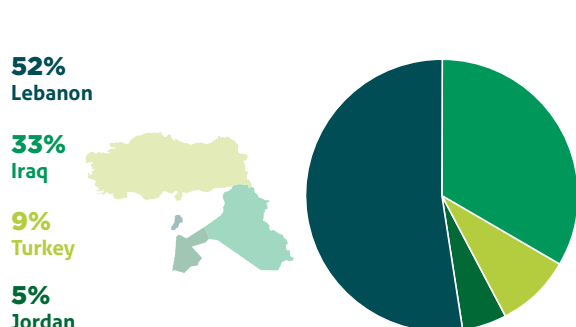


Figure 2: Access to COVID-19 related services by country

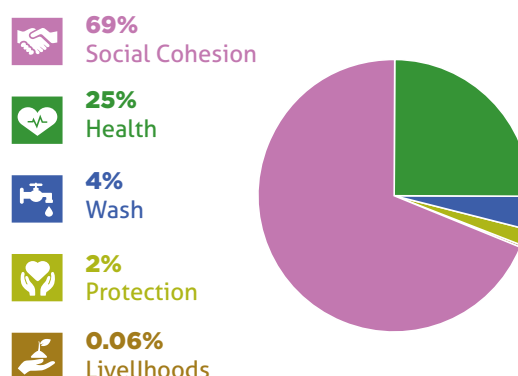
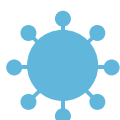


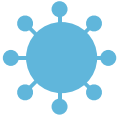
Figure 3: Access to COVID-19 related services by area

The focus of the results in health has been on primary health care consultations, health education and training of health personnel. Most services were delivered in Lebanon and Iraq, while the training of health personnel was based in Lebanon and Turkey. Health education activities are also reported in Egypt.

Outputs in social cohesion relate to awareness campaigns to inform about the coronavirus outbreak, and those also have been delivered mostly in Iraq and Lebanon. In terms of WASH, results focus on hygiene promotion sessions largely in Turkey, and improved access to water to a lesser extent in Iraq. Livelihoods activities comprise cash transfers mainly in Jordan and Turkey. In this context, some job opportunities have been promoted in

Iraq, mostly in the health sector providing assistance and information about the coronavirus outbreak. Also in Iraq, MSMEs, especially start-ups, have been supported. The projects intervening in the protection sector have been able to provide psychosocial support remotely and ensure referrals; it has occurred almost entirely in Lebanon. Access to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services have been mainly delivered in Iraq.



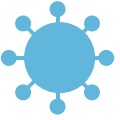


Annex 1

| PROJECT CODE | START DATE | IMPLEMENTING PARTNER | TITLE | COUNTRY |
|--------------|------------|---|---|---------|
| T04.27 | 31.12.17 | WAI | Improved access to water, water distribution performance and related sewerage disposal in Irbid Governorate for host communities and Syrian refugees. | Jordan |
| T04.30 | 31.12.17 | DRC | Addressing Vulnerabilities of Refugees and Host Communities in Five Countries Affected by the Syria Crisis | Iraq |
| T04.31 | 01.01.18 | Medair, Tearfund, ACCTS | Strengthening Protection Mechanisms for Syrian Refugees and Vulnerable Host-Communities in Jordan and Lebanon | Lebanon |
| T04.58 | 01.04.17 | WHO | Improved access to health services for Syrian refugees in Turkey | Turkey |
| T04.121 | 07.07.18 | ACTED, PAH, WHH, PIN | Supporting resilience for host communities, returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq | Iraq |
| T04.130 | 01.09.18 | EFI (EUROMED Feminist Initiative), BDC, Tamkeen | Strengthening access to protection, participation and services for women refugees, IDPs and host communities | Lebanon |
| T04.132 | 01.01.20 | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) | Strengthen the long-term resilience of targeted subnational authorities and their host/refugee populations in countries affected by the Syrian and Iraqi crises | Iraq |
| T04.134 | 01.01.19 | DRC, Mercy Corps, NRC, Oxfam | Strengthening Resilience and Income Generating Opportunities and Supporting Early Recovery and Stabilization in Areas of Return in Iraq | Iraq |
| T04.136 | 19.12.18 | VNG International, PCPM and KL | Maintaining Strength and Resilience for Local Governments in Lebanon and Iraq (MASAR) | Iraq |
| T04.147 | 03.01.19 | IMC UK/Fundación Promoción Social de la Cultura (FPSC) | Improving Access to Quality Health Care for Persons with Disabilities in Lebanon | Lebanon |

Table 1 (1/2): List of Trust Fund projects informing COVID-19 specific results to date.

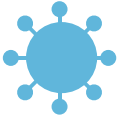




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| T04.170 | 01.03.19 | ASAM and RSC | Social Cohesion of Refugees in Turkey (SCORE) | Turkey |
| T04.172 | 09.07.19 | UNICEF | Education and Makani ("My Space") Programmes for Vulnerable Syrian and Host Community School-aged Children in Jordan | Jordan |
| T04.181 | 01.08.19 | AISPO | Support to mother and child and critical care services in Duhok province (phase 2) | Iraq |
| T04.198 | 24.06.20 | AVSI, TDH, WCH | Back to the Future II: A protective and nurturing environment to increase Access to School, Inclusion and Retention for Children impacted by the Syrian Crisis in Lebanon and vulnerable Lebanese | Lebanon |
| T04.202 | 01.03.20 | WHO | EUTF Jordan Health Programme for Syrian Refugees and Vulnerable Jordanians | Jordan |
| T04.210 | 01.03.20 | IMC UK/PU-AMI | REBAHS II | Lebanon |
| T04.212 | 01.01.20 | UNRWA | Strengthening the resilience of Palestine refugees from Syria in Jordan and Lebanon (phase III) | Lebanon |

Table 1 (2/2): List of Trust Fund projects informing COVID-19 specific results to date.





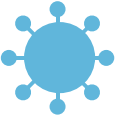
Annex 2

COVID-19 SPECIFIC RESULTS

| SECTOR | INDICATORS | 7th results report | | Disaggregated by sex | | Disaggregated by community of origin | | N.D.* By sex | N.D.* By community of origin | LEBANON | | JORDAN | | IRAQ | | TURKEY | | EGYPT | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|---|--|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------|---|---|
| | | Current value | Target | Women | Men | Refugee | Host community | | | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | | | | | |
| COVID-19 RELATED INDICATORS* | | 9 | Number of job opportunities promoted by EUTF | 267 | 267 | 101 | 166 | 45 | 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 267 | 267 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | 11 | Number of MSMEs trained | 135 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | 12 | Number of individuals receiving cash assistance from EUTF | 0 | 1,7545 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,545 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | 13 | Number of food insecure people receiving EUTF assistance | 0 | 3,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | 14 | Number of primary health care consultations conducted with refugees and host communities | 113,557 | 113,557 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 113,557 | 113,557 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | 20 | Number of professional staff trained in primary, secondary and tertiary health care services | 451 | 451 | 94 | 237 | 198 | 133 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 331 | 331 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | 21 | Number of people reached through health education activities | 9,329 | 7,450 | 2,224 | 3,035 | 3,619 | 1,640 | 4,070 | 4,070 | 4,070 | 2,115 | 0 | 0 | 674 | 750 | 2,785 | 2,785 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 0 | |
| | | | 24 | Number of individuals with access to improved drinking water source | 0 | 1,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 25 | Number of beneficiaries who have experienced a hygiene promotion session | 17,504 | 15,549 | 5,763 | 7,671 | 11,588 | 1,846 | 4,070 | 4,070 | 4,070 | 2,115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,434 | 13,434 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Table 2 (1/2): COVID-19 related indicators





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|--|--|---|---------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---|---|
| | | Current value | Target | Women | Men | Refugee | Host community | | | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | Current value | Target value | | |
| COVID-19 RELATED INDICATORS* |  29 | Number of cases referred for specialized services | 658 | 1,075 | 487 | 171 | 253 | 405 | 0 | 0 | 614 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| |  30 | Number of refugees and host community members receiving psychosocial support | 6,659 | 15,052 | 3,446 | 120 | 6,501 | 158 | 3,093 | 0 | 6,408 | 14,801 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 251 | 251 | 0 | 0 | |
| |  31 | Number of women accessing Gender Based Violence related services | 288 | 300 | 288 | 0 | 183 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| |  42 | Number of individuals reached with outreach, information campaigns and awareness sessions | 332,251 | 784,347 | 65,781 | 68,690 | 79,882 | 4,633 | 197,780 | 247,736 | 119,916 | 120,867 | 24,938 | 16,000 | 158,560 | 624,191 | 28,837 | 23,289 | 0 | 0 | |
| |  45 | Number of PPE pieces distributed, including surgical and N95 masks, gloves boxes, gowns, goggles, face shields and sanitation equipment | 690,826 | 695,286 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 474,476 | 474,486 | 23,232 | 23,232 | 75,588 | 77,318 | 117,530 | 120,250 | 0 | 0 | |
| |  46 | Number of Confirmed cases | 157 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 157 | 157 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| |  47 | Number of technical guidance documents on public advice developed | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  48 | Rate of reproduction of COVID-19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Table 2 (2/2): COVID-19 related indicators

- *COVID-19 related indicators encompass COVID-19 specific indicators (45-48) and some of the Trust Fund Results Framework indicators that are being disaggregated by its relation to COVID-19.

