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To scale up testing for COVID-19 as a critical first line of defence by health systems, WHO, with the support of European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid, Embassy of Korea, Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility, and the World Bank, has delivered essential laboratory supplies and equipment to 9 provinces across Afghanistan. 2 / 7



With the cooperation of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, WHO has delivered and supported the installation of a GeneXpert device in Al-Qamishli National Hospital in northeast Syria to increase COVID-19 detection through PCR testing. 3 / 7

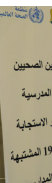
WHO, with the support of the Syrian Ministry of Health, launched the first of its 16 nationwide workshops on COVID-19 surveillance that aim to reach almost 400 health workers across the country with increased skills on early detection and response to the pandemic and reduce infection transmission among school children and staff. 4 / 7



WHO and the Jordanian Ministry of Health, with support from the State of Kuwait, have conducted practical training sessions covering all aspects related to COVID-19 vaccination, from distribution up to awareness and communication, targeting around 400 health care workers from various governorates across the country. 5 / 7



In Libya, WHO conducted two 2-day workshops to teachers and students between 9 and 12 years of age. Participants were taken through the basic procedures to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent spread. WHO facilitators explained simple techniques to help participants cope with any COVID-19 related stress and anxiety they might experience. 6 / 7





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