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Somalia receives 1.6 million J&J COVID-19 vaccine doses from Sweden and the Czech Republic

28 August 2022

USAID and WHO team up to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Somalia 25 August 2022

Germany donates US\$ 4.6 million to WHO to close the equity gaps in COVID-19 and childhood immunizations

4 August 2022

<u>Italy bolsters WHO efforts to enhance COVID-19 vaccination in Syria</u> 2 August 2022

July

WHO and ECHO support of Sudan for COVID-19 helped scale up local response to further health emergencies

21 July 2022

#### June

WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean concludes COVID-19 response review mission to Sudan, with actionable recommendations across nine pillars 22 June 2022

How support from ECHO helped contain COVID-19 in Khartoum 8 June 2022

Coastal areas in Syria take the COVID-19 vaccination campaign to a new level 8 June 2022

Fighting COVID-19 and strengthening the backbone of pandemic preparedness and response 2 June 2022

## **April**

WHO delivers rapid antigen tests for COVID-19 to Iraq 10 April 2022

### January

151 200 doses of COVID-19 vaccines donated by Japan arrive in Syria 23 January 2022

WHO supports Kurdistan region with over 20 tons of medical supplies to enhance national response to COVID-19 health challenges
23 January 2022

Schools should be 'last to close, first to open': multilateral agencies in Jordan call for continued prioritization of education during COVID-19
19 January 2022

WHO donates 6 advanced genomic sequencing machines to Islamic Republic of Iran to support nationwide monitoring of COVID-19 variants
6 January 2022

#### December

Palestine receives its largest COVAX shipment, funded by the Governments of Germany and Italy

30 December 2021

WHO Donates 2 Million Automated Extraction Tests to Islamic Republic of Iran Funded by Government of Germany

25 December 2021

National COVID-19 response assessed in Robert Koch Institute visit to Islamic Republic of Iran ahead of bilateral collaborations

23 December 2021

EU bolsters WHO's COVID-19 response in Syria

23 December 2021

COVID-19 treatment centres: the first line of defense in saving Yemeni lives 15 December 2021

Antigen-based rapid diagnostic tests: a game-changer for COVID-19 testing in Somalia 7 December 2021

### **November**

New oxygen production stations to be constructed in Yemen 22 November 2021

Over 1.6 million donated COVID-19 vaccines land in Islamic Republic of Iran to increase protection of Afghan Refugees

15 November 2021

Somalia receives another shipment of 336 500 doses of Johnson & Samp; Johnson vaccines donated by the United States Government through the COVAX Facility

8 November 2021

<u>Iraq launches nationwide vaccination campaign to scale up immunity against COVID-19</u> 7 November 2021

## October 2021

In fight against COVID-19, Germany donates 163 000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to Somalia through COVAX Facility

26 October 2021

Government of Japan supports Islamic Republic of Iran with US\$ 6.3 million grant to strengthen national capacity against COVID-19

26 October 2021

Islamic Republic of Iran receives 1 442 000 COVID-19 vaccine doses donated by Italy and Germany through the COVAX Facility

18 October 2021

Supporting health workers - the backbone of the COVID-19 response 3 October 2021

## September 2021

Germany donates 7 million masks to WHO to help protect Egyptian health care professionals 28 September 2021

Islamic Republic of Iran receives fourth delivery of COVID-19 vaccines through COVAX Facility 11 September 2021

<u>Supporting Yemen's COVID-19 frontline responders</u>

7 September 2021

<u>Funding pause results in imminent closure of more than 2000 health facilities in Afghanistan</u> 6 September 2021

# August 2021

Collective efforts to enhance access to COVID-19 vaccines in Libya 18 August 2021

Race against time to boost COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Somalia 17 August 2021

Egypt receives third batch of 1 766 400 AstraZeneca vaccines through the COVAX Facility 16 August 2021

<u>Updates on COVID-19 vaccination in Syria</u> 11 August 2021

KSrelief partners with WHO to save lives from COVID-19 5 August 2021

# **July 2021**

WHO and KSRelief support treatment of COVID-19 patients across Yemen 27 July 2021

WHO delivers 500 oxygen concentrators to save lives in Afghanistan 26 July 2021

As COVID-19 cases increase in Libya, WHO stresses importance of continuing compliance with all precautionary measures by all people
15 July 2021

Enhancing COVID-19 testing – an investment in health 7 July 2021

June 2021

Scaling up active surveillance for COVID-19 in Somalia 28 June 2021

## **April 2021**

How a gloomy night brought a bright light in the fight against COVID-19 26 April 2021

WHO confirms the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and urges Iraqis to register and vaccinate to help defeat the pandemic

11 April 2021

57,600 COVID-19 vaccine doses received today in Tripoli 8 April 2021

854 400 COVID-19 vaccine doses shipped by COVAX to Egypt 1 April 2021

#### March 2021

<u>Iraq receives first delivery of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility</u> 25 March 2021

<u>First batch of COVID-19 vaccines delivered through COVAX Facility arrives in Lebanon</u> 25 March 2021

Arrival of first wave of	onsignment	of COVAX	COVID-19	vaccine	doses
22 March 2021					

Tunisia receives first batch of COVID-19 vaccines through COVAX Facility 17 March 2021

<u>Teachers in schools and universities set to receive the COVAX COVID-19 vaccine</u>
16 March 2021

One year of COVID-19 in Somalia and the arrival of first vaccine shipment through COVAX 16 March 2021

<u>Historical moment for Somalia as COVID-19 vaccines arrive through COVAX Facility</u> 15 March 2021

Somalia rolls out vaccines for COVID-19

15 March 2021

First shipment of European Union-funded COVID-19 vaccines from COVAX Facility arrived in Jordan

13 March 2021

COVID-19 vaccines shipped by COVAX arrive in Afghanistan

8 March 2021

First COVID-19 vaccines arrive in Djibouti

6 March 2021

Sudan receives first delivery of COVID-19 vaccines with over 800 000 doses 3 March 2021

# February 2021

WHO supports Iraq with vital consignment of medical technologies to boost COVID-19 containment efforts

21 February 2021

WHO supports COVID-19 response in Kurdistan with allocation of US\$ 1 million for medical supplies and materials

16 February 2021

The EU, through WHO, supports Ministry of Health to strengthen Jordan's national immunization programme

14 February 2021

### Janaury 2021

WHO and KSRelief are working together to support COVID-19 preparedness and response in Yemen

27 January 2021

European Union provides additional 35 million euros to support people of Afghanistan in fight against COVID-19

26 January 2021

Update on COVID-19 vaccination in Syria

26 January 2021

Islamic Republic of Iran's US\$ 50 Million Emergency Response Project (ICERP) for COVID-19 scales up nationwide response

11 January 2021

#### **December**

WHO hands over essential health commodities to the Ministry of Health to contain COVID-19 in Iraq

16 December 2020

Digital innovation stories during COVID-19

9 December 2020

An increasing number of suicide cases in Iraq worries public health experts amid COVID-19 pandemic

9 December 2020

Campaign aims to halt surge in COVID-19 cases in Mosul, Iraq

5 December 2020

WHO provides support to increase COVID-19 testing capacity in Jordan

2 December 2020

#### November

WHO establishes isolation unit in Hamam Aleel Field Hospital to support the treatment of internally displaced COVID-19 patients

22 November 2020

COVID-19 prevention and awareness campaign concludes in the Kurdistan region of Iraq 18 November 2020

WHO conducts community awareness campaign to fight COVID-19 in the Kurdistan region of Iraq

8 November 2020

#### **October**

WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean hands-over medical supplies during his visit to Syria

24 October 2020

WHO provides Islamic Republic of Iran with 150 ventilators and 100 PCR machines 18 October 2020

Seven months since Afghanistan's first COVID-19 case, women of the polio programme sustain the response

15 October 2020

Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and WHO join forces with the Government of Yemen to respond to COVID-19

12 October 2020

## **September**

WHO delivers additional supplies to ensure protection of health workers responding to COVID-19 in Libya

21 September 2020

COVID-19 response post blast plan

September 2020

Somalia marks 6 months of COVID-19

16 September 2020

Republic of Korea and WHO Afghanistan sign arrangement to support the COVID-19 response 14 September 2020

WHO procures 13 ambulances to enhance the response to COVID-19 and other medical services in hard to reach areas

9 September 2020

WHO Iraq frontline workers tackling COVID-19 with community sensitizations and engagements

9 September 2020

## **August**

WHO declares first COVID-19 case among residents in Syria's Al Hol camp 27 August 2020

WHO alarmed over rapidly escalating rates of COVID-19 in Libya 26 August 2020

WHO delivers ambulances and health technologies to Ministry of Health in the Kurdistan region to support emergency referrals and COVID-19 containment efforts

25 August 2020

WHO supports COVID-19 awareness-raising campaign in the Kurdistan region 23 August 2020

<u>Health workers on the frontline against COVID-19</u> 19 August 2020

Somalia's 'Geesi' Diaries 18 August 2020 WHO supports the production of face masks to encourage mask wearing and empower local communities

10 August 2020

WHO and Ministry of Health launch second phase of COVID-19 awareness-raising campaign 10 August 2020

# July

Children missing out on routine vaccinations in Somalia amid COVID-19 fears 29 July 2020

COVID-19 awareness-raising campaign targets more than 6 million people in Baghdad 28 July 2020

Normalizing physical distancing: how COVID-19 is changing cultural norms 27 July 2020

Confronting outbreaks in Somalia 22 July 2020

WHO delivers 16 CT scan machines to assist Islamic Republic of Iran combat COVID-19 21 July 2020

Essential polio vaccination campaigns resume under strict COVID-19 prevention measures 20 July 2020

WHO mobile clinics serving the vulnerable in Mosul amid COVID-19 outbreak 20 July 2020

Developing the building blocks of public health 

strengthening laboratory capacity in Somalia

July 2020

WHO welcomes Kuwait's generous donation to support COVID-19 response measures at points of entry

5 July 2020

WHO delivers essential COVID-19 medical supplies and equipment to Afghanistan 5 July 2020

WHO provides support to bridge shortfall in oxygen supplies in Iraq 2 July 2020

UN Envoy calls for continuing support for Somalia's ongoing response to COVID-19 and praises frontline health workers
2 July 2020

Health care workers face a double battle— COVID-19 in a conflict zone 2 July 2020

#### June

UNICEF and WHO support national immunization campaign in Syria amid COVID-19 pandemic

29 June 2020

Awareness is key to flattening the COVID-19 curve in Iraq 29 June 2020

In Yemen, 'hero' epidemiologist succumbs to COVID-19 20 June 2020

WHO send	<u>ds more</u>	COVID-19	test l	kits to	<u>Islamic</u>	Re	oublic	of	<u>Iran</u>
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<u>Libya: Fighting COVID-19 in times of conflict</u> 20 June 2020

Public and private sectors join forces to deliver lifesaving COVID-19 supplies in Yemen 19 June 2020

COVID-19 risks reversing health gains in Somalia
18 June 2020

<u>Using technology to contain COVID-19 in Oman</u> 17 June 2020

The European Union and WHO deliver vital medical supplies to East Jerusalem hospitals for COVID-19 response

17 June 2020

After heartbreak, a Pakistani doctor's plea for vigilance against COVID-19
15 June 2020

Health care workers in the frontlines of the struggle against COVID-19
15 June 2020

Somalia expands surveillance to better track COVID-19 outbreak 10 June 2020

WHO Iraq clarifies issue of transmission of COVID-19 by asymptomatic cases 10 June 2020

WHO supports Pakistan's "We Care" campaign to protect frontline health care workers 6 June 2020

COVID-19 and counselling for people living with HIV 4 June 2020

May

Early COVID-19 preparation saved lives in Iraq 31 May 2020

<u>Training health workers to fight COVID-19 in Sudan</u> 28 May 2020

Health care workers, a fragile health system and the looming spectre of COVID-19 in Yemen 27 May 2020

WHO conducts remote psychological first aid training in Iraq to address COVID-19 stigma and discriminatory behaviours

21 May 2020

WHO intensifies support to improve COVID-19 case management in Somalia 20 May 2020

An Egyptian doctor's experience of COVID-19
19 May 2020

Conflict-ridden Yemen faces unprecedented risk as COVID-19 starts to spread 13 May 2020

WHO is working with authorities to scale up COVID-19 response in Yemen 14 May 2020

WHO, IOM raise concern over COVID-19 discrimination against migrants in Yemen 10 May 2020

WHO and European Union unite to fight a common enemy to humanity 7 May 2020

Maintaining a steady state of low-level or no transmission of COVID-19 cases in Lebanon 8 May 2020

WHO Lebanon fighting COVID-19 through risk communication and community engagement 4 May 2020

Somalia's polio teams help combat COVID-19 4 May 2020

WHO delivers medicines for "Solidarity" clinical trials in Islamic Republic of Iran 3 May 2020

In Islamic Republic of Iran, volunteers join battle against COVID-19 3 May 2020

# Keeping vigilant for COVID-19 in Libya

2 May 2020

## **April**

Pakistan's launches COVID-19 preparedness and response plan 27 April 2020

WHO welcomes a contribution from the Government of France to help tackle COVID-19 in Libya

27 April 2020

WHO welcomes Republic of Korean support to Pakistan to combat COVID-19 25 April 2020

WHO provides support to increase testing capacity for COVID-19 to limit community transmission

23 April 2020

As Somalia braces to effectively respond to COVID-19 outbreak, life-saving essential health care services are scaled up

23 April 2020

Somalia rolls out EWARN as surveillance for COVID-19 increases 23 April 2020

WHO provides Iranian hospitals with vital equipment for COVID-19 treatment 22 April 2020

WHO provides medical supplies and equipment to the Ministry of Health of Kurdistan to fight COVID-19

19 April 2020

COVID-19 medical supply cargo for Afghanistan arrives at Hamid Karzai International Airport 13 April 2020

Ministry of Health in Aden confirms the first case of COVID-19 in Yemen 10 April 2020

WHO commends efforts of Iraq Supreme Seminary and urges citizens to follow health measures to save lives

9 April 2020

World Bank and WHO scaling up readiness and response to COVID-19 in Yemen 6 April 2020

<u>Iraq produces COVID-19 laboratory supplies to more rapidly test cases</u> 5 April 2020

WHO continues to support the fight against coronavirus in Syria 2 April 2020

COVID-19 response guidelines 2 April 2020

The fight to contain COVID-19 in Iraq

1 April 2020

WHO collaboration in Oman's response to COVID-19

April 2020

As cases of COVID-19 increase in Somalia, operational readiness also scaled up to early detect and respond to community transmission

April 2020

#### March

COVID-19 response across Afghanistan 31 March 2020

<u>Iraq reports a noticeable increase in COVID-19 cases since February</u> 30 March 2020

WHO delivers new shipment of medical supplies for COVID-19 response in Islamic Republic of Iran

23 March 2020

Djibouti joins global action to prevent COVID-19 as first case is confirmed in the country 18 March 2020

UNSMIL appeals for ceasefire to strengthen COVID-19 response 18 March 2020

WHO technical mission visits Iraq to step up COVID-19 detection and response activities 15 March 2020

WHO and public health experts conclude COVID-19 mission to Islamic Republic of Iran 12 March 2020

WHO team	arrives in	Tehran to	o support the	COVID-19	response

12 March 2020

WHO scales-up support to COVID-19 reference hospital in Islamabad as three more cases are confirmed in Pakistan

5 March 2020

WHO combats misinformation circulating on COVID-19

5 March 2020

COVID-19 preventive measures during mass gatherings discussed with religious leaders and health officials in Iraq

3 March 2020

WHO extends support to Pakistan as it confirms its first two cases of COVID-19

1 March 2020

# **February**

WHO team assesses preparedness activities at the Rafic El Hariri International Airport 27 February 2020

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