In late April 2020, WHO continued its life-saving work to help people affected by COVID-19 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Click through this photo gallery to see highlights of WHO’s work.

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Islamic Republic of Iran has suffered thousands of COVID-19 deaths. The country has joined WHO’s Solidarity Trial to test potential treatments. WHO handed over Solidarity Trial medications to the country’s Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

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In Somalia, WHO and United Nations partners are improving laboratory capacity for COVID-19 testing under the leadership of the country’s Ministry of Health and Medical Education. Photo courtesy of United Nations Population Fund.

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The Gaza Strip is facing a chronic shortage of essential medical supplies for COVID-19. WHO procured 5 laboratory kits to support testing of hundreds of people in Gaza Strip, with more essential supplies on the way.

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In the city of Aden in Yemen, WHO and partners trained 40 medical staff working in isolation units. The training covered therapy, infection prevention and control, and psychological first aid.

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In Afghanistan, the head of the pharmacy unit at Afghan Japan Infectious Disease Hospital expressed gratitude for WHO’s support: “The timely provision of medical equipment and
supplies from the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak helped us address the existing problems and respond to the ongoing pandemic."

In Lebanon, WHO Representative Dr Iman Shankiti met with a fashion designer (right) to discuss options for making coveralls, gowns, and other protective gear for health workers.

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