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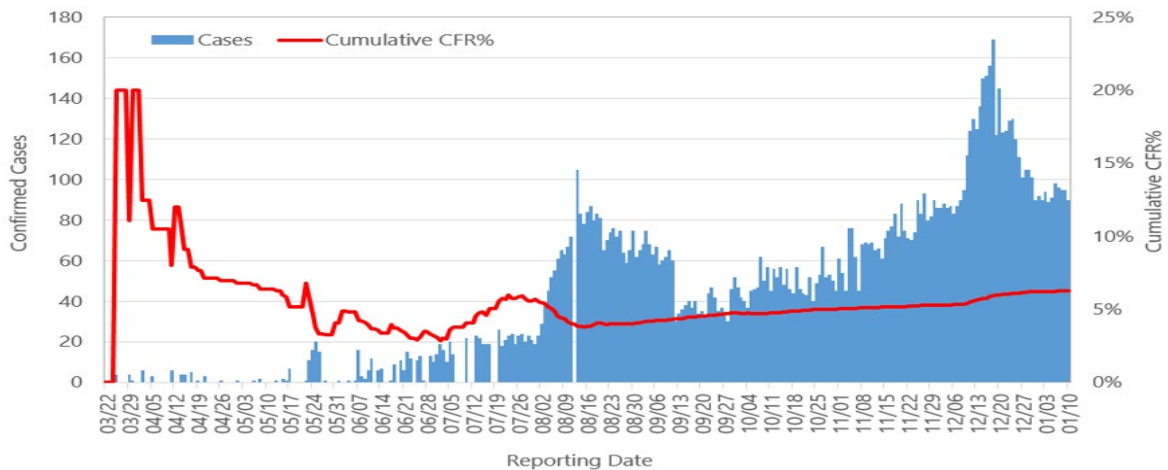
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I. COVID-19 Update

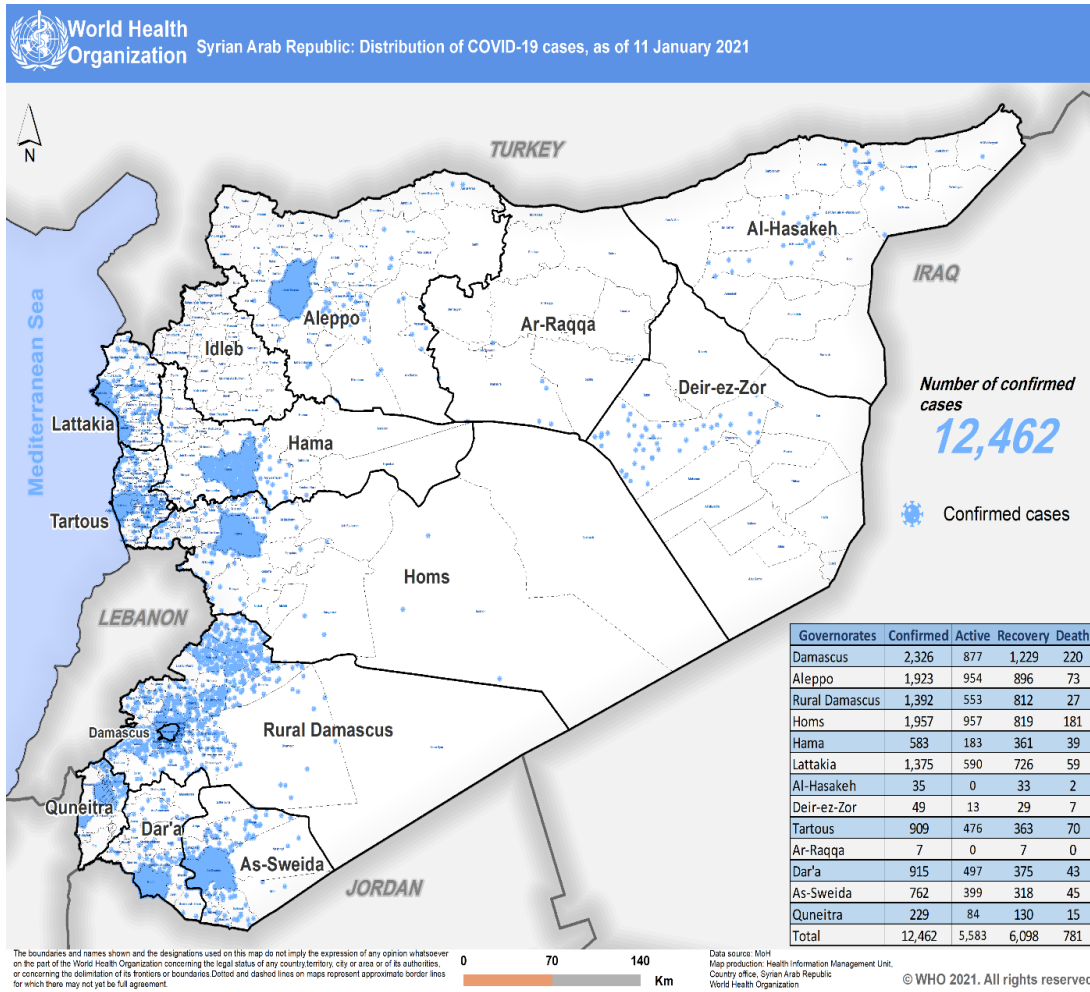
COVID-19 Overall figures (As of 12 January 2021)

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|  | 12,462 | Total cases (including 282 health workers) |
|  | 6,098 | Recovered cases (including 236 health workers) |
|  | 781 | Deaths (including 20 health workers) |
|  | 5,583 | Active cases (including 26 health workers) |
|  | 6.27% | Case Fatality Rate (CFR) |
|  | 60.8 | Attack rate (% of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 of population) |
|  | 22 | Treatment (isolation) hospitals with 1,131 total beds |
|  | 32 | Quarantine centers with 5,182 total beds |
|  | 6 | COVID-19 laboratories |
|  | 53,031 | Tests done |
| | 274 | Overall testing rate / per 100,000 population |
|  | 61 | Incidence rate / per 100,000 population (highest in Quneitra – 221) |
|  | 22.1% | Positivity rate / per 100,000 population (highest in As-Sweida – 60%) |

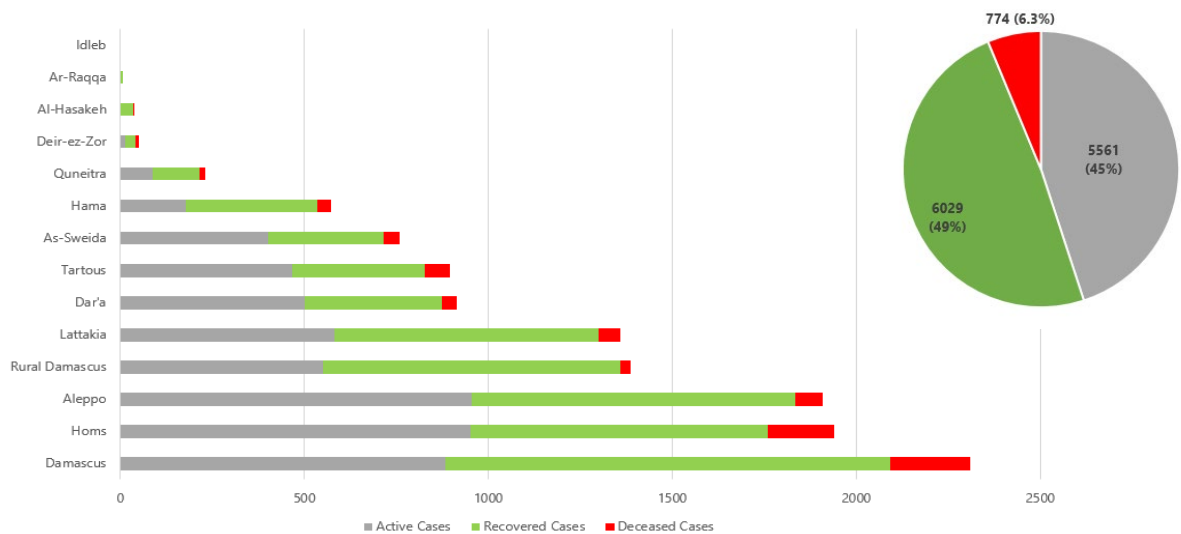
Epidemiological Curve for COVID-19 confirmed cases and CFR, %



Distribution of COVID-19 cases


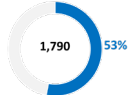
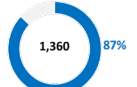


Distribution of COVID-19 cases by governorate and outcome








II. WHO Key Achievements, November 2020

Overall Situation

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| 50.4% | of public hospitals that are either partially functioning or non-functioning, as assessed by HeRAMS |  |
| 53% | of public health centers that are either partially functioning or non-functioning, as assessed by HeRAMS |  |
| 3,350,831 | number of delivered treatment courses provided | |
| 102.72 | total weight (in tons) of regular deliveries across the country including IA | |
| 87% | of sentinel sites submitting weekly surveillance reports |  |

Attacks on Healthcare 1/1/2020 – 31/10/2020

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|  | 18 | Total Attacks |
|  | 0 | Killed (of which 0 healthcare providers) |
|  | 36 | Injured (of which 6 healthcare providers) |
|  | 12 | Attacks impacted health facilities (<i>This does not equate to the number of health facilities attacked as repeat incidents can occur or one attack incident could impact multiple health facilities</i>) |
|  | 70% | Of attacks over the past 12 months (1 Jul 2019 – 30 Jun 2020) were reported as violence with heavy weapons |

III. WHO Response

Non-Communicable Diseases & Primary Health Care

- Support is provided to Al Qamishli and Deir-ez-Zor hubs with Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) medicines and 7,000 Insulin vials of different types.
- Support is provided to the MOH and 4 NGOs in Damascus, rural Damascus, Homs and Dara with lifesaving and NCD medicines including 29,000 Insulin vials.
- The number of provided treatment under PHC is 21,453.

Trauma

- 442 persons with disabilities benefited from different types of assistive devices delivered to Al-Bir NGO in Hama governorate.
- Advanced prosthetics and orthotics (P&O) 2-week training was conducted with a focus on measurement techniques in above-knee prostheses, manufacture of upper and lower limbs orthoses. The training aimed at enhancing the capacity of MOH technicians in the field of P&O, in addition to procuring the needed supplies for these advanced prosthetics and orthotics (P&O) training courses.

Secondary Health Care

- Support was provided to Basma NGO for cancer care of children with 220 port-sets and 500 needles for chemotherapy sessions.
- The number of provided treatments under STHC is 2,418.

Mental Health

- WHO is about to launch a psychotropic assessment in cooperation with health partners in Q1 2021.
- The work is in progress to develop a capacity-building Workplan for MHPSS with DoH/MH FP.

Nutrition

- Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) data collection workshop was conducted on 1-3 December 2020 in Damascus, and IMCI training for 10 new centers and 10 refresh centers in Aleppo.
- An awareness-raising session on the newborn care-at-home programme was conducted in Al-Quneitra governorate.

Information and Planning

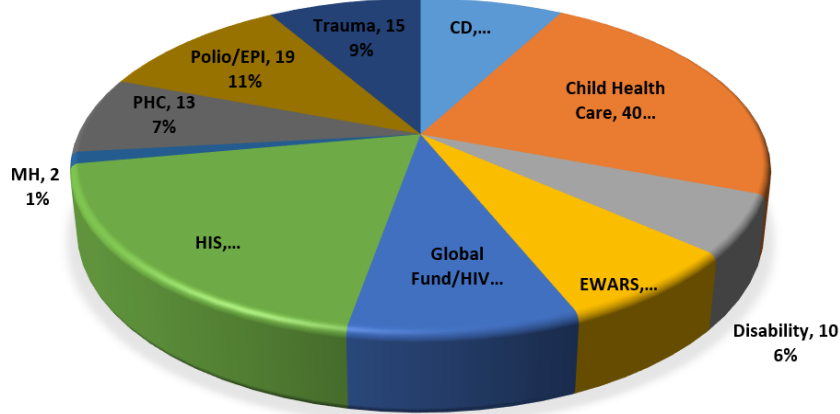
The following were developed:

- (Health Sector & WHO) 4Ws snapshots for October and November 2020.
- WHO Summary of key performance indicators for November 2020.
- Syria COVID-19 Response Monitoring Framework, April – September and April – November 2020.
- COVID-19 Dynamic Infographic Dashboard for Syria.
- Online COVID-19 items tracking system for Syria.
- Shared infographics of attacks on health care snapshot for January – October 2020 at WoS level.
- Maps for many other interventions.

External Relations and Communication

- MOI shared the results of the COVID-19 RCCE assessment on 11 January 2021. The results and findings are being translated and will be followed by a thorough analysis accordingly.
- The cumulative RCCE efforts up to date have reached an estimated 15 million people through different media outreaches.
- RCCE coordination meetings with all concerned partners are in place to prepare for the 2021 response and the way forward.

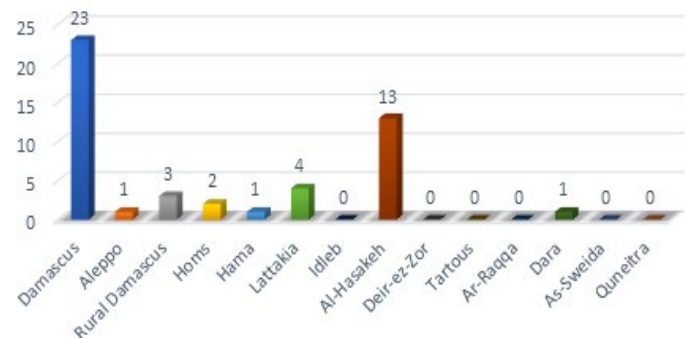
Overall estimated no. of participants in WHO supported 176 activities for overall 4760 participant Dec. 2020 - 08/01/2021



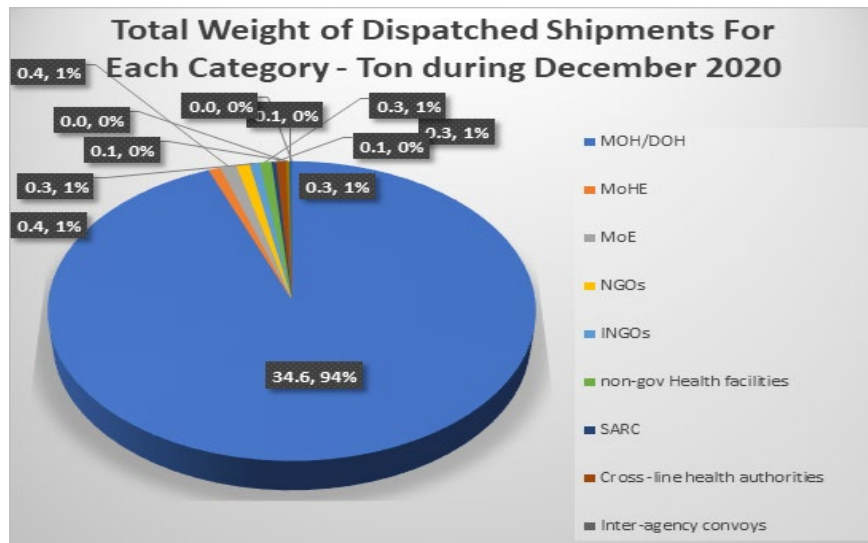
Operational Support and Logistics

- Supplies dispatched weighed 37.79 tons and included medical, WASH and lab supplies, kits, equipment, artificial limbs and printing materials. Supplies cover 8 governorates (except Tartous, As-Sweida, Al-Quneitra, Idleb, Deir-ez-Zor and Ar-Raqqa).
- Recipients included 11 MoH facilities, MoHE, MoWR, 1 MoE school health directorate, Ministry of Culture, 1 NGPHC, 8 NGOs, 2 INGO, SARC, and KRC.
- The total number of treatments is 461,126.

Total Dispatched Shipments Per Each Governorate



Total Weight of Dispatched Shipments For Each Category - Ton during December 2020



Aleppo Sub-Office

- With the management of Ibn Khaldoun Hospital, the sub-office explores the possibility of extending the home-based services for mental health patients.
- Post-evaluation of COVID-19 and MH awareness campaign conducted in the last quarter of 2020 in Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Tartous and Aleppo has started with a focus on gaps, lesson learned, and the way forward.
- The daily confirmed cases of COVID-19 seem to be stable during the reported period, as reported by MoH. COVID-19 public isolation centers also have occupancy rates that vary between 60-80%
- Between 3-10 January, 211 COVID-19 samples were collected and sent to Aleppo PHL.
- The field mission was conducted from 3 to 7 January to follow up surveillance and COVID-19 in the isolation and health centers in Aleppo.
- 2 ESCO Microbiological safety devices have been received by Aleppo hub and delivered to DoH COVID-19 Lab.
- Al-Sham NGO has started a project supported by WHO titled "Prevention and promotion for health and mental health on HIV".
- 120 prisoners were targeted by 10 awareness sessions during the reporting period, 50 of them did a voluntary test for HIV, no positive cases.
- A meeting with TB and HIV Programme managers in Aleppo was conducted, Workplan 2021 for both programs was discussed through this meeting and the main activities for next quarter and the challenges facing the programs.

Homs Sub-Office

- WHO supported the rehabilitation of 2 PHCs in the northern Homs area; 2 centers were completed (in Taldou and Tir-Maaleh Health Centres) and were handed over to the Homs DOH.
- WHO supported 3 medical mobile teams to cover health needs in north-eastern Hama and south-west Hama. The total medical consultations provided reached 1,328, as well as 45 PSS services, were provided during the reported period.
- WHO supported a health project in Homs with LNGO (Lamset-Shefa NGO) Family wellbeing center in Dar-Al-Kabera and 2 medical mobile teams in Northern and Eastern Rural Homs as primary and secondary health services, and Management of mental health and psychosocial conditions among people suffering from Psychological distress and for domestic violence/GBV survivors at the community level.
- Medical consultations were provided to 2,388 beneficiaries, of whom 560 consultations were on acute and chronic diseases, 1,206 consultations on child health, 622 consultations on gynecology and Reproductive Health.



Al-Qamishli Sub-Office

- A GeneXpert device for COVID-19 detection was delivered and installed in Qamishli National hospital. Its important to secure uninterrupted supply of cartridges.
- A mortality assessment was conducted in Al-Aresha camp to review the death causes and assess the health services' responsiveness to emergency health needs.
- Assessment of Qamishli hospital was conducted in preparation for the planned rehabilitation and support with funding from Japan.



Deir-ez-Zor Sub-Office

- The sub-office supported DoH Deir-ez-Zor with COVID-19 PPE (2,000 facial masks, and 1,000 gloves) to protect health workers operating in the COVID-19 isolation facility.
- The sub-office participated in the inter-agency mission to Al-Bukamal district with other UN agencies in Deir-ez-Zor hub.
- A field visit was conducted together with a team from WCO and Deir-Ez-Zor DoH to monitor the activities under the TB programme including TB mobile clinic activities. The sub-office staff also met with Al-Sham Association health workers and discussed the joint cooperation under the mental health and HIV programmes.



Lattakia Sub-Office

- Lattakia sub-office team attended a preparatory meeting at Latakia DOH to discuss and develop agenda and meeting points concerning the upcoming health sector group meeting.
- The staff conducted a meeting with the director of health in Tartous to discuss DOH's response to COVID-19 and the top priorities in 2021.
- The sub-office is planning to work with Mosaic NGO to support a wellbeing center in the Ramel-Jnoubi area and an MHPSS mobile team.
- A COVID-19 awareness campaign in schools and communities of Latakia and Tartous has been completed. The campaign included the dissemination of IEC materials and fabric masks.
- WHO supported Latakia PCR Lab with a centrifuge device and safety cabinet to increase the daily capacity.



Useful links

- [Syria Interactive Dashboards](#)
- [Syria Page In Health Cluster Site](#)
- [Syria Page In EMRO Site](#)
- [EMRO Dashboard](#)
- [COVID-19 Situation In EMRO Region Reports](#)
- [Latest Global WHO Weekly Update On COVID-19](#)
- [WHO COVID-19 Country And Technical Guidance](#)
- [United Nations Office For The Coordination Of Humanitarian Affairs](#)

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