

“Each government must assess their COVID-19 situation, while protecting all citizens, especially the most vulnerable. The way forward is solidarity: solidarity at the national level, and solidarity at the global level. Together!” - Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Highlight

- A total of 110,076 (2,993 today) confirmed cases from 22 countries in the East Mediterranean Region and total deaths are at 5,496 (112 today).
- A group of scientists, physicians, funders and manufacturers from around the world have pledged to collaborate, in coordination with WHO, to help speed up the availability of a vaccine against COVID-19. Their statement can be found, against [here](#).
- Lebanon is still in level 3 of COVID 19 transmission scenarios “Lebanon is experiencing cases clusters in time, geographic location and/or common exposure (Clusters of cases)”.
- Currently, **136** COVID-19 cases have been reported as recovered by hospitals; this number might however underestimate the true number of recoveries in self-isolation.
- As of today, a total of 2,646 expatriates have been tested for COVID-19, of which 36 (1.36%) have tested positive and are being closely monitored.
- A total of 881 tests performed today. The breakdown is as follows:
 - 711 residents 12 tested positive (1.7%)
 - 170 expatriates 5 tested positive (2.9%)

Global update	
<i>as per WHO dashboard, 15 April 2020 at 6pm</i>	
Globally cases	1,914,916 (123,010 new)
Countries, areas or territories with cases	209 countries (0 new)
Total deaths	123,010 (11,358 new)
Confirmed cases in China	83,745 (49 new)
Confirmed cases in USA	578,268 (24,446)
Confirmed cases in Spain	172,541 (3,045)
Confirmed cases in Italy	162,488 (2,972)
WHO RISK ASSESSMENT Global Level - Very High	

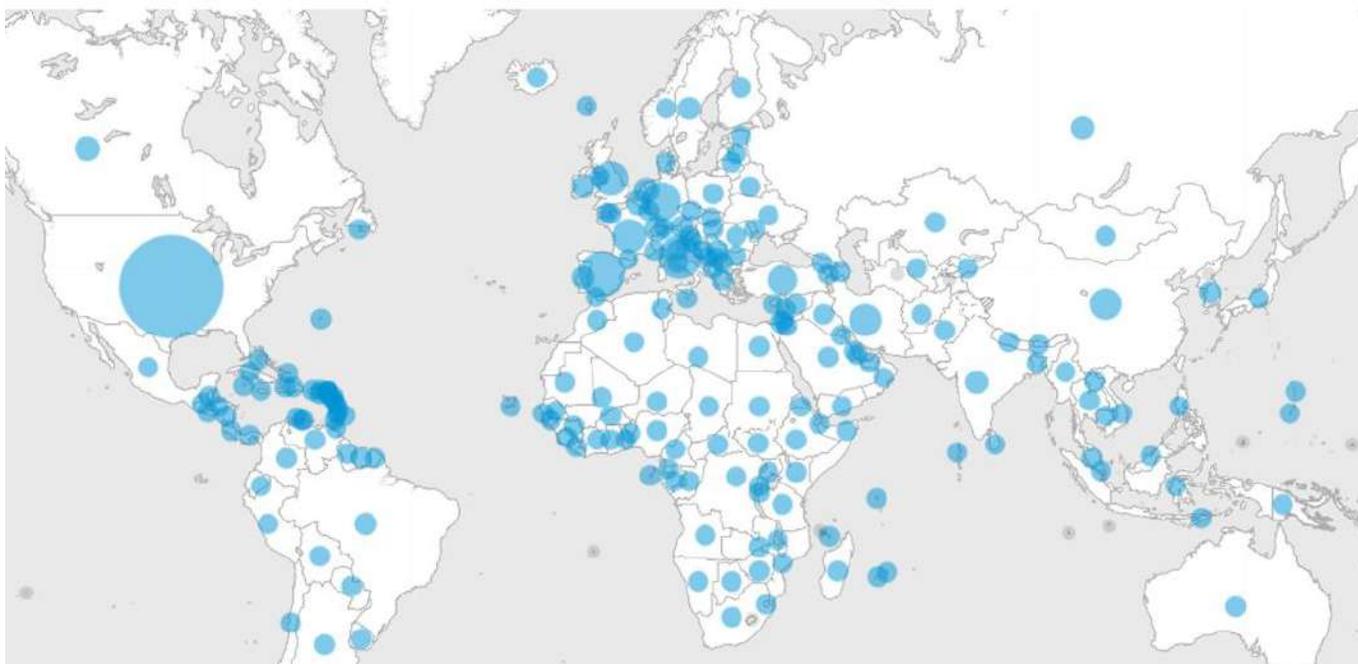


Figure 1. Countries, territories or areas with reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, 15 April 2020 WHO sitrep

Distribution of COVID-19 cases as reported by the Epidemiological Surveillance Unit at the MOPH dashboard at 4pm

658 Cumulative cases of COVID-19

- 17 new cases
- 50 healthcare workers
- 21 associated deaths

Call center:

- 5624 Cumulative calls received
- 390 referred to RHUH

Figure 1: Cases by age group

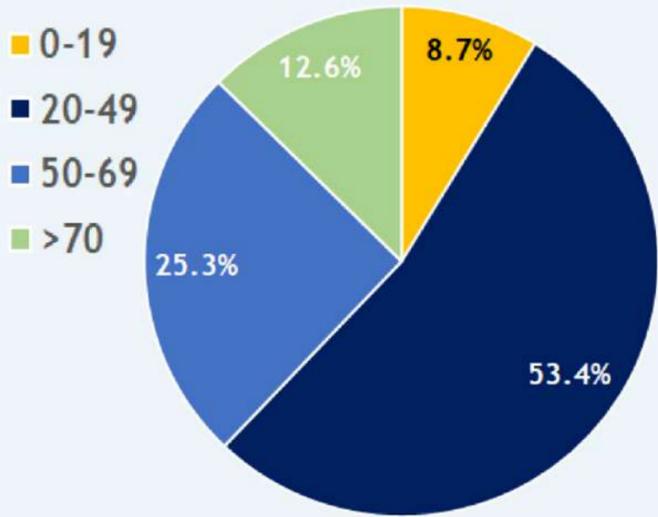


Figure 4: Cases by date of confirmation

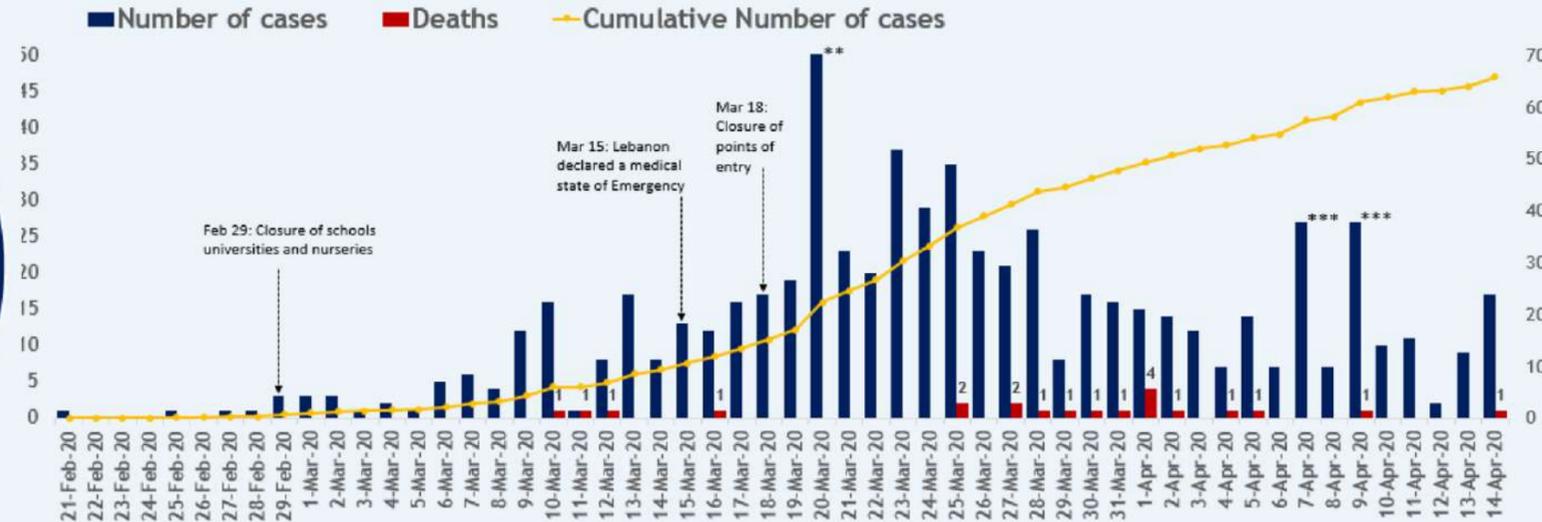


Figure 2: Cases by source of exposure

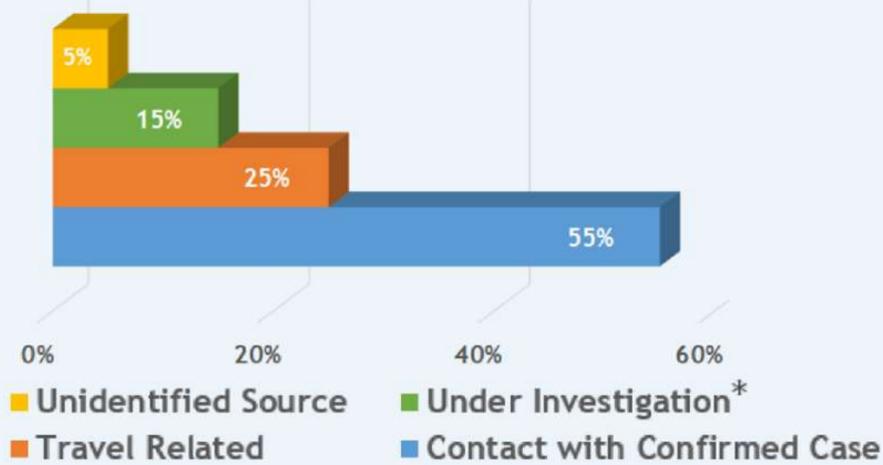


Table 1: Distribution of fatalities by age group

Age (years)	Deaths (n)	CFR
<10y	0	0.0%
10-19y	0	0.0%
20-29y	0	0.0%
30-39y	0	0.0%
40-49y	1	1.0%
50-59y	4	4.2%
60-69y	3	4.5%
70-79y	7	13.0%
80+y	6	20.0%
Total	21	3.2%

Map 1: Cases by district of residence

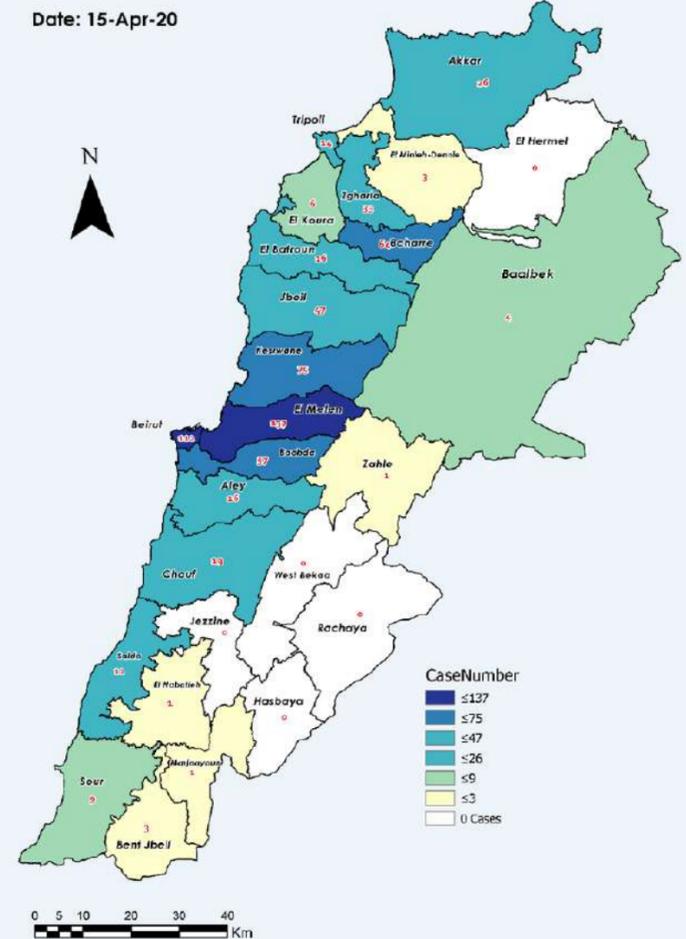
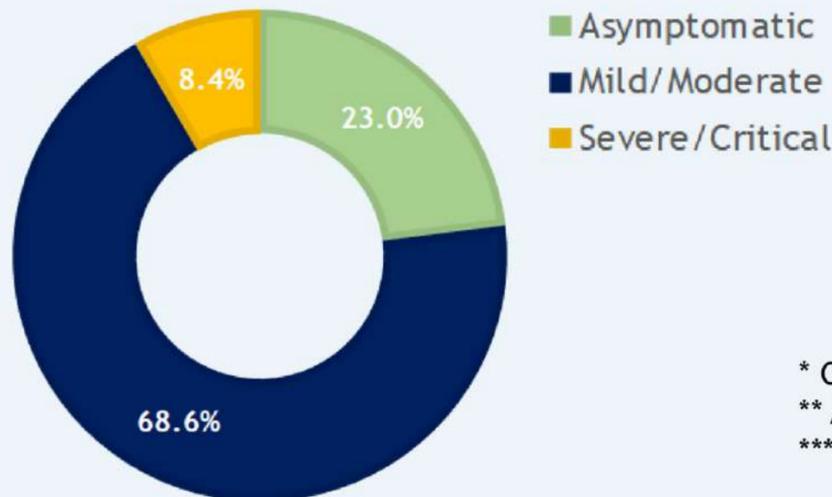


Figure 3: Cases by clinical presentation



* Cases under investigation have not yet been classified by exposure
 ** Addition of new reporting laboratories
 *** Massive testing of repatriates

Gender Alert: Gender-Based Violence during COVID-19 in Lebanon

The World Health Organization (WHO) has partnered with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (UN Women), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) to provide periodic Lebanon specific gender and COVID-19 alerts throughout the duration of the current phase of the public health crisis. These updates aim to provide up to date analysis on gender issues, consolidate guidance and programmatic tools, and offer recommendations to support a more gender equitable response. The [first issue](#) of the Gender Alert focuses on **access to justice and gender-based violence (GBV)** in Lebanon during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Initial trends suggest that the COVID-19 lockdown may have already - and will likely continue to - exacerbate incidents of gender based-violence (GBV), particularly for women and girls. Already high levels of violence against women in Lebanon, are being compounded by quarantines and social isolation, and job and income losses exacerbating individual, family and societal stresses. Global research indicates that these factors are challenging the ability of women to temporarily escape abusive partners, access emergency and life-saving services and increase their risk to violence due to increased societal stress. Key issues during the period of COVID-19 in Lebanon include:

- Concern for an increase in the number and severity of gender-based violence cases.
- State protection services (ISF and Ministry of Justice) are working to ensure responses to domestic violence cases and access to justice.
- GBV service providers continue to provide essential services on the frontlines and remotely.
- There is limited capacity for survivors at safe shelters.

Specific marginalized groups are at-risk, especially migrant domestic workers, victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, women and girls with physical and intellectual disabilities, elderly persons, and LGBTI persons.

****Report domestic violence to the national hotline at 1745.**

Useful Links	Important numbers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHO real time dashboard ➤ WHO COVID-19 page ➤ Protect yourself (English/Arabic) ➤ Q&A (English/Arabic) ➤ WHO Lebanon website ➤ WHO Lebanon Facebook Twitter Instagram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MOPH Hotline 1214 ➤ Airport quarantine section 01-629352 ➤ Preventive medicine center 01-843769 01830300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Call Centre 01-594459 ➤ Preventive medicine center 01-843769 01-830300 ➤ Epidemiological Surveillance Unit 01-614194 01-614196
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