



## Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Situation Report

July 16, 2020

### Situation Overview

**COVID-19 Cases: 186,437**

**COVID-19 Deaths: 6,867**

Iraq saw a 600 percent rise in cases in June indicating that external support will be required to limit further contagion. The rise in COVID-19 cases has prompted Gol and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) authorities to extend movement restrictions. Health services are being reinforced but still face capacity shortages.

In North-West Syria, the first coronavirus case was confirmed. With limited capacity to identify and test cases of COVID-19 in North Syria, the aid community and local population have increasing fears over the devastating impact that infection can have on an already vulnerable state.

Protests over economic conditions risk destabilising the security situation in government areas. Protracted economic deterioration may also exacerbate corruption and governance issues.

Authorities in Israel, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia have introduced new restrictions on movement and gathering in response to growing case numbers.

Lebanon continues to suffer from growing economic crisis. In June, a survey by the World Food Programme found that COVID-19 restrictions had led to unemployment of almost one out of three Lebanese and to job losses for 61 percent of Syrian women and 46 percent of Syrian men.

*(COVID-19 case and death figures for 9 countries with available data. Source: WHO, 13 July 2020)*

World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in 13 countries and territories in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.



### People Reached:

**900,221**

Men 212,656 Women 253,620

**Children 433,945**

Boys 212,616 Girls 221,329

*(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)*

### Key Messages



World Vision Lebanon calls on the Ministry of Interior and municipalities to play a stronger role regarding the child labour law enforcement, to prioritise responding to children in street situation and to coordinate with civil society organisations and NGOs specialised in case management.



World Vision Afghanistan calls on the Government of Afghanistan, UN agencies and NGOs to provide specialised services for children working in the street in Herat, including tailored PPS interventions, case management support, safe referral pathways and financial assistance to families to support access to education.

### Achievements



The 4th Brussels Conference on the Future of Syria and the Region hosted by the EU and the UN ended with the announcement of pledges totalling US\$5.5 billion for 2020, and multi-year pledges of US\$2.2 billion for 2021 and beyond. The conference hosted the No Lost Generation side event with 161 participants, co-led by World Vision, Save the Children and UNICEF. The side event focused on protecting, educating and listening to the voices of Syria's children and youth. High level representatives from World Vision's Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office (MEER), the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, DG ECHO, MENA – UNICEF, EU, and youth from Jordan and Egypt were speakers at the event. World Vision's MEER Regional Leader delivered a speech on the need to protect children and shared the findings of World Vision's Stolen Future report. A call for urgent need to protect and educate Syrian children and adolescents was included in the final conference declaration.



**RESPONSE GOAL**

To limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

**Strategic Objectives**



1. Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



3. Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

**OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19**



**290,051**

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



**96,975**

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



**255,790**

Community members provided with preventive materials



**277,925**

Handwashing supplies distributed



**46,503**

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



**2,448**

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



**84**

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

*(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)*

**OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers**



**2,172**

Community health workers trained and supported



**12,723**

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



**201,300**

Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



**837,951**

Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



**241**

Medical facilities assisted



**5,442**

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



**5,730**

People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces



**21**

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up

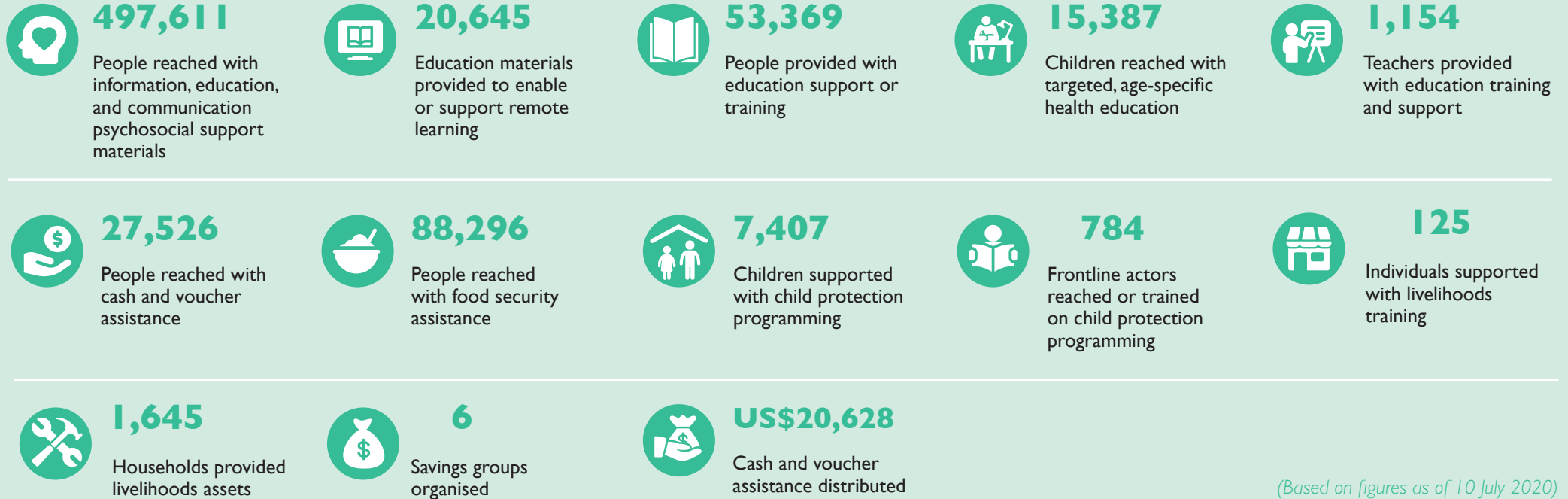


**1,448**

People provided with transportation support

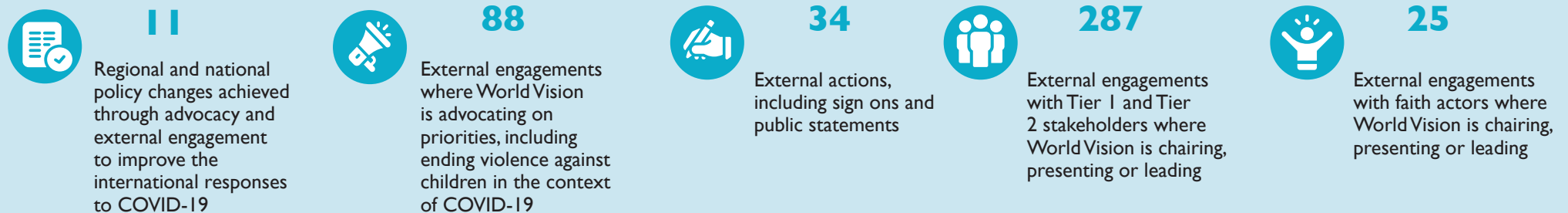
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## OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods



*(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)*

## OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected



*\*Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments*

*(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)*



Afghanistan: Community members joined an awareness raising campaign to learn more about mitigating the risks of COVID-19 and discussing prevention and control measures. This campaign also included the distribution of hygiene kits.  
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