

1. Situation overview:

- It was reported that the Transitional Government has been formed. The information needs further verification and validation.
- Sporadic shooting across Damascus city. Strikes and shelling throughout the day.
- Widespread looting and thefts. Insecurity in the streets.
- An immediate need to restore law and order across the city and its rural area.
- Damascus international airport is announced to be closed till 18 December.
- The MoH Syria issued a public statement for medical and non-medical personnel to resume their work immediately.
- ICRC issued the statement.
- The UN Secretary General expressed his strong solidarity with all UN staff and emphasized his readiness to provide necessary support. Furthermore, the Secretary-General is actively engaging with all Member States to garner their support for Syria during these challenging times. He is dedicated to mobilizing the international community to support our efforts.

تابعت فرق اللجنة الدولية للصليب الأحمر (اللجنة الدولية) في سورية، بما فيها فرقنا في دمشق، الوضع الأمني والإنساني سريع التغير في أرجاء البلاد، وذلك بالتعاون مع شريكها الأساسي الهلال الأحمر العربي السوري.

وتستجيب اللجنة الدولية للاحتياجات في البلاد حيثما أمكن، وتواصل بذل المزيد من الجهود؛ إذ يحتاج مئات الآلاف من السكان إلى الرعاية والمساعدة الإنسانية. ونحن ندعو جميع الأطراف إلى تمكين العاملين في المجال الطبي والإنساني من الوصول إلى المحتاجين بشكل عاجل وآمن ودون عوائق، وحماية المدنيين، والوفاء بالتزاماتهم بموجب القانون الدولي الإنساني.

وتقدم اللجنة الدولية خدماتها للمجتمعات المحلية في سورية منذ عام 1967. ولا تزال أولويتنا اليوم تقديم العون للمحتاجين.



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2. Impact on health:

- Mujtahid public hospital registered 16 deaths today due to sporadic shooting and admission of 11 Myocardial infarction and others along one family from Lebanon of 5 members.
- Health workers do not report to health facilities due to lack of security across the city and its rural area. There is a clear demand to stabilize the work of public transportation and enable safe security environment.
- One of key hospitals in Damascus, Al-Mouwasat University Hospital in Damascus experienced strong shortage of ambulance services, including absence of staff. Reported severe shortage of emergency medicines, including emergency painkillers and sterile gauze. The medical staff, even those few who reported to duty stations, have not had possibilities to eat throughout the day.
- There were many calls from many hospitals as Altal, Al Mouwsat, Mujtahid experiencing strong shortage of HR and influx of patients.
- As Cluster Lead Agency WHO Syria immediately approached the senior humanitarian leadership in the country to further advocate with the new authorities to assure the safety and protection of healthcare workers in going to and from their jobs.
- The movement curfew is announced around Damascus. It remains essential to ensure movement of ambulances and health workers during curfew hours.
- WHO main warehouse in Damascus suburbs was reportedly looted. Information is being verified. If confirmed, a Flash Update on Attacks on Healthcare is to be released.
- There is an appearing need to initiate and enhance coordination around various technical initiatives and proposals which will be in circulation at present time from various health stakeholders inside and outside the country. The support of Regional Offices and HQ will be strongly needed to ensure alignment with public health policies, state priorities, nation wide approach of any technical initiatives.
- Names of hospitals already started to change such as Bassel hospital for cardiology in Dummar now Cardiology hospital.

3. Needs and priorities:

- Health sector partners are in agreement to continue service delivery.
- Health sector coordination structure remains in place.

- Health sector partners are requested on issues related to operational challenges and bottlenecks to Sarah Olive Otuku otuku@un.org, Head of OCHA Coordination Unit for further consolidation at inter-sector level and followed advocacy and engagement with RC/HC level.
- Health sector partners to maintain contacts with Dr Tawfeek Hassaba of Head of Emergency Department of the MoH on issues related to trauma, casualties, possible needs identification and response planning.
- WHO and other organizations are working on emergency planned support with trauma supplies to operational facilities and MoH.
- Leadership of health sector organizations in interest of displacement support to bring this issues through their representatives at HCT level.
- Health sector partners are recommended to review the provided example to use for prioritization of operational and technical challenges as reflected in one of the slides of the presentation for further sharing at inter-sector level and advocacy and humanitarian organizations.
- Health sector partners were informed that the MoH continued its regular activities as announced in social media.
- Health sector partners in interest to continue their operational response at a hub level to contact the respective sub-national health sector leads who will support and facilitate accordingly. The names are indicated in the presentation.
- Damascus, Gaziantep and NES Forum HWG coordination forums – to coordinate further the ongoing efforts.
- WoS Health Cluster – to further guide based on OCHA' decisions and recommendations.
- To maintain a close contact for the response in areas in NES that changed lines of control from GoS to SDF, including Qamishli and Hassakeh city as well as Deir-ez-Zoir city, Menbij
- Aleppo, Homs/Hama/Idleb, DeZ, Hassakeh/Raqqa, coastal area and national levels' updates – to be continued to be provided.
 - o Follow up on plan to reactivate the work of partners in southern Idleb after temporary suspension.
 - o Follow up on reactivation of services in Hama/Homs/southern Idleb.

4. Current response to date

- National health sector coordination meeting took place on 8 December, with participation of Health Sector Coordination Team, Health Cluster Coordinator/GZT; NES Forum HWG Coordinator; WoS Health Coordination team.
- The health sector maintains a direct contact with the Director, MoH Directorate of International Planning and Coordination.
- The health sector is in touch with the WoS team in Amman for further coordination with OCHA working on mapping the services by sector at a community level to identify the gaps in service provision due to security/access constraints and inform response to fill the gaps from the different all hubs. A short form was created to populated status of ongoing, interrupted or suspended activities on weekly basis (with date of suspension). The health sector partners will be contacted by IM sector team.
- In order to streamline the flow of information across the levels and capture the latest on the health status, needs and ongoing response to understand the complexity of the situation to produce HQ information products and informing global advocacy with the senior leadership, HQ has requested the sector to provide them list of information flows across all levels. This information was shared:

S. #	Products	Frequency
		(Daily/Weekly/Monthly)
1	4Ws Interactive Dashboard	Monthly
2	4Ws Response Infographic	Monthly
3	4Ws influx from Lebanon Infographic	Monthly
4	Referral pathway Interactive Dashboard	Quarterly
5	HeRAMS Interactive Dashboard	Quarterly
6	Capacity Building Activities infographic	Quarterly
7	Reconstruction and rehabilitation Activities infographic	Quarterly
8	Operational coverage infographics	Ad hoc
9	EWARS Interactive Dashboard	Weekly
10	Health Sector Syria Response, Escalation of hostilities in north-west Syria	Weekly

11	Situation Report , Escalation of hostilities in north-west Syria	Ad hoc
12	Health sector bulletin	Monthly

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