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## Complex emergencies in COVID times

MENA region in focus

Webinar | Thursday, 1 October 2020

11am Geneva, Tripoli - 12pm Beirut, Sana'a | [bit.ly/sphere-covid-mena](https://bit.ly/sphere-covid-mena)



# Dr Balwant Singh

## Welcome message



Sphere Executive Director  
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# Dima El Sayed

## Facilitator

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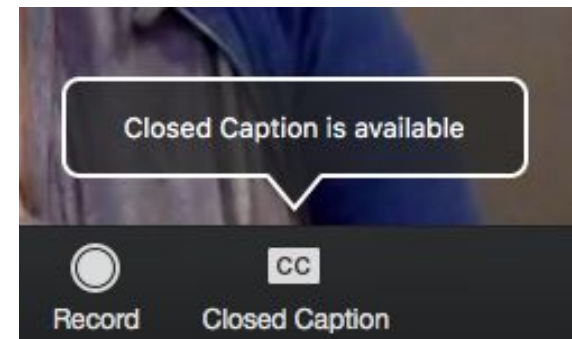
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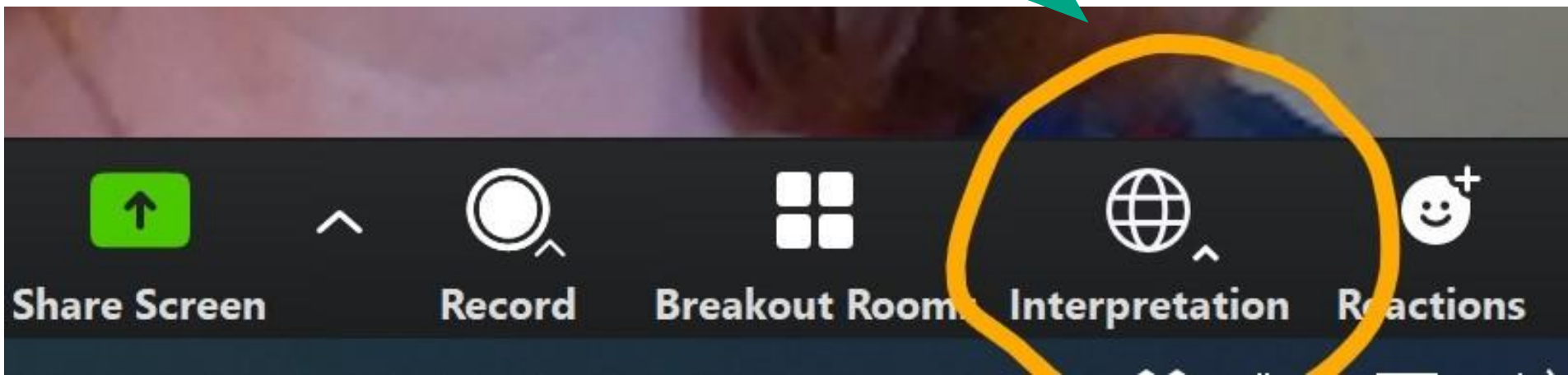


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سنقوم بنقل التفسيرات الشفهية كتابة و بشكل مباشر



- Simultaneous interpretation Arabic / English  
سنقوم بتوفير ترجمة فورية إلى اللغة الإنجليزية



# Webinar objectives

## الأهداف العامة للحلقة الدراسية عبر الانترنت

Review Sphere's COVID-19 guidance and its relevance to the MENA region;

مراجعة إرشادات اسفير بشأن كوفيد-19 وأهميتها لمنطقة الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا

Highlight the importance of mainstreaming Health standards in all humanitarian programmes;

إبراز أهمية تعميم المعايير الصحية في البرامج الإنسانية كافة.

Address multisectoral challenges in the adaptation of emergency responses to COVID-19 in the MENA region;

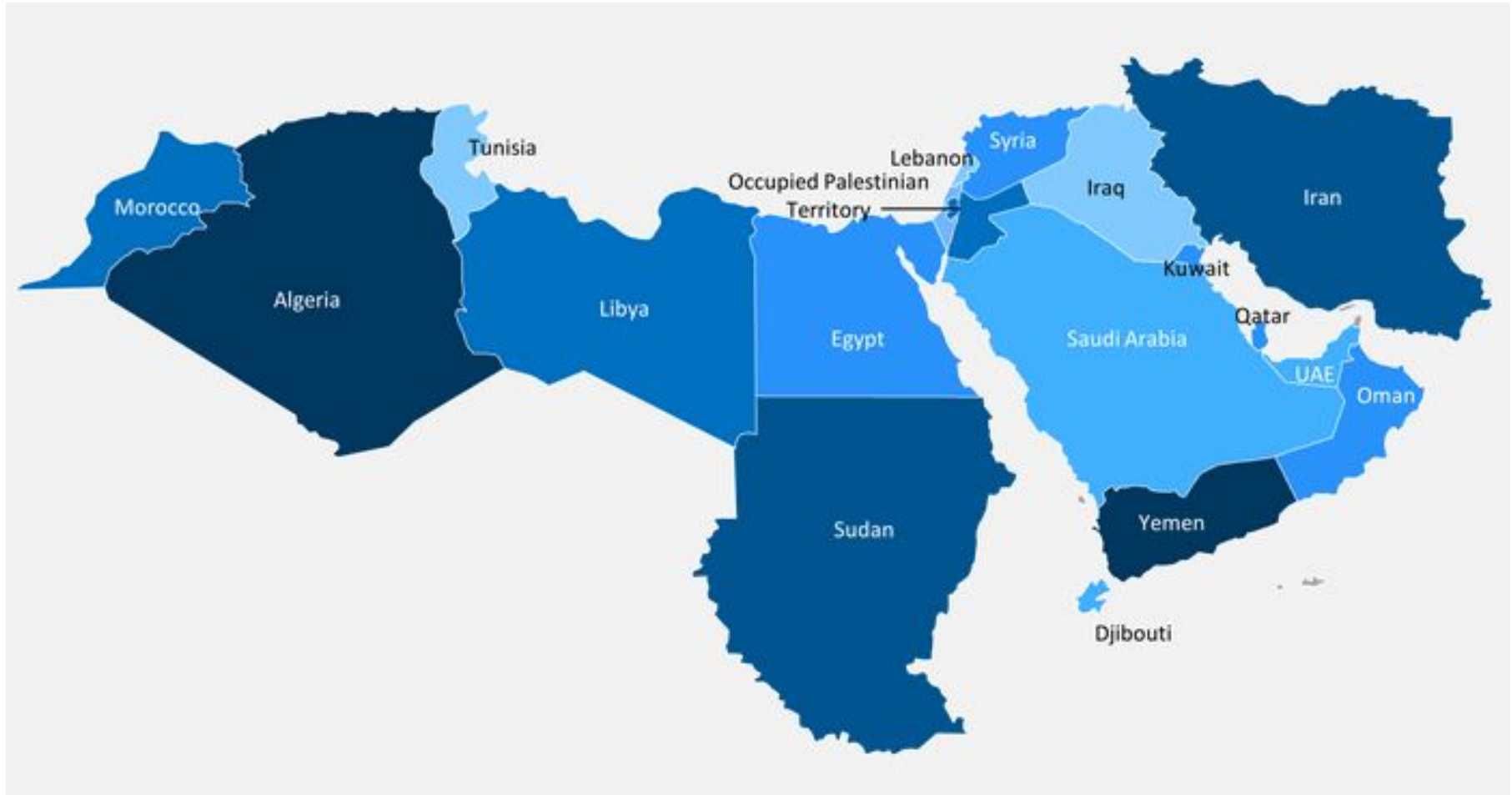
معالجة التحديات متعددة القطاعات في تكيف استجابات الطوارئ لكوفيد-19 في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا.

Elicit feedback from webinar participants to draw out lessons learned.

استخلاص التعليقات من المشاركين في الحلقة الدراسية عبر الانترنت من أجل استخلاص الدروس المستفادة



# Middle East and North Africa



# Speakers

# المتحدثون الضيوف

- **Hamza Hamwie**  
Sphere COVID-19 Guidance: What Was Done
- **Ms. Hiba Hamzi**
  - Applying the CHS in Covid-19 response in Lebanon
- **Maher Alabrsh**  
Do No Harm in COVID times: an experience from Syria
- **Dr Mohammad Shamsheer**  
Challenges faced by the Health sector in COVID-19 affected Yemen
- **Mazen Al-Aqlany**  
Adaptation of humanitarian programming and the COVID-19: Case study
- **Heba Buhamed**  
Facing COVID-19 in Libya's migrants' centres: challenges and lessons learned
- **Questions and answers**
- **Summary and closing**
- **Breakout Groups** (for those interested)



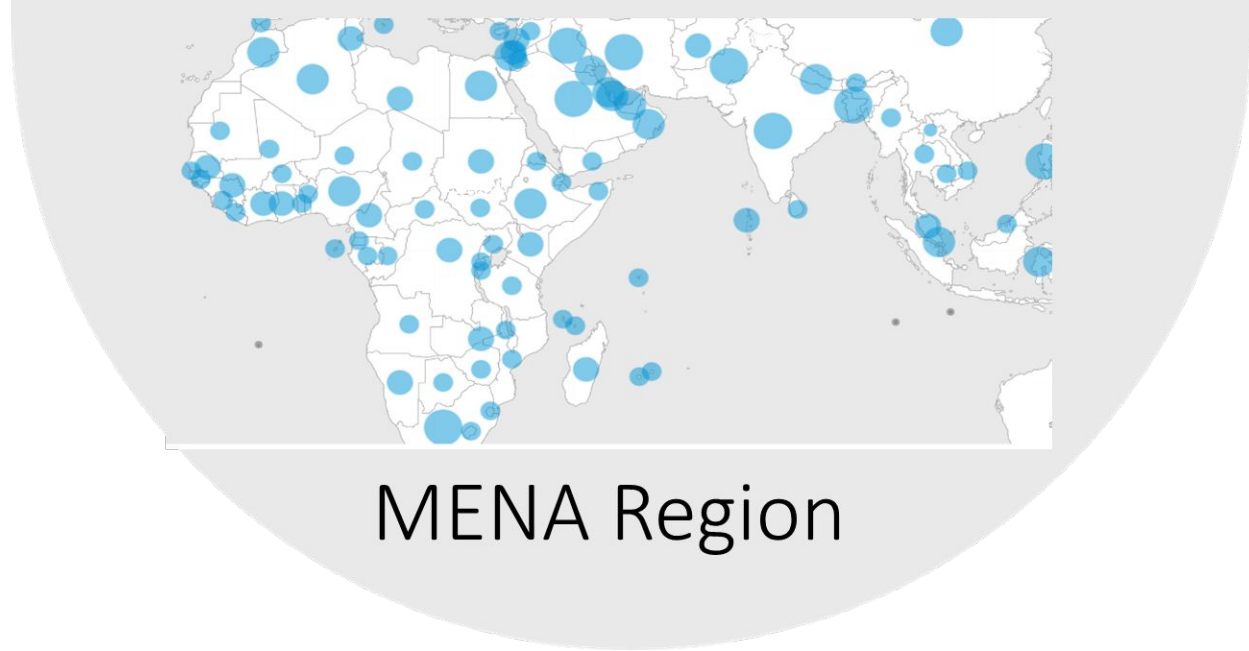
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# Hamza Hamwie

Sphere focal point, MENA region





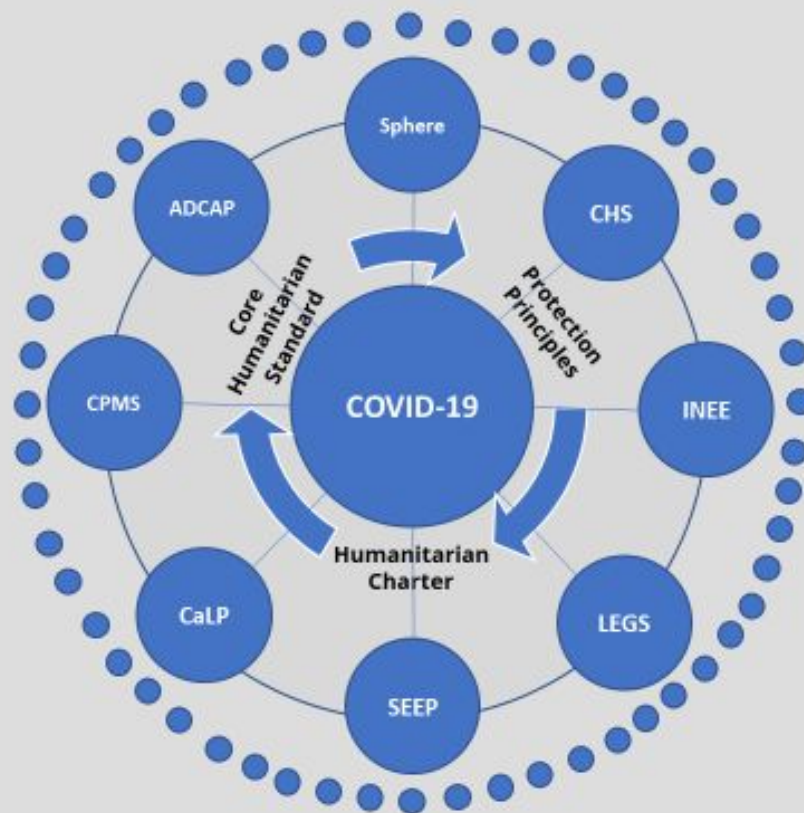
MENA Region

# Sphere COVID-19 Guidance: What Was Done



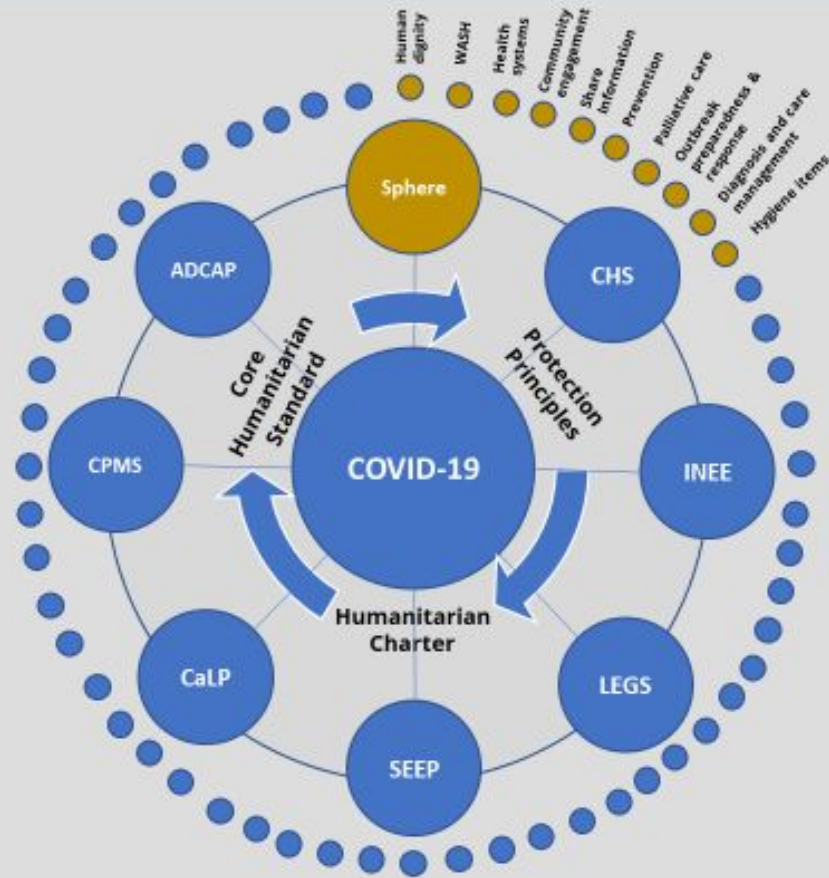
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# كيفية الحصول على المواد المتعلقة بأسفير الخاصة بالاستجابة لكوفيد-19

## How I can Get Sphere materials– COVID-19 guidance based on humanitarian standards?

Sphere website - COVID-19  
guidance based on  
humanitarian standards



[spherestandards.org/coronavirus](https://spherestandards.org/coronavirus)



# Hiba Hamzi

Program Coordinator,  
Developmental Action without Borders



# Applying the Core Humanitarian Standard in Covid-19 response in Lebanon



# Maher Al-Abrsh

Disaster Management Trainer (IFRC)  
Independent consultant  
Quality & Accountability Trainer





# Do No Harm in COVID times: An experience from Syria



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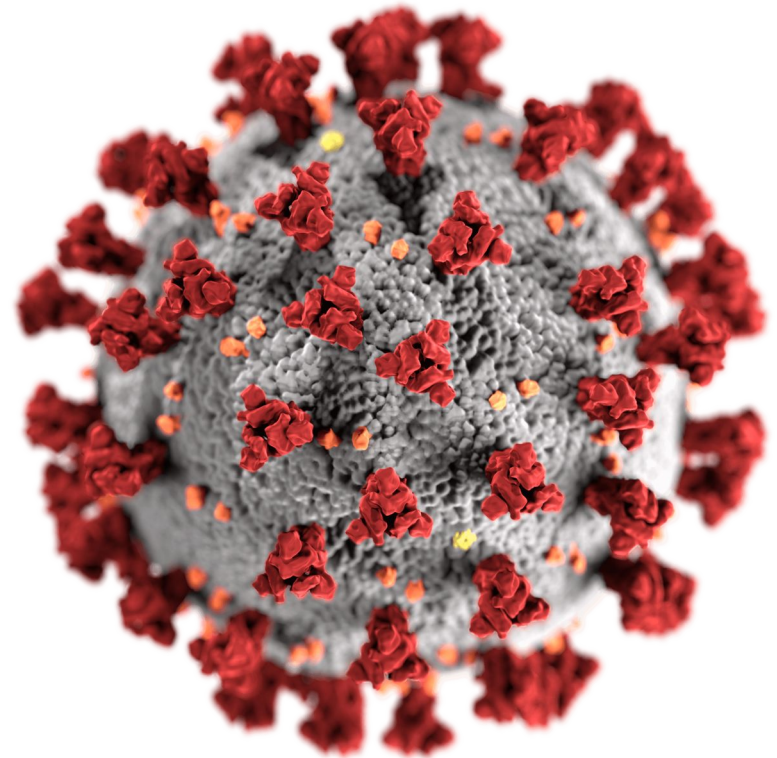
# Dr Mohammed Shamsheer

Health and Nutrition Coordinator  
Tamdeen Youth Foundation





# Challenges faced by the Health sector in COVID-19 affecting Yemen



# Background of the emergency situation in Yemen

- Over 6 years of conflict affecting all of Yemen
- **Displacement of more than 3.6 million people**
- Nearly **15 million people in need of health assistance**

# Mainstreaming COVID-19 within TYF implemented projects

- TYF activities are spread out on multiples governorates
- TYF Interventions include the following:
  - WASH in health facilities
  - Shelter & settlement
  - Food security
  - Nutrition, Health
- As of **May 2020. The first COVID-19 positive cases** were announced in Yemen
- Due to the devastating impact of COVID-19 on countries both on the economy, and on the health system in general obliged the multi-cluster system in Yemen to **mainstream COVID-19 prophylactic measures** on all the different sectoral activities, to ensure the continuity of service delivery and the humanitarian/ emergency intervention within the different sectorial activities, and in the same time minimizing the risk of COVID-19 spread among the targeted community.

# Measures followed by TYF to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission among the targeted community:

- **Communicating** all the critical risk information to the targeted communities.
- **Risk reduction** measures: social distancing, reducing overcrowding and promoting hand hygiene and the use of PPE (masks).
- **Site assessments for most vulnerable groups** (older persons and persons with chronic conditions).
- **Limiting human to human transmission** among all beneficiaries and service delivery staff (healthcare workers and humanitarian staff).

# Impact of COVID -19 on the chronic emergency situation in Yemen

The condition was disastrous in Yemen due to the ongoing conflict for the last six years.

**The health system in Yemen was completely collapsed before the COVID-19 pandemic,** which in turn exerted more burden on the collapsed system. Leading to:

- ❖ **Chronic shortage in medicines** and medical supplies including the lab tests for COVID-19.
- ❖ **Impaired access to the healthcare services** at the different levels led to increased morbidity and mortality from COVID-19, specially for the population living in conflict areas and active fronts.

# Health challenges within the chronic emergency Yemeni context

- ❖ The **severe shortage in medicines and medical supplies** including a severe shortage in lab tests.
- ❖ **Hardships in abiding with social distancing measures** and the use of PPEs, however this was overcome by awareness campaigns.
- ❖ **Rumors and stigma** related to COVID-19.
- ❖ Severe **decrease in the number of health facility visits**, thus affecting health & nutrition service delivery at the health facilities level.
- ❖ The marked **decrease in Yemen humanitarian fund**, which impaired the preparedness and response to COVID-19.
- ❖ **Hindered health information reporting system** giving numbers of positive COVID-19 that don't reflect the real situation and magnitude of the problem in Yemen.



# Mazen Al-aqlany

Shelter Project Manager,  
Tamdeen Youth Foundation

Ibtikar Data Team founder



# Adaptation of Humanitarian programming and COVID 19



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## Objective

In response to complex emergencies in the COVIDS – 19, TYF conducted Rapid Initial Emergency Assessment on the Impact of COVID-19.

# Case Study From Yemen



The results shows the possibility of Adopting the cash assistant during COVID\_19 to mitigate the impacts of the restrictions

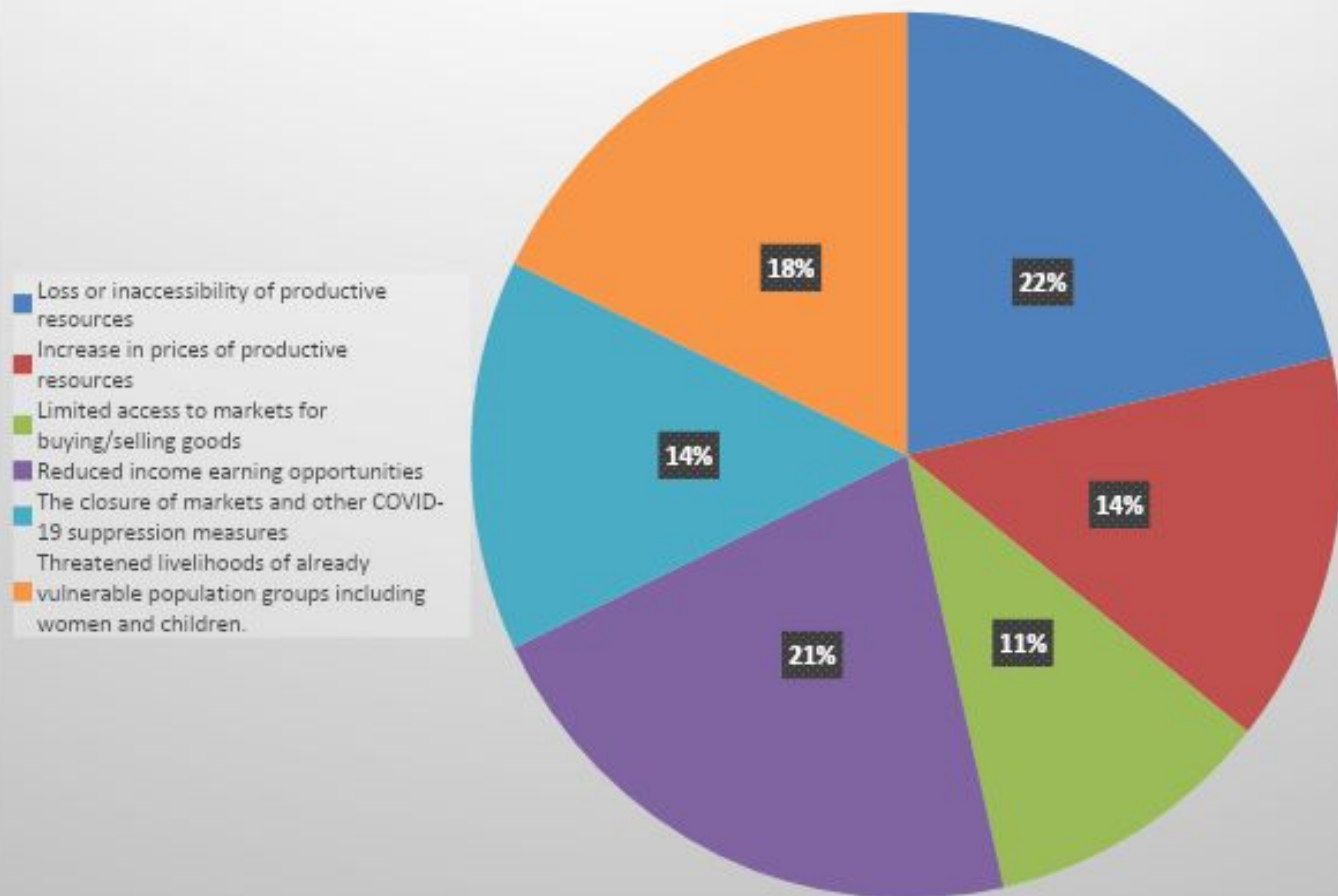
Income-Generating during COVID19

100%  
Were  
affected

The households in this community experienced a change in income-generating activities due to the COVID-19

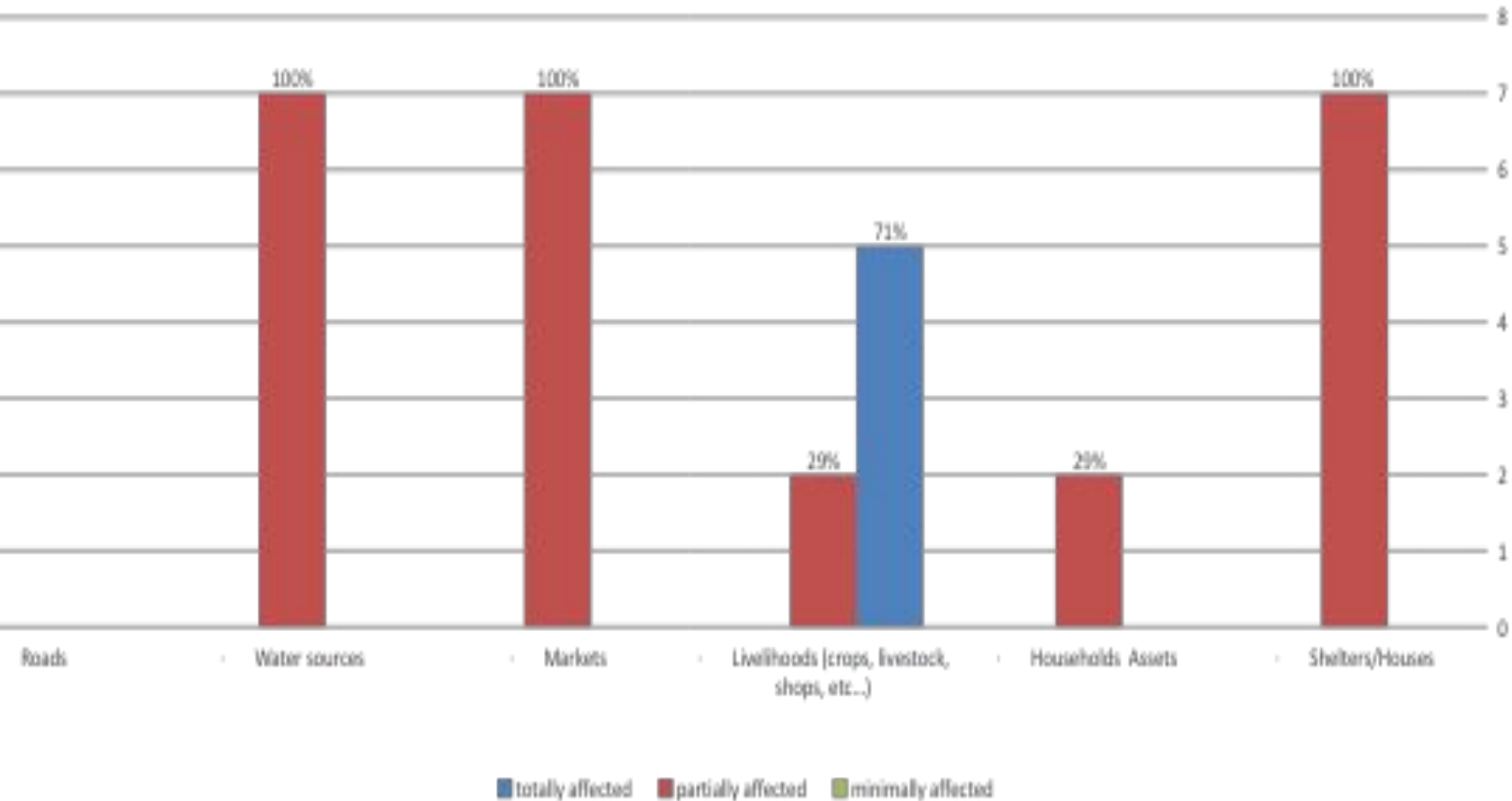
## Types of problems experienced as a result of the COVID-19- Sampled study

**TYPES OF PROPLEMES IN SHELTER -COVID19 IMPACTS**



## COVID 19 – Access Restrictions – Sampled Study

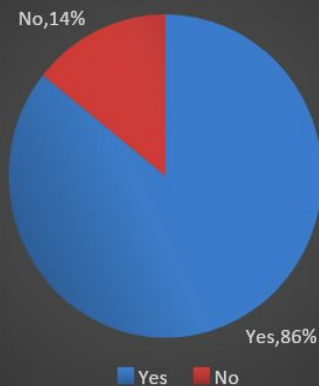
Access to housing-Public Utility during COVID-19



# The availability of the main nonfood Items commodities at the local Markets – After COVID-19 constructions – Samples Study

Have the non-food Items availability decreased during and after the COVID-19?

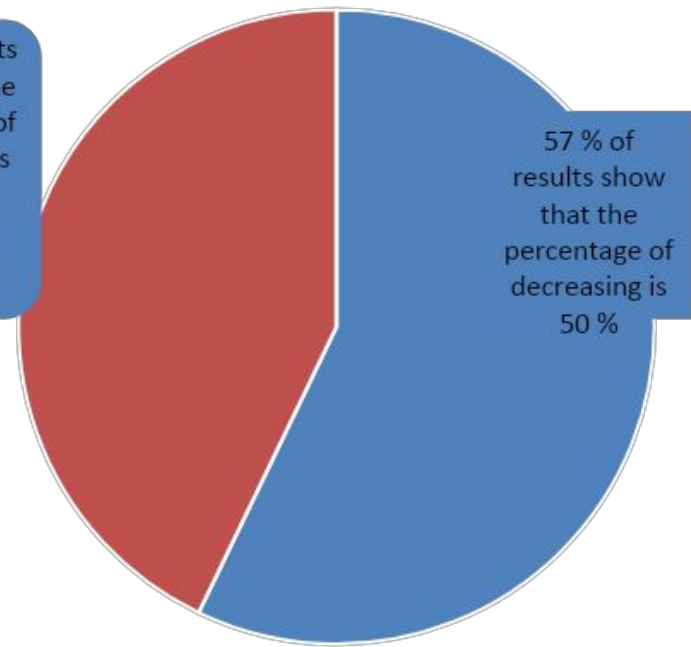
Availability decreasing



If yes, roughly by

43% of results show that the percentage of decreasing is 25%

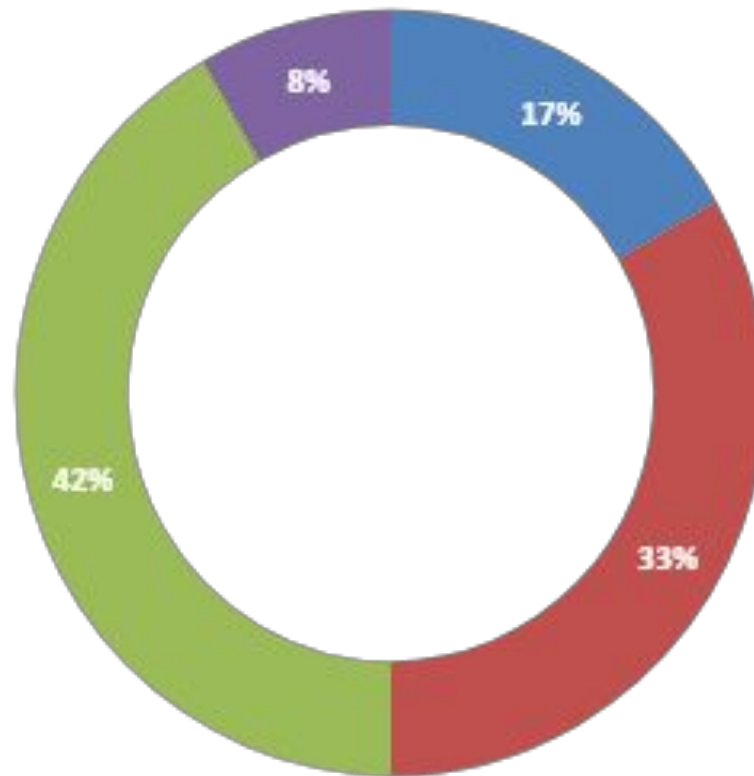
57 % of results show that the percentage of decreasing is 50 %





## The status of accessibility of the main non-food Items commodities – Sampled Study

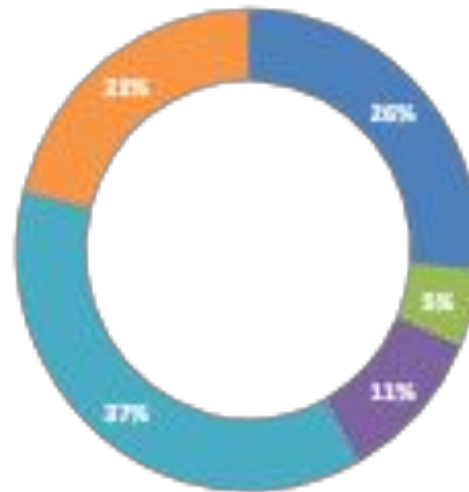
### Accessibility Reduction



- a. Slightly reduced
- b. Moderately reduced access
- c. Access becomes extremely difficult
- d. No means to access non-food Items

If non-food Items accessibility decreased, what are the reasons?

## Reasons of Reduction of non food items during COVID-19 – Sampled study



- a. High non-food items prices
- b. Difficulty in access to markets resulting from (in)security
- c. Reduced availability of non-food items at markets
- d. Decrease in community production of non-food items
- e. Lower purchasing power due to reduced/no income
- f. No access to Markets due to COVID-19 restrictions
- h. No transportation

## Estimating percentage of households in need of emergency Cash for Non food Items assistance – Sampled Study

Currently, what proportion of the affected households in this community do not have Non-food Items to use and cannot cope up with their own means?

Average 86%

Are there households who are in need of Cash emergency for Non-food Items assistance after COVID-19 effects ?

Yes all of them in need

## Why do you prefer cash assistants modality during COVID-19 period?

Sampled Study took different answers from group

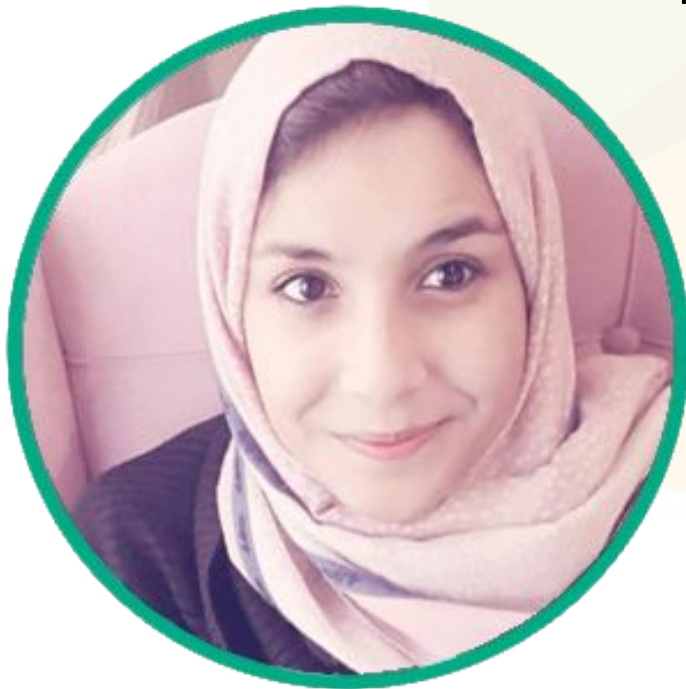
- Because of the variation in the prices of materials in the local market as a result of the price fluctuations imposed by Corona
- We can buy clothes and shoes for the children
- Because the cash distribution method ensures that there is no crowding out
- Cash assistance gives people the ability to buy only what they need
- Contribute to the revitalization of the local market
- Creates competition between traders and prices fall
- With it, we can buy gas instead of firewood and our water tanks
- Near the school season, and we need money to buy the needs of our children, if the authorities allowed the opening of schools again
- We need money to treat chronic illnesses in the family



Thank You

# Heba Buhamed

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# Facing COVID-19 in Libya's migrants' centres: Challenges and lessons learned



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# محاوَر العرض التقديمي

- نبذة عن منظمة عابرو المتوسط
- النشاطات التي تم القيام بها أثناء الجائحة
- التحديات والصعوبات التي واجهت المنظمة
- الحلول المنفذة

# المقدمة



منظمة مايقريس منظمة غير ربحية  
متخصصة في مجال المياه  
والصرف الصحي والنظافة العامة

تسعى منظمة عابرو المتوسط للحد  
من مواطن الضعف في المجتمع و  
ذلك بتلبية إحتياجات الفئات  
المتضررة.





# النشاطات

• توزيع المواد الغير غذائية

• حملات توعوية

• إصلاح و إعادة تأهيل (صيانة مراكز الإحتجاز و المستشفيات و المدارس)

• حماية (تحويل و دراسة الحالة )



## التحديات والصعوبات

- احتكاك الحرس بالمهاجرين.
- ضعف البنية التحتية للمياه والصرف الصحي.
- الكمية الإستيعابية للمكان .
- صعوبة المحافظة علي التباعد الاجتماعي بين المهاجرين في مراكز الاحتجاز
- و نقص تبادل الخبرات بين المنظمات



The SPHERE handbook is used to guide the distribution process.



# الحلول المنفذة



- محاولة توعية المهاجرين بشكل دوري ومكثف عن الاعراض وطرق الوقاية.

- القيام بتوعية الحرس عن طرق العدوي والانتشار.



- القيام بتنسيق مع المنظمات العالمية الصحية في حالة ظهور الاعراض علي المهاجرين وتحويل الحالات الي الحجر الصحي.





## الحلول المنفذة



- محاولة ابعاد المهاجرين والمحافظة علي التباعد الاجتماعي.
- القيام بتوزيع مواد تنظيف وادوات العناية الشخصية بالنظافة بشكل مكثف.
- منع دخول المهاجرين الجدد مع بقية المعزولين.
- القيام بتنفيذ عدة مشاريع في الجنوب الليبي " سبها " لدعم القطاع الصحي والصرف الصحي

# Questions & answers



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# Breakout rooms

# مجموعات المناقشة

Based on your context, what are  
**the riskiest humanitarian activities**  
**in terms of COVID-19**  
and what have you done or proposed doing  
**to mitigate these risks?**

