

COVID-19 Vs Yemen

Yemen in Defiance of New Wave of Coronavirus

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Corona.. A Double-Edged Virus

5000 Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Including 1000 Deaths

Corona;
Destinies of
(Heaven)
and Reports
of the Earth!



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The health situation in Yemen- before the spread of Coronavirus pandemic- was not in the best condition: the health sector - even before March 2015- was suffering from imbalances and stumbling blocks in many of its facilities and despite all efforts made to improve health services, the needs were much more than the available resources.

During the past year- when the Corona virus attacked Yemen- the country was experiencing difficult situations in various fields and at various levels: vertically and horizontally; Because of the state of conflict and its repercussions that have exhausted the country and its people.

It was natural for the health sector- in our country- to be unable to cope with this virus which shook the most powerful health systems in the world. This assumption was inevitable and even acceptable, despite its bitterness for all segments of Yemenis on the official and popular levels.

Starting with the United Nations, bodies and international organizations- not ending with the ordinary man in the street, in Yemen- all expectations went to the fact that Corona as soon as the first case appeared in the country would take away the lives of large numbers of Yemenis.

But the destinies of (heaven) were more merciful than the reports and expectations of (the people of the earth). Despite the announced and undeclared numbers of victims of the disease, the situation is much better at least up to the moment than the most optimistic expectations!

It is not fair, to burden the health sector (beyond what it can bear) and to demand it with requirements that it cannot afford; Everyone knows about the difficult conditions the country has been going through since 2015 and by the way, it is not new, insofar as it (made matters worse).

In this issue of (Sawt Al Amal) we tried to get to know the situation of Coronavirus in Yemen starting with its economic effects, passing through education, health services, the role of civil society organizations, youth initiatives and the impact on the women and children sector.

We also tried to touch on the way the public dealt with the virus, and we fed it with human stories: about cases that lived through the infection. We discussed the psychological and neurological effects of the media aura that surrounded this virus, and its effects on increasing the number of infected people.

We know with certainty that the situation requires more serious work and a deeper approach, but we tried to open the doors, and put words- at the beginning of the lines, which need someone to complete them- to reach a point at the end of the line.



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Hadramaut Governorate is the eastern gateway of Yemen to the world, and therefore the governorate formed the first line of defense to confront Corona virus crossing the border into Yemen.

(Hadramout Governorate: Eastern Yemen) is one of the most Yemeni governorates- in which cases infected with Coronavirus (Covid-19) have increased since the first confirmed case of the virus appeared in the (first wave) on April 10 of last year, 2020 (according to what the Yemeni Emergencies committee of the Ministry of Public Health and Population announced).

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Quarantine:

(E.S.: 65 years old: citizen) reviews from within the quarantine in the Falak area - his experience with the disease. He says: I did not know that I was (infected) until after several days, especially after I knew the symptoms. I suffered from severe weakness in Breathe, and exhaustion, I realized during those days that I would not survive this virulent virus.

I had to go to the (isolation center) to receive treatment, and upon my arrival to the center, I was received by the nurses and workers at the center, who strive- despite the weak capabilities - to provide adequate health care.

He continues: During my stay in the center for several weeks, all that I suffered was alleviated and now I am practicing my life freely, and I am committed to the precautionary measures- to preserve my health - through the use of known preventive measures.

He adds: I hope that citizens do not underestimate this disease as it is a very dangerous disease, especially for those with chronic diseases and they should take the necessary measures to maintain their safety.

Hadramout in confrontation with Coronavirus

"The emergence of the disease posed a great challenge to the local authority in the governorate; especially as for how to confront this dangerous epidemic in such difficult circumstances which Yemen is going through from a security and economic collapse. The city of Hadramout is one of the first governorates that fell in front of this dangerous virus, as it killed thousands of citizens. However, this wave has not ended yet. With the beginning of 2021, Hadramout began to face a new confrontation with this virus, after discovering many infected cases. This is what (Director of the Epidemiological Monitoring Department: in the Office of the Ministry of Health and population in the coast of Hadramout: Dr. Rola Baadriss) confirmed:

Badriss shows to (Sawt El Amal) that the number of cases infected with the virus in the city is constantly increasing. During the epidemiological week no 11-21 March 2021 only, a number (164 one hundred and sixty-four cases) were registered, of which (111 hundred and eleven cases) were confirmed and (22 twenty-two deaths). The cases were distributed among Al Sahel districts- as follows :

1- Al-Mukalla District: the capital of Hadramout governorate (74 seventy-four confirmed cases) and (11 eleven deaths)
2- Al-Shahr city: (5 five confirmed cases and 5 five deaths) were recorded
3- Al-Raida and Qusayr Directorate: (7 Seven confirmed cases and two deaths)
4- Ghayl Bin Yameen District: recorded (7 seven confirmed cases and two deaths)
5- Al Dees Al sharqeya District: (two confirmed cases and one death) were recorded, in addition to confirmed cases in Douan and Burum Mayfa districts... and cases incoming from outside the governorate - most of them are from the governorates of (Shabwa and Al-Mahrah).

He continues: During the period (January 1 to March 21, 2021), the total cases of suspected infection with Coronavirus in Hadramawt Al Sahel Governorate - reached 529 five hundred and twenty-nine suspected cases, including (300 confirmed cases) with a PCR test and (39 thirty-nine deaths) With a total recovery of 13%, while the governorate directorates affected by the virus reached (12 twelve districts), and there are records of cases (and deaths) for different age groups. There were 47 (forty-seven confirmed cases) for the age group from 30 to 44 (35 thirty-five cumulative cases) for the age group from 15 to 29, while (4 four confirmed cases of the age group) 5 years - 15 years were recorded.

She indicates that there is an increase in the number of (health personnel) infections during the time period from January 1 to March 21; It reached (20 confirmed cases), including two deaths; Explaining: that these cases were monitored by the health personnel (doctors and nurses) and that this increase in cases necessitates that we adhere to the precautionary measures represented in: 1- The continuous use of sterilizers 2- Wearing masks, especially in crowded places and in the event of feeling symptoms, The person must go to health centers, cooperate with rapid response teams in collecting samples and adhere to home isolation, in confirmed cases.

The Governorate is living a big challenge!

For his part, (Director of the Ministry of Health and Population Office: in the coast of Hadramout: Dr. Muhammad Al-Jamhi) pointed out to (Sawt El Amal) that there is- with this virus - a major challenge that Hadramout governorate is experiencing. Being the most affected provinces by this epidemic, since its emergence. Despite this, we are still working - according to the capabilities available to us provided

by the local authority in the governorate with solidarity of all concerned parties.

He appreciates the efforts of the leadership of the local authority in the governorate, as well as local and international organizations which have contributed to alleviating the suffering; by providing health and medical supplies: for isolation centers, for their workers, and for the health office and implementing training activities for the medical staff working in isolation centers in Hadramout, Al Sahel. He adds: The office- during the past periods - carried out a number of awareness campaigns: in various media: The visual, audio and readable .. This is because the media has a great role in educating the community about the danger of this virus. Likewise, a number of (awareness flashes) have been prepared that urges the community to adhere to the means of preventing infection.

"The medical staff - in Hadramout - faces great challenges and difficulties due to the influx of many cases to the isolation hospital. A number of the medical staff has contracted the virus, while they are performing their work in the isolation center as confirmed by Dr. Reem Salem Bamahdi Hed of Dr. Riad Eljariry Hospital for fever and Corona Cases Treatment Center).

She also expressed her concern about the increase in cases in the isolation center, especially in this second wave and warned that most cases infected with the virus arrive at the isolation center (late), which makes it difficult for us (she says) to control them. We also suffer from a big problem which is represented in the lack of (oxygen) and the availability of only small quantities of it, compared to the number of infected people, which are- at the present time- constantly increasing which represent a great responsibility for us in treating the injured as required.

She added: We continue to serve the governorate as required and we alert the community to the need to adhere to the instructions of the Ministry of Health office such as instructions and preventive information that protect them from the spread of this virus and we wish everyone to pray for us: for steadfastness in fighting this epidemic!

Organizations in conformation with the virus!

In Hadramawt governorate, there was a prominent role for local organizations, in confronting this virus, and in supporting the local authority, and the Hadramout Health Office in providing assistance

and medical services necessary to combat the epidemic. Selah Foundation for Development is one of those organizations supporting the confrontation of this virus.

(Executive Director of the Selah Foundation for Development: Ali Hassan Bashmakh) said to (Sawt El Amal): The Foundation sought to establish a sustainable partnership- with the local authority in Hadramout Governorate- to combat Corona virus; through many health interventions represented in: 1- Providing health tools and supplies to the Ministry of Health office and isolation centers 2- As well as working to equip isolation centers (in Hadramout) with various necessary supplies 3- Providing tools for the center's workers In order to preserve their safety

while performing their humanitarian work 4- The brotherly Chinese people have also provided safety clothing for doctors.

He adds: The Foundation has trained more than 450 (four hundred and fifty workers) in isolation centers in the governorates of Hadramout, Shabwa and Al-Mahra. Major interventions have been made to provide oxygen cylinders for isolation centers in Hadramout and the foundation is still providing the necessary support to the isolation centers and the Health and Population Office in Hadramout Al Sahel in the face of this virus and work to implement plans- with the Health Office- to confront the (second wave), to which the governorate of Hadramout is the most vulnerable to it.

Human Experiments in Yemen with Virus Corona

Since the emergence of the first wave of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in Yemen at the beginning of 2020 until now, there are many people whose lives and health have been affected by the virus. Some of them were infected and recovered, while some could not withstand against this virus.

(: 27 years: from Aden) tells (Sawt Al-Amal) - the story of his recovery from Coronavirus, so he says: In Aden, during the emergence of the first wave, Coronavirus has spread, in a situation that was described as tragic and catastrophic as a result of the increase in the spread of the epidemic and the fever with increase in the number of deaths during that period.

He adds: In the area in which I live no single days passes without hearing the news of (the death of people) close to us. As in only one day, a number of funerals took place because of the spread of the epidemic during that period, in addition to the spread of the Corona epidemic in a frightening manner with the continued closure of hospitals and health facilities. On the seventeenth of Ramadan in the last year, I've contracted the virus in that difficult health stage which Aden went through.

Regarding the symptoms which Haroun suffered he says that they are: 1 - A sharp increase in temperature 2- Pain in the throat 3- Associated with severe cough 4- Burning in the rib cage. At that time he decided to stay in his room and get isolated from his family.

Haroun stayed (14 fourteen days) in



Haroun

his room (As a home quarantine) and was isolated from the family. He adds: Despite the deterioration of my health, the disease did not scare me, but my psychological state was affected as I was afraid of transmitting the infection to my family members.

Haroun takes a deep breath and continues: During my stay in the room, I consumed vitamin C and paid attention to a specific diet; by relying on fruits, vegetables and some drinks, which increase immunity in my case.

A few days later, I began to lose my sense of taste and smell and this condition continued with me (for a whole month) from the beginning of the home quarantine, I followed the instructions and advice provided to confront Corona virus; As I was reading the British newspapers; as it is one of the most common means that used to provide advice to confront the virus, and I was confident of what it say. I recovered, but I lost my sense of taste and smell and then my mother got infected with the virus, and she dealt with the disease, just as I dealt with it. Thank God my mother recovered too.



The Repercussions Of The Curfew Due To Coronavirus, And Its Impact On The Yemeni Economy

(Covid-19) is the catastrophe that has afflicted the world since late 2019. Its damage was not limited to the health and social aspects only ... it also affected the economy, and created an economic crisis; poverty exacerbated and owners of small enterprises were affected while the workforce was primarily victim as a result of the repercussions of the curfew.

Report
Rajaa Mukred

Indications:

According to (the Central Agency for Statistics), the latest reports issued in April 2020 indicate that 50% of health facilities - in Yemen - are totally or partially out of service. Only (ten) health workers are available for every 10,000 (ten thousand person) in Yemen.

(The Studies Sector at the Ministry of Planning defined (3.3%) as the expectations of the contraction of the real GDP in 2020, in the event of the spread of the Corona virus and that (19.7 nineteen million seven hundred thousand people) need help in accessing health care and more than 80% of Yemenis live below the poverty line.

Second wave forecasts:

(Head of the Economic Centre for Research and media: Mustafa Nasr) says: The Economic Centre for Research and media prepared (a study) previously on the first wave of Corona and the second wave came more violent and stronger. The problem is that in light of the current crisis of the Yemeni economy, it can no longer tolerate more of other crises include the closure, the decline in remittances from expatriates, and other crises that could significantly affect the Yemeni economy.

Nasr continues by saying to (Sawt Al-Amal): It is expected that the second wave will have a greater impact, perhaps internally than the previous wave. Given that the pandemic has subsided somewhat in other countries, especially the countries of expatriate ... and its effects on the owners of oil will be somewhat limited. As for the internal level, I expect that its effects will be significant, especially if the disease worsens more and many projects may bankrupt, especially small and medium enterprises. The governorates may resort to closure, and this may lead to damage to many activities.

He adds: Certainly fragile countries with weak economies have greater fear of epidemic waves, and are affected by it more than others. It is assumed that efforts will be intensified to request international support- in this aspect- by bypassing the epidemic. Nasr defines the first stage as the stage of necessary need to reduce harm, strengthen the health aspect, and put the necessary protection for vulnerable or marginalized groups as they are the ones that will be exposed to the most repercussions of this wave.

Ahmed Al-Tayyar: An economist, says to (Sawt al-Amal): In some provinces, a partial curfew was implemented on designated sectors in the Yemeni economy and it often targeted a service-provided sector. Here we mean: restaurants, hotels and entertainment activities: such as parks, gyms, clubs, hairdressing shops, bridal supply, and hairdressing salons as



they were closed without (visitors) who represent consumers and customers for them while malls and markets continued open. But it worked in accordance with the requirements and precautions circulated by the Supreme Committee for Epidemiology.

Altayyar adds: Among the economic losses, the service sector was completely paralyzed and suffered heavy losses during the months in which its activity was suspended. According to economic data, the stoppage caused losses to these activities.

Losses Size:

According to the latest research prepared by (the economist: Ahmed Al-Tayyar) for the period (15 March - 30 June 2020) on the size of losses during the period of precautions against (Covid-19), the research stated that: The Supreme Committee for Epidemic Control had approved preventive measures and Procedures to combat the epidemic represented by stopping economic activities characterized by human interference, movement and confrontation between people in order not to contribute to transmitting the epidemic. Economic activities have been stopped at the level of the capital, Sana'a, and the governorates, including: basic, secondary and university education, services, restaurants, parks, hairdressing shops, clubs, and training centres.

The research came out with the results related to the personal services sector, and the calculation of the value of local production as a result of measures and precautions to combat Coronavirus Covid-19 during (the period 15 March-30 June 2020).

(9500 nine thousand five hundred enterprises ranging from small, medium, large, and very large enterprises) work in

the field of personal services in the organized sector that accommodate (29,335 twenty-nine thousand three hundred thirty-five workers) and the productive value of these establishments per year is (56210780000 fifty-six billion two hundred and ten million seven hundred Eighty thousand riyals (according to (2014 accounts) (the dollar = 221 riyals), while the added value of these establishments in the year is (46189740000 Forty six billion one hundred eighty-nine million seven hundred forty thousand riyals). Workers get wages up to (6461328000 six billion and four hundred and sixty one million and three hundred and twenty-eight thousand riyals annually). As for the intermediate consumption- of these activities- it amounts to (1021,000,000 ten billion and twenty-one million riyals).

Calculating the monthly production value:

If we know that the value of production for this private sector exceeds (56371000000 fifty six billion three hundred seventy-one million riyals) for the year 2014, as (the dollar = 221 riyals), then we find that the value of production was equivalent to (87,651,583 eighty-seven million six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred eighty-three dollars). According to the calculation of this figure in 2020, we will find that it reaches today (58113000000 fifty eight billion one hundred and thirteen million riyals) considering the price of the dollar to be equal to 620 riyals on average. By dividing the total, we find that the value of the monthly production reaches about (4842750000 four billion, eight hundred and forty-two million seven hundred fifty thousand riyals).

If we know that the closure period was about three months (April, May and

June 2020), then the total losses for this sector- if we assume that it was closed - we will reach (14528250000 fourteen billion five hundred twenty-eight million two hundred fifty thousand riyals).

The most damage to small facilities: (Muhammad Al-Juma'i: Economic expert) tells (Sawt Al-Amal) that those affected in the first place are the owners of small enterprises, which depend on weak trade and on the basic needs of citizens, and sell them by grain (not retail). These institutions may have been affected a lot. The owners of the individual projects such as hawkers and carpet weavers who have also been affected by the deprivation and not only by the curfew during times of movement and selling but they were also

affected by the deprivation: such as uncovered food, drinks and juices, etc. The health curfew method in Yemen almost eliminates small crafts.

Al-Jamai added: Large organizations and institutions have benefited by reducing the working hours. Some of the Yemeni governorates only have abided by this curfew not all of them - as for the (populated) areas, they have not been closed, and have not been affected by the curfew. Therefore, the effect was very slight on some governorates, and he believes that the curfew has harmed the country's overall economy.

** Attached is a picture of the table of losses on the services sector.*

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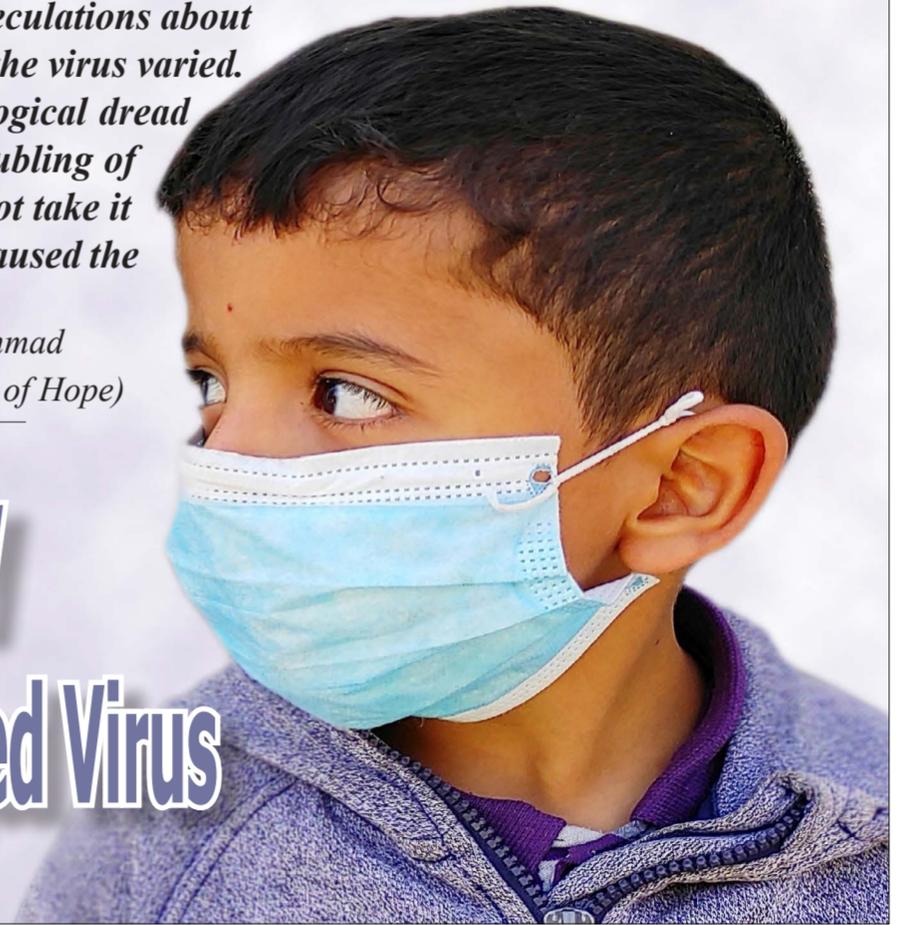


Psychological repercussions and collective trauma were caused by the Corona virus in 2019. During that period, a large number of people were exposed to a huge amount of analyses and speculations about the reality of the disease and its spread. The ways people deal with the virus varied.

A large number dealt with Corona with anxiety, fear, and psychological dread (more than dealing with it as a disease), which contributed to the doubling of the number of victims. Another section doubted the matter, and did not take it seriously but dealt with it with negligence and carelessness who also caused the spread of the disease among people.

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Psychological Repercussions Multiply the Victims. Corona Is A Double-edged Virus



This disparity in dealing with Corona goes beyond individuals to states and governments- between intimidating, frustrating people, spreading fear and panic among them and causing worldwide great economic losses as well as minimizing and underestimating which resulted in negligence and indifference that also contributed from the other direction in the rapid spread of the disease and the increase in its victims.

According to the (World Health Organization), nearly (one billion person) worldwide were suffering before the Corona pandemic from mental disorders.

In a field survey conducted by the organization, in the period: June to August 2020- to assess the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic- 93% of mental and neurological health services were closed, and are no longer operating because of the preventive measures from Corona.

In Yemen- in Aden and the southern regions- the health authorities dealt in the same manner prevailing in most countries of the world; by raising awareness, alerting the severity of the disease, and publishing the numbers in a step that aims- according to official statements- to increase people's awareness of the disease, methods of its spread and prevention.

In Sanaa, the authorities dealt with the disease (in a different way) relying on neither spreading fear nor panic about the disease in an attempt to reduce and curb the psychological fear of disease among people which leads- according to official statements - to reduce its spread and limit it.

Between these two heterogeneous methods, the Yemeni citizen lived all the details of the disease and society- in all its groups and social strata- suffered from the disease in light of the Yemeni health sector suffering (in general) from a scarcity of capabilities and the necessary equipment to confront the epidemic because of the general situation that Yemen has been going through for years.

Fear and isolation:

(Dr.: Abdullah Al-Qadi: Specialization of Psychology) Explains the nature of what people go through as a result of the preventive measures. He says: The increase in staying hours at home, the absence of direct contact with family members, friends and colleagues and the boring daily routine which many people lived during the period of the Coronavirus outbreak- all of these created a new reality and imposed changes in the way of life and managing the feelings of fear of contracting the virus infection in addition it reinforced the feeling of anxiety about relatives who are particularly vulnerable that affected their psychological and health state.

He continues: Fear- in cases of uncertainty- is a natural reaction. He warned that expressing fear may take offensive forms to others and to self at some times and a person must face his fears, and not discriminate against people who are believed to be in-

fectured with the virus. There must be awareness that Corona has affected a large number of people and is not limited to a specific group. We must adapt to these changes and adapt to the reality imposed by the pandemic.

The Al-Qadi affirms that those who suffer from previous psychological pressures are the people most affected by the virus; Because of the new psychological pressures As feelings of fear and anxiety increase and these effects are reflected in the patient's mental health.

(Ibtisam Hassan) says: As if before the pandemic, I was suffering from some kind of (obsession) with cleaning and sterilization. During the period of the virus spread, my fear increased, and I exaggerated my handling of the situation, and it formed a great pressure for me- I could not deal with it. a lot of people were upset about my behaviour.

Impact of rumours:

(Imran Hilal: Official Spokesman for the Ibb Governorate Health Office) says: The huge amount of false news and fake pictures which spread during the first wave of Corona virus doubled the size of societal horror while it is assumed that people need what raises their spirits.

Whereas (Sana Ahmed: a housewife) believes that social media is a source of public concern; As it was a focal point for promoting a number of rumours which in turn increased the suffering and affected the infected greatly.

She continues: A person infected with Coronavirus needs, in order to overcome the disease, anything that raises his spirits, but unfortunately, the infected person finds himself trapped between false news, huge numbers of deaths and wrong information about the virus.

(Jumah Muhammad) who was influenced by the media, agrees with her saying: I committed to home quarantine, and I used to spend long hours in front of the TV, but I did not find any content that supports me psychologically: every channel I open talks about the spread of the virus, about deaths and about economic conditions; so I felt that life stopped, and we no longer had a chance to live, and I became frustrated.

Corona is a psychological condition, more than a pathological one

Fouad Mohamed says: The Corona pandemic did not affect me and my family physically, nor were we infected with the virus ... But what we were exposed to, was more harmful than that. I lost - due to the quarantine - my work. The problem is that I work for a daily wage, and many changes have occurred. I could not cope and adapt to it.

He continues: I did not care about the number of deaths and infections as much as my psyche was affected. Because I was not working and I wished at that time if I had contracted the virus; So that I do not feel unable to provide for the living requirements for me and my family.

On the social factor and its psychological impact

(Dhikra Muhammad: A social worker) says: The psychological state strongly affects the psyche of people in quarantine and it is considered a very important factor. The changes which took place in light of the Corona pandemic increased the material and family pressures. In turn, it left psychological scars.

Emergency numbers and psychological support!

(Imran Hilal: Official Spokesperson of the Health Bureau: Ibb Governorate) says: During the first wave of the Corona pandemic, a large number of people needed psychological support and the psychological teams (in hospitals) were working through health education units and we assigned the emergency number 195 for complaints and consultations. We were keen for there to be- among the medical staff - nine psychiatric consultants.

He continues: A number of psychological precautions have been taken in the manner of dealing with the infected, and how to inform them of the infection and punish all those who deal with severity and cruelty with the sick in order not to make them feel ill or societal isolation. These decisions had a positive effect, and this contributed to the increase in cases of recovery from disease and the reduction of the number of the dead.

In her turn (Doctor: Zahha Al-Saadi: Al-Amal Health Isolation Centre, Aden) says: A large number of people infected with the virus had their psyche affected; because of isolation and infection. They were in urgent need of psychological support. She adds: The Red Cross Organization ensured providing psychological support to those infected with the virus in the (isolation centre) of al jomhoria Hospital in Aden, and a large number of them benefited from this support.

Tips to combat Corona:

Psychiatrists advise to carry out several activities, to alleviate the increasing psychological pressure. As for the most important advices that we must take to confront Corona and improve mental health - Dr. Abdullah Al-Qadi says: We must be informed of the latest developments, and the recommendations of the national and local authorities in the country. However, he stresses the importance of staying away- as much as possible- from the media, which deliberately provokes. Instead, we rely on (reliable) sources for the latest developments and advice on the virus.

He emphasizes saying: We must maintain a healthy body balance by organizing our times, and making sure to take breaks away from electronic devices and screens in addition to trying to acquire new daily habits; to break the boring routine. You must avoid using any stimulants or drugs as a means of dealing with fear, anxiety, and social isolation .

In conclusion, he stressed that everyone- who owns one of the means of social media - should use it to promote stories (positive and full of hope).

We Didn't Pay Attention to the Matter!

In Hadramout governorate, the city in which the number of infected people increases compared to other Yemeni governorates due to its proximity to the border ports and the large number of arrivals in it from all Yemeni governorates which contributed to the increase in the number of cases infected with the virus. Despite all the measures followed, from the official authorities and International organizations.

(M.N.: 35 years) from the (Hadramawt Al-Sahel) governorate narrates her story with Corona virus (Covid 19), saying: I was at one of the family events and the place was crowded with guests, in light of the spread of Corona virus recently but we did not pay attention to the matter: in terms of commitment to social distancing, or the prevention process.

(M.N.) who is a mother of three children explains that she suffered from: 1- Shortness of breath 2- severe headache 3- Sudden fatigue. She did not know that she had Coronavirus and she was using headache medicines and some vitamins. However, it was not enough to alleviate the pain that accom-

panied it for a week.

The family of (N.M.) did not believe that she had contracted the Corona virus and they were hiding the matter from her, saying: It is normal with the variability of weather but her symptoms intensified, and her health condition worsened, so her husband was forced to take her to the hospital where she was examined and diagnosed with Coronavirus. After confirming her infection, she was taken to the (quarantine) and added: During my arrival to the quarantine, my case was sorted according to what is needed and I stayed in the quarantine for more than (16 sixteen days). After suffering with the disease, I passed it arduously, especially since those in charge of the quarantine exerted all required efforts to relieve pain.

(N.M.) did not know that four of her family members had contracted the disease. While after being cured she left the quarantine, her (four) relatives are still in (the quarantine) until now due to their poor health; because of their old age and previous chronic diseases.

Corona Virus in the Eyes of Doctors and Specialists

After the (international organizations) warned of a (second) wave of the Corona pandemic (Covid-19), countries of the world took all necessary measures and necessary precautionary measures to confront the outbreak of the virus, in a way that contributes to reducing the human and material losses that occurred in the first wave of the emergence of Virus.

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In Yemen, all necessary measures have been taken to confront the second wave- after what was announced- despite the exceptional circumstances that the country is going through in all respects and the continuation of work with all concerned authorities and international organizations to provide the necessary support represented in: Providing medical and health supplies, counseling and awareness-raising as well as the required vaccinations to alleviate the suffering of people, who are still enduring many difficulties; due to the current situation.

Society's lack of commitment to procedures:

"The world- including Yemen- is facing, since last January 2020- a major health crisis, resulting from the outbreak of the new Corona virus-COVID-19, which has led to huge losses in various sectors. But there are- despite modest capabilities-continuous efforts, in an attempt to cope with this virus in a way participating in alleviation of people suffering. This is what was indicated by (Acting Director of Al-Jumhuriya Teaching Hospital in Aden: Chairman of the Coronavirus Confrontation Committee: Dr. Salem Al-Shabhi).

He reviews to (Sawt Al Amal) the current health situation in the city of Aden, in particular, and most of the Yemeni governorates in general. He says "The situation is better than before; despite the continuing emergence of cases infected with fevers in relative terms and with Corona virus, but we still suffer from difficulty in the non-commitment of society to the importance of following the instructions and precautionary measures which (international organizations and the Ministry of Health) warned of represented in reducing movements between Governorates in large numbers, gatherings in clubs, wedding halls and Khat herb markets, which must be moved outside the city in order to implement precautionary measures (effectively) to prevent the disease from spreading.

Inspect the functioning of the quarantines:

About the measures taken to reduce the spread of the virus Al-Shabhi explains "The outpatient



Dr. Salem Al-Shabhi

Dr. Al-Shabhi : "We still suffer from difficulty in the non-commitment of society to the importance of following the instructions and precautionary measures"

clinics in the hospital have been closed to prevent overcrowding of (cold) cases that do not need emergency treatments, and to reduce infection with the virus, and to inspect the functioning of medical quarantines in Aden (Al-Amal and Al-Jumhuriya Hospital quarantines for Corona cases)".

He continues "Alamal Quarantine is managed according to the capabilities available to it by a local team. That is why we ask the (French) Doctors Without Borders foundation to return to the quarantine and carry out its medical and health activities from the quarantine to manage it, especially during this period. The quarantine of Al-Jumhuriya Hospital was also handed over to (Doctors Without Borders: Belgian foundation) to manage it during this stage, after handing it over at the end of last February by the (International Committee of the International Red Cross, to the Yemeni Ministry of Health), which enjoys its free services (nutrition, drugs, and tests) a triage area, laboratory, x-ray scouts and tons of medicines.

"There is an increase in the number of cases infected with Coronavirus in the governorates of (Hadramout and Shabwa), and there are separate cases in (Abyan, Lahj, Al-Dhalea, Al-Mahra and

Socotra) according to the statistics which are issued by the Ministry of Health on a daily basis. This is what Dr. Salem Al-Shabhi said hoping that international and local bodies shall cooperate jointly in reducing the severity of infection among the community, receiving cases and dealing with them ... according to the followed procedures.

Here (anesthesiologist and intensive care specialist, general physician: Dr. Maha Al-Habashi) says to (Sawt Al Amal) "According to the available information in international reports, it was found that this wave is less severe than the previous one and that the world has knowledge of how to prevent it (by the right method) that reduces the incidence of infection and even death by not neglecting to follow the precautionary measures and awareness-raising instructions for citizens - and doctors as well who are considered the most affected group by the epidemic.

She indicated saying "We, as doctors, take all necessary precautions to protect us from infection by following the familiar instructions, represented in: wearing safe medical uniforms, masks, washing hands frequently, wearing gloves and staying away from crowded places as the first wave was very strong compared to this wave; Due to the lack of complete information about the prevention, protection and treatment process. However, at the present time, the whole world knows how to deal with this virus, and takes all the necessary measures to prevent its spread.

Impact of the virus on pregnant women:

On the part of pregnant women- and how could she be affected by the Corona virus- Dr. Al Habashi says "Pregnant women are affected by the same as other people; as there is nothing in excess for the rest of humanity: there is no multiplier effect, and no major risks. If a pregnant woman is exposed to infection with Coronavirus, she will have mild or moderate symptoms such as: shortness of breath, fever, cough, headache and often loss of the sense of smell and taste. But then she recovers when continuing to follow the health procedures.

Focus on infected people:

"Doctors face a major professional and ethical challenge especially at this difficult stage which the country is going through, in light of the spread of Corona virus Covid-19 and the weak medical capabilities available in the health sector. Despite this, the priority is focused on infected patients. In health centers and isolation centers, the cases are sorted according to the necessary needs of the infected person. This is confirmed by (Director of the Department of Epidemiological Surveillance and Epidemic Response in the Ministry of Health: Dr.: Adham Awad to (Sawt Al Amal)).

He said: When the infected person reaches the quarantine, the cases infected with Coronavirus are evaluated and the infected cases are sorted out to determine the level of infection to start taking the necessary health measures. Upon receiving a com-



Dr.: Adham Awad

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"Doctors face a major professional and ethical challenge, in light of the spread of Corona virus Covid-19 and the weak medical capabilities available in the health sector."

munity report- or positive results for Covid-19- response teams- in the directorates- go to follow-up contacts or take swabs from the reported cases.

Awad also reviewed a cumulative total of confirmed cases infected with Coronavirus, which amounted to 5000 and 1000 deaths, and 1546 thousand five hundred and forty six recoveries according to (The Daily Report of the Primary Health Care Sector: Administration General for epidemic control and epidemiological surveillance) April 05, 2021.

Corona vaccines:

Dr. Awad continues "Local efforts are continuing- with international organizations (the World Health Organization)- to provide the Corona vaccine in Yemen during this year 2021, as the first batch of the vaccine will arrive at the beginning of the second quarter of this year and it will begin to be used for people with priority of (medical personnel, academics, the elderly and people with chronic diseases) as the first batch of the vaccine is (380.000- three hundred and eighty thousand doses).

The importance of alternative medicine

On the importance of alternative medicine or (herbal medicine), (pharmacist: Fathi Al-Fatih) clarifies that there is no source that proves that alternative medicine has contributed (directly to the ultimate recovery) from Corona disease at least at this time and there is no Any scientific reference that proves the importance of alternative medicine in contributing to alleviating the symptoms of the virus infection.

He explains to (Sawt Al Amal) "Some people think - through eating (ginger, thyme, star anise, turmeric and other natural materials), that it will protect them from infection, but those natural ingredients only contribute to raising the body's immunity and relieving symptoms but it is not enough for the treatment of diseases, and it is not an alternative to the medicines suggested by doctors indicating that the inability of people to buy appropriate medicines- or that strengthen immunity- in addition to the lack of a specific treatment for Corona virus; all this forced people to search for alternatives in herbs and natural ingredients.

We Were Treated with Alternative Medicine!

(Doctor: Umm Taj Al-Nahar: from Sanaa) narrates her experience with (alternative medicine) in the past year 2020, which witnessed the tragedy of the first wave of the Corona virus.

She says: Many Yemeni families had symptoms of Corona, but they had no opportunity to go to hospitals and be treated under general medicine, so they turned to herbalists to take precautions and to take treatment from herbalists as an alternative medicine.

She continues: My family and I were infected with Corona virus, and we had its symptoms but we were treated by raising our immunity, through the use of alternative medicine, through the use of: 1- green ginger 2- male tur-

meric 3- lemon 4- fennel 5- black seed 6- municipal honey as we used to drink (daily) after breakfast a glass of this drink. When we were infected with the virus, it was easily bypassed, praise be to God; thanks to following the precautionary instructions and home quarantine.

Dr. Umm Taj al-Nahar believes that (general medicine) originally was the cause of the death of many of the infected because of their dispensing of drugs that were used for AIDS and influenza patients which weakened the immune system of the infected and then led to death as well as the lack of oxygen, and that hospitals were closed in face of infected. Alternative medicine really was a helpful factor, in addressing Corona virus.



Corona Imposes Its Agenda

He seemed to be enthusiastic about the end-of-semester exam, wandering around in the crowd of students, asking some questions, a voice mentioning the page number, and another listing where he had arrived while studying! Different voices are raised and varied ... all of which means that the exams are approaching, and there is nothing left until they begin except for a day; this is because the Ministry of Education issued a circular to bring forward exams (for all school levels) as a precaution against the second wave of (Covid-19) and work to accelerate the accompanying steps, which ensure the implementation of the safety agenda and the precautionary measures in schools.

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The course of education and bringing exams forward:

The beginning was from Baghdad School in Sana'a, where the school's representative- Professor Nabil Al-Asbahi, says "Since the beginning of (the second semester), the educational process has passed nearly two months and some lessons were not introduced, but with the teachers' steadfastness, despite their difficult circumstances and suffering, they were able to complete the explanation of the lessons to the students. He confirms "The school's commitment from the beginning of the school year to (the fifth and sixth) classes to prevented an obstacle that might stand in front of bringing the exams forward at this point of time.

In the context, (Vice-Chancellor of Rabaa Al-Adawiya School for Girls: Mona Al-Tabib) confirms that the decision to bring exams forward was surprising to the teachers, and some lessons needed to be completed. But the teachers made efforts and she confirms that the educational process is good, and that all the difficulties they faced have been overcome.

On the student's commitment to precautionary measures in the classroom, (Ahmed Hamzah: a student in the primary stage) says: "We- in the school- adhere to preventive measures against Coronavirus by wearing masks, gloves, sterilizing our hands, and continuing well in the course of the educational process; despite the in-



tensification of the lessons to complete the curriculum on time and to be prepared for the exams.

Bringing forward the exams dates is a race against time

The announcement of bringing forward final exams due to the Coronavirus caused great pressure on students, as (The principal of Rabaa Al-Adawiya School: Mona Al-Tabib) indicated that there are two directions in the students' opinions: Some of them are happy with bringing the exams forward as Ramadan is approaching; while others did not like the decision as- according to them- they did not complete the scientific material which may pose obstacles in front of them in the coming stages due to the fact that the educational materials are related to the coming years; that is, the semester following the previous semester.

(Mukhtar Abdul Salam: Arabic language teacher in the Al-Shaheed Elhagary Complex for Girls - Taiz) indicates that the edu-

cational process has been affected by the emerging corona virus pandemic, which has caused- once again- fear and panic for parents, which in turn led to many students being absent. Some of them failed to pay attention to the educational process and neglected even the final exams.

(Radhia Ahmed: one of the parents) indicates that the educational process differs from one school to another: some public schools- under the pretext of taking precautionary measures against Coronavirus- have not been teaching as it should be. That is why it is natural for the student's information to be weak, while there are excellent schools and they were not affected by any measures or decisions about Corona, and they were- throughout the school year- concerned with students and the education system. therefore we cannot evaluate the quality of education nor the level of success because they differ from one school to another.



The role of organizations:

Nabil Al-Asbahi says "The role of organizations has recently become very scarce towards schools as they rarely provide aid services to schools. He also adds "The ability for students to wear masks (every day) is difficult. This is due to the short validity period of wearing the mask (24 hours only) and the problem is that its price in the market is 100 Yemeni riyals, and certainly the student's budget does not allow him to buy a mask every day, especially since most students are from low-income families".

(Mona Al-Otami: Health Supervisor in a High School) says "The health role in the school is represented in: school activities, forming a health group that is distributed over (the canteen, the school yard, classrooms, corridors) and monitors hygiene in the school".

She adds "The follow-up phase takes place at different times for example, after



a break, where it follows up the validity of the canteen and the products that are sold in it and follows the cleanliness of dishes, frying and cleaning pots, the cleaning responsibilities for each class, the cleanliness of the classes, emptying garbage bags, and educating students about the importance of personal hygiene.

The importance of awareness

Al-Atami continued "In the first wave, it was difficult to believe the existence of Coronavirus, until cases appeared in the community. Here, people began to adhere to the instructions- especially in schools - as students and educational staff began to wear masks and use sterilizers throughout school days and during exams, and there was a strong response from everyone.

In the second wave, the female students- because of the media- became aware of the importance of adhering to the precautionary measures and this helped in raising

Coronavirus: An Overview on the Virus in

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Currently, there has been no event that takes the lead in the world, more than the spread of the new Corona virus, COVID-19- since the end of 2019 until now- which has claimed many lives in all countries of the world. That is why the world - since early December 2019- has mobilized its maximum energies to confront the virus, which began spreading from the Chinese city of Wuhan and led to enormous human and economic losses.

On January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization (officially) announced an outbreak of the Coronavirus in some countries of the world as it constituted a public health emergency of international concern which led within a few months-

to its transformation to (pandemic) on (11th March) 2020!.

More than (83 eighty-three million) cases

Many countries of the world have dealt with the Coronavirus pandemic, since its emergence and spread- with great care and strictness as all kinds of strict precautionary measures have been imposed to contribute to mitigating its spread, as much as possible and to prevent the emerging virus and reduce the risk of its transmission.

The (World Health Organization) recommended 1- that individuals avoid contact with people who suffer from acute respiratory infection 2- wash hands frequently. However, the pandemic has caused the death of more than (1818946 one million eight hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and forty-six people) in The world in the period from end

of December 2019 to January 2021, and more than (83381330 eighty-three million three hundred and eighty-one thousand and three hundred and thirty people) in the world including 52,534,200 fifty-two five hundred and thirty-four thousand and two hundred) at least recovered according to (census) conducted by (France-Press Agency: January 2021) based on daily figures and reports issued by (health authorities in each country).

On the impact of the Corona virus- from an economic point of view in the world- a report was issued in June 2020 entitled (Global Economic Prospects) which confirmed that the Corona pandemic caused a major economic recession the world had not witnessed since the Second World War and the report predicted a contraction of the global economy and the low average per capita income.

"The Corona pandemic has caused a severe setback. Our latest forecasts concluded that remittances will decrease by 14% by the end of 2021, which is a (slightly better) outlook that does not contradict the fact that these are unprecedented declines compared to earlier during the pandemic which is indicated by (David Malpass: President of the World Bank Group).

Arab countries: 125 twenty-five thousand injuries:

In a report issued by (the Arab Center for Disaster Preparedness affiliated to the Arab Organization of the Red Crescent and the Red Cross- March 2021) on new infections with the Corona virus in a number of Arab countries, it relied on following up on official data issued by Arab countries. He indicated that Arab countries have witnessed more than (125,432

one thousand four hundred thirty-two cases) in early March 2021, while the number of deaths reached (37,554 thirty-seven thousand five hundred fifty-four, and the recovered cases reached 85,623 eighty-five thousand six hundred and twenty-three cases). The first four centers came as follows: 1-The Kingdom of Jordan 2- Iraq 3- Lebanon 4-Libya while (Comoros) came at the bottom of the list with the lowest number of cases.

Yemen and its confrontation with the Corona virus:

In Yemen- which is witnessing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has contributed to the doubling of its suffering, especially with the severe shortage of sanitation facilities and clean water as only half of the health facilities,

On the Education Sector



societal awareness, which reduced the psychological pressure on the student, compared to the emergence of the first wave, which caused a lot of fear and tension among students and their parents.

Regarding the measures taken by the school if a female student had a case of any illness, she confirmed "It is necessary in the school to use a gentle method for people with those suffering from cold or cough and not to intimidate them. The measures taken are to contact the parent and talk with the student to stay at home and not return to studies, unless she is recovered and to be in good health. Thus neither the students nor the parents are intimidated.

For her part (the social supervisor at Al-Saada Primary School in Aden, (N.M.) indicates that the educational process - during the past year was greatly affected by the outbreak of the Corona epidemic, and the control of fear on everyone's souls which in turn reflected on the educational process completely, especially on the future of students who wasted an entire academic year due to the (state of emergency) that was taken during that period.

She adds "The psychological state in which we are currently living with the spread of news and reports as for the emergence of a second wave of Corona virus is

much better, compared to the emergence of (the first wave) due to societal awareness of the importance of taking the necessary measures to preserve their lives, prevent infection, in addition to taking The measures needed early in schools to preserve lives of teaching staff and students by providing preventive supplies, and making decisions that contribute to preserving the progress of the educational process, as required.

Alternatives in the eyes of parents:

To preserve the student's continuation to engage in the educational process even if he stays at home, (Sami Ahmed: a parent) says "Education at home is better than in school, if the student is prevented from accessing social media, and letting him benefit from the Internet Generally in developing his scientific awareness and using his time to learn something useful.

On her part (Abeer Al-Nashiri: female guardian) says "Distance education for students in Yemen is difficult due to poor (internet) service, as well as power cuts. However, parents' interest in the future of their children contributes to continuing to educate their perceptions of the beneficial thing.

(Head of the General Education Division: the Education Office- Aden, Mr. Nabil Abdul Majeed) says to (Sawt Al

Amal) "since the emergence of Covid 19- in the last academic year 2019/2020 to the present day from the current academic year 2020/2021, the Education Office in Aden is in a state of (alert) and careful follow-up of all the course of affairs about the virus as for its impact on the progress of the educational process from the first moment to the start of the last and current school year- as precautionary measures have been taken: According to the reality reading, and the general situation required by the work conditions. The health of the students and teachers was preserved together.

On the efforts of the Education Office to follow up the implementation of joint activities and follow-ups to confront the Coronavirus, Abdul Majeed explains saying "Since the beginning of the current school year, several meetings and interviews have been held with all relevant parties to follow up the progress of the educational process, within the framework of the implementation of the required precautionary measures aimed at preserving the health of students and the educational staff as well.

He continues "According to a scientific study, several agreed-upon procedures have been implemented represented in: the spacing between students and the division

of the educational process into (three different study periods). This system has been applied in all schools in the governorate of (Aden). The class time has been reduced together with determining academic courses commensurate with the exceptional situation.

On the role of organizations and the supporting bodies in providing the necessary assistance to the educational sector, Abdul Majeed indicates saying "Communication has been made with all the supporting parties in order to provide the necessary supplies which were provided by UNICEF, the Child Care Organization and others- such as: masks and monitoring devices to measure the temperature when students enter each school. Works were done (daily) to follow up the situation by the school administrations in each directorate.

He explains "Last school year, the study was stopped by the decision of the emergency committee, which prompted us- this year- to double the efforts and the necessary preparations, so that the study does not stop. The school health department responded to the

field visits, examining eyes and teeth, enhancing awareness among students through (Al Amin Organization) and (Tawasul Foundation) in addition to the support of the (National Medicinal Program) with sterilizers and masks for schools and providing a (first aid fund) in all primary education schools.

About the tests and the actions taken to preserve students' health, Abdul Majeed explains "With the emergence of the second wave, a decision was made to take internal transfer tests for all school levels exceeding what happened last year".

Notice:

I suggest that the statement of Aden office be made as a news story with this same report inside a box to be prepared by the director, as the statement is strong and more close to be a news story.



the World and Yemen!

which lack basic and necessary equipment such as (masks and gloves) as well as oxygen and other basic supplies to treat Covid-1, are operational according to a report published on the official website of the UNICEF entitled (The Crisis in Yemen). The report emphasized that more than 80% of the population in Yemen needs humanitarian assistance, including more than (12 million children).

On April 10, last year, 2020, the first confirmed case of Coronavirus (Covid-19) was registered in the Hadramawt Alsahel governorate in the east of the country according to the (Yemeni Emergency Committee affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health and Population) in a (press conference) held At Ataq city- Shabwa governorate center.

In May 2020 (Lise Grande- United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator in

Yemen) stressed the need to conduct the necessary tests to accurately know the number of people affected by the pandemic and that the humanitarian organizations are doing their best with the available funding as more than (five thousand metric tons) of medical equipment, test kits and medicines have been delivered to the country.

In December 2020, the British newspaper (The Guardian) said "The war-torn Yemen seems to have emerged relatively unscathed from the epidemic. Although tests and health care equipment are almost non-existent, doctors and health officials say "The virus is no longer a concern".

At the end of 2020, the World Health Organization warned of a "great risk" for the revival of the Corona virus in early 2021, which contributed to the issuance of

continuous warnings by the authorities in Yemen of the outbreak of the second wave of the virus during the current year 2021, which took a number of Procedures and decisions that enhance the prevention of the spread of the virus in various Yemeni governorates.

Recently, in the year 2021, the (Kovacs) initiative, through the (World Health Organization) office, contributed to announcing the provision of (12 million doses of corona vaccine) to Yemen in batches during 2021 starting from the second quarter sufficient for (6 six million people). The first batch of the Coronavirus vaccine will arrive in Yemen at the beginning of the second quarter of this year including about about (2316,000 two million three hundred and sixteen thousand doses) sufficient to vaccinate more than one million Yemenis.



The Role of Local and International Organizations in Response to Coronavirus

Ahmed was not interested in the news, nor the media and official reports which showed the danger of the spread of Coronavirus in the country, and the importance of following decisions related to virus prevention controls. However, in his opinion, youth initiatives and local organizations have a great role in introducing the seriousness of the health situation as the parties closest and most influential to society.

The opinion of Ahmed Abdel-Rahman (27 years old - Aden) represents the opinions of many citizens, who have lost confidence in official and media reports regarding Covid-19. Local and international organizations have become the closest to them, from any official bodies and have a strong influence on the course of their daily lives, despite the challenges that the country is going through, and the simple capabilities that these organizations possess.

**By: Manal Ameen, Hanin Ahmed
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Organizations have an impact on awareness:

(Director General of the Population and Health Information and Education Office: In Aden: Doctor: Riad Al-Ariqi) says: Civil society organizations have an effective role in educating society and their performance was significant in the first pandemic; because of its great role in promoting societal awareness.

Riyadh reviewed the mechanism of the office's work - in light of the Covid 19 pandemic- which includes the rehabilitation and training of many directorate staff members, in various governorates who have, in turn, trained others (as associates) in large numbers, within an integrated framework according to the local authority laws.

In addition to broadcasting educational guidelines, introducing the new Corona virus to the governorates and implementing educational posters that have a good role in reaching a relatively large segment of people, and preparing healthy scientific materials- in various media outlets- that are in line with the guidelines of the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

For his part, the Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant at TYF "Tamdeen Youth Foundation" (Akram Al-Jubaihi) explains their role in the process of community awareness to prevent Coronavirus. This is done by printing posters that include the danger of the virus, speed of its spread, and methods of prevention. The awareness process is also carried out on the importance of: 1- imposing spacing between beneficiaries 2- washing hands 3- wearing masks 4- not shaking hands .. This is during field visits and the distribution operations, which are included in the organization's activities in various fields.

(Project Director of (Search for Common Ground: Funded by the Canadian government: Mona Al-Ariqi) reviews

the activities of the project, which targets (12 twelve districts) in the various governorates of Yemen by providing health assistance and working on holding meetings with staff of the targeted directorates and the Health Office to determine the required intervention of the organization- with regard to women and children- in light of the Corona pandemic, and working to provide them with health devices, oxygen, incubators, sterilization devices, masks, and health suits for doctors and to open centers for motherhood and childhood, and provide spray devices in Abyan governorate as well as building a water tank in one of Taiz's regions.

Organizations have an active role for society:

(Amjad Aref Al-Absi: Taiz) confirms that organizations have an effective role in confronting Coronavirus; It provided the necessary awareness on the risk of contracting it, how to prevent it, and distributing the necessary supplies in most areas.

In the context (Nassim Ghallab: From Al-Bayda), affirms that organizations- in light of this pandemic- have the greatest effort: whether through the tangible aid they provide to the community or through the various educational means and methods that contribute to educating society about the importance of prevention in order to alleviate the severity of the infection.

In (a report by the Renaissance Makers Organization: In Aden, January 2020 - February 2021), it reviewed the activities that have been implemented in relation to confronting the Coronavirus represented in the distribution of sanitary materials and hand-washing laundries as part of the emergency shelter distribution project and shelter materials with the support of the UNHCR for the number of 1804 families from the displaced camps in (Aden, Lahj and Abyan) and the implementation of the activity of rehabilitating Covid-19 centers in Al-Khokha and Mokha. Installing water tanks, main gates, solar energy systems,



supplying and installing washbasins for washing hands. The centers contribute to treating patients with Covid-19 virus.

The role of international organizations:

On the role of international organizations in response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in Yemen- the World Health Organization has supported (5049 five thousand forty-nine health facilities) of which (2528 two thousand five hundred and twenty-eight health facilities) are fully operational and (1865) One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five facilities (partially functioning) and (2779 thousand seven hundred seventy-nine facilities) providing health services to malaria and (1257 thousand two hundred fifty-seven facilities) providing cholera response services in (22 twenty-two governorates) according to a report on (activities of the organization in Yemen) from (April 2020 - January 2021).

The report stated that the number of cases infected with Covid-19 in Yemen reached during the same period (2125 thousand one hundred twenty-five cases) that were reported, of which (1428 thousand four hundred and twenty-eight cases of recovery) and (606 six hundred and six deaths), while the value of Funding for Covid-19 reached more than (\$ 385.7 million), and the number of intensive care units in hospitals designated to treat Covid-19 has reached (59 fifty nine units).

The report indicated that the activities and materials provided by the organization targeted (40 isolation units) represented in the provision of (675 six hundred seventy-five beds, an intensive care unit in 63 sixty-three districts, 11,700 eleven thousand and seven hundred oxygen cylinders, and 300,000 personal protective equipment in addition to 259 two hundred fifty-nine ventilators in 52 fifty-two districts, and support for 7 seven laboratories for testing COVID-19 in the cities (Aden, Sanaa, Mukalla, Hodeidah, Ibb, Sayun, and Taiz)

and re-equip (twenty-six) 26 emergency operations centers with equipment designated for Covid-19. Likewise, the report indicated that the United Nations purchased more than (23839 twenty-three thousand eight hundred thirty-nine metric tons) medical equipment, laboratory test kits and medicines from the global market while (22,908 twenty-two thousand nine hundred and eight metric tons) (From the requirements arrived at Yemen. The interventions provided- by the United Nations in Yemen- reached 4.43 four million four hundred thirty thousand people during 713,549 seven hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred and forty-nine visits from home to home, and social awareness sessions on the prevention of COVID-19.

Doctors without borders:

(The Doctors without borders foundation) implemented a response program to combat COVID-19. It started its first activities to combat the emerging coronavirus in January 2020 in Yemen, by focusing on the process of health awareness about the virus, the strengthening of infection prevention and control activities in health facilities and among the most vulnerable groups.

The report issued by (the organization, which was published on its official website on February 19, 2021) indicated that among the activities - carried out by the organization in Yemen to respond to Covid-19 in 2020- is to support the teams of the May 22 Hospital in Aden; by donating personal protective equipment and training the medical staff to triage patients suspected of having Covid-19 .. In Hajjah governorate, a test for the detection of Covid-19 was conducted in (Abs and Al-Jamhuri Hospital), and the suspected cases were referred to treatment centers.

The organization has also supported the process of referring patients: from the Republican Hospital to an isolation center in Al-Rahadi and the triage of patients in the same center. A unit for treating Covid-19 was administered in

the Khamer area of Amran governorate, to admit patients with respiratory infections, or suspected moderate symptoms of COVID-19; as well as in the Saada governorate in Haydan ..

In a press release issued (by the organization on March 26, 2021), it confirmed the increase in the number of people infected with Covid-19 disease in Yemen in the second wave in Aden and various parts of Yemen. The statement indicated that (Doctors without Borders) is managing the COVID-19 response activities in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health and Population, and the administration of Al-Jumhuriya General Hospital in Aden through the formation of a working team at the Covid-19 Treatment Center that includes more than 100 doctors and health professionals- working around the clock- to meet the needs.

UNICEF:

(UNICEF) also clarified in the Humanitarian Situation Report issued for the period (January 1 - December 31, 2020) that the Corona virus constituted a great burden on Yemen in the past year 2020, which affected the provision of services and programs as UNICEF obtained \$ 80 million to finance the resources needed to confront the virus, equivalent to 77% of the call amount.

UNICEF has implemented a training program for (7244 seven thousand two hundred forty-four health workers) on preventing Coronavirus, and has provided (35,062 thirty-five thousand and sixty-two) health care providers with personal protection equipment in (2,158 health facilities, in 23 twenty-three governorates). 60 triage areas have been established in 60 health facilities in 10 Yemeni governorates.

UNICEF has also supported 4,250 educational test centers with personal protective equipment in order to allow 427,650 students to complete the exams from (ninth grade to high school), and to train (1,200 thousand and two hundred teachers in 247 hundred and forty-seven schools, on safe schools protocols).

The Woman in a Confrontation with Corona Virus



Under the weight of a global pandemic which repercussions affected all aspects of life in the entire world; Covid-19 forced women to face one of the most difficult challenges. Challenges varied among (health, social and economic) challenges and women carried a heavy burden of responsibility on their shoulders.

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Absence of reproductive health:

Reproductive health is considered a very important issue, in light of the spread of the Corona pandemic from the previous year until now, as a large number of women have not accessed reproductive health services because of the spread of the virus.

According to the report of (World Health Organization issued in June 2020), women are more likely to die due to complications of pregnancy and childbirth as a result of the collapse of health systems in many regions around the world.

In a report issued by the (United Nations Population Fund in the year 2020) it was stated that 47 (forty-seven) million women had lost access to contraception because of the quarantine, closure and disruption in the entire world which caused seven million additional (unintended) pregnancies.

(Umm Ahmad: From Aden: One of the women who did not receive health care): When she felt parturition, during

the spread of Corona virus last year in 2020, when the country lifted the state of alert and emergency together with application of the quarantine and precautionary measures.

She told (Sawt Al-Amal) "When I felt labor pains, I went to one of the obstetrics and gynaecology hospitals .. but they refused to admit me at that time and my neighbour tried very hard to contact a gynaecologist and obstetrician to come, but her attempts were unsuccessful ... which forced me to return to my home and seek the help of a midwife.

In Aden, the quarantine was imposed at the beginning of the first pandemic in anticipation of the outbreak of the Corona virus ... and here (the midwife: Ka'ema El-Alamany) says "We had a great role in light of the spread of the Corona pandemic; as a large number of women were afraid of giving birth in hospitals for fear of contracting the virus, in addition to the severe shortage in health services within health centres during that period .. But during that period there was a kind of trust in midwives, despite the difficulties in some cases of childbirth.

Greater responsibilities:

The tasks entrusted to women multiplied and increased their responsibilities, which formed a great pressure force with the spread of Corona virus. The woman found herself at that time responsible for additional requirements related to family and work.

(Atheer Al-Hashdi: A housewife) says: "When the Corona virus spread, the woman became at home playing different and doubling roles and she bore all responsibilities; especially with the husband's long stay at home because of the quarantine and the precautionary measures, which put additional pressure on her".

On her part (Sahar Murshid) explains saying: "I used to go to work during the outbreak of the virus... and I was affected greatly; as I am the only breadwinner in the family, and I have been forced to work despite the difficulties. But I was very careful not to transmit the infection to my child and my mother. I was careful when I got home not to mix with them, unless I sanitized myself well.

(Community activist: Maha Aoun) confirms in her turn that Yemeni woman- facing the Corona pandemic, since the first wave- have proven her worth through her participation in many dif-

ferent awareness initiatives and when the Coronavirus invaded the world, the woman found herself facing a major obstacle and challenge as the pandemic caused the dismissal of a number of women from their jobs and they searched for alternative opportunities to work at home or through the Internet. The woman found herself faced with a heavy burden; because of the lack of financial return.

Corona virus is fuelling domestic violence!

Yemen topped the list of the most violent countries within the family: by 26%, according to the results of the (Arab Barometer) survey for the years 2018-2019.

(A.M.A.) has faced family pressures since the spread of the Corona virus and the application of precautionary measures. She says "My husband- who used to work in a restaurant- has become unemployed, and of course he has been spending long periods at which made him more nervous, and I no longer understand what he wants?.. His requirements increased and accordingly troubles increased between us which made me leave the house.

A World Health Organization report entitled (Covid-19 and violence against women in the Eastern Mediterranean Region) stated that the region ranks second- in the world - in terms of the prevalence of violence against women (37%) and that- during the pandemic- there is an increase in cases of violence by 50% to 60%, based on the distress calls made by women, over the hotlines of women's organizations.

(Sumaya al-Ghwizi: a lawyer and a defender of women's rights) says "Like any country in the world, the virus reached us in Yemen, and a large number of people committed to quarantine in their homes and according to this precautionary measure- several results occurred including positive results: such as limiting the epidemic and preventing its spread among members of society while there are negative consequences- in a society like ours in Yemen - most of whose members live below the poverty line .. for these people, home quarantine was not sufficient, nor was it a sound solution".

She continues: "People are cramped in their homes, so they no longer have an

income to cover their basic needs and the heads of families felt that their responsibilities increased, and they became unable to fulfil them. As a result, the rate of domestic violence increased and reached divorce which caused the breakdown of the family.

(Athmar Khan: Activist in the Yemeni Women's Union: Aden) confirms that the Corona pandemic has formed a stumbling block in front of a large number of families; and unfortunately, homes have turned into a dangerous place because of the quarantine, where women are struggling with a health crisis and a family crisis as divorce rates have reached 60%, and we have received a number of complaints on the contact numbers, which monitor each directorate.

(Community activist: Maha Aoun) agrees and says: Violence - to which a number of women and children were exposed, during the period of the quarantine- contributed to the growth of feelings of fear, anxiety and depression

Educating children in light of the pandemic!

1.57 billion (One billion and five hundred seventy million students) representing (91%) of school students in the world have been suspended from education, due to the closure of schools, as a result of the spread of Corona virus (according to a report issued by UNICEF in April 2020).

In another report on (22nd May 2020), the United Nations Children's Fund said: With the outbreak of Covid-19- the health crisis has turned into a child rights crisis indicating that without taking urgent measures, 6000 (six thousand) children could die (under the age of five) every day.

According to a report issued by (Save the Children), 99% of the world's children- or more than 3.2 billion (three billion and two hundred million children) were exposed- indirectly- to the effects of the Corona virus.

(Umm Nermin) says: In the previous year, my daughter was enrolled in a school, and I was happy for that. But soon the quarantine was applied, and the schools were closed and I felt that my daughter did not benefit from anything and she was moved to the next school stage. She was not well established and this made an obstacle to her education- throughout the quarantine period!

In the same context (Umm Rahaf) says: During the home quarantine period, we used to teach children through the Internet, but this was difficult for us, as many lessons were missed because of the lack of internet access or its low speed. She adds: Because of poor living conditions, a large number of families could not communicate with the (distance education system), and that is why their children did not benefit from the lesson.

We Did Not Know, That We Are Infected with the Disease!

Poor awareness and ignorance of the dangers of Corona have caused an increase in the number of cases in the community, especially in places with dense populations and in rural areas that lack the necessary health care and awareness.

(Aisha Abdullah: 48-year- from Taiz: a Covid-19 survivor) was infected with the virus, when she was going to visit her family, residing in the (Jabal Habashi) district in Taiz.

Aisha reviews her story with the disease. She says: After I contracted the disease, and after my condition deteriorated- urgently - I was transferred to the city and the symptoms began to appear (within two days). Symptoms are: 1- High fever 2- Shortness of breath 3 - Cold 4- loss of the senses of smell and taste.

(Abdullah: Aisha's husband: 60 years old) who contracted the disease as he was infected from his wife. He tells his story with the disease, saying: (My wife

and I) have suffered from the Corona virus significantly as I am suffering from diabetes and hypertension and my wife has heart disease and pressure as well. As is known, Corona does not have mercy on the elderly in the first place. We were admitted at the hospital in the city of Taiz, and we stayed (in intensive care, for two weeks).

They say: We did not know that the Corona epidemic had infected us; except when we recovered and

left the hospital as the doctors did not inform us- while we were in the hospital- that we were infected with the virus, and they used to tell us: The infection is only a cold. But the disease was exceedingly great for us; Because of age. Of course; their behaviour in this was with the intention that our psychological state would not be affected, which would necessarily be reflected in the rate and speed of (recovery). Indeed, doctors dealt with us with great responsibility and concern.



Youth Initiatives in the Yemeni Street ... and the Corona Virus

Youth have a great role in developing and educating society about the importance of preventing the risks of the outbreak of the Coronavirus through their participation in the awareness process through (social media) or through the formation of initiatives on the field and on the ground and the production of educational content. These initiatives have had the largest and most influential share in spreading awareness in the various Yemeni governorates.

**Questionnaire
by: Hanin Ahmed**

"The current conditions and the receding role of the state has generated a sense of responsibility among young people that public health and providing community assistance are their responsibilities in addition to civil society organizations which made them take the initiative to provide assistance according to the simple capabilities available to them". That was the matter that most views of young people was about as for their responsibility to society in spreading awareness about the seriousness of the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

Initiative (as Full Step)

(Wadie' Nabil: founder of the youth Initiative Full Step: located in Taiz) says "With the outbreak of Corona virus in the governorate, we had the determination to play an effective role to contribute to spreading community awareness about the danger of the virus with individual support as we carried out field visits to some traders to provide sterilizers and masks, and to distribute them to members of society.

He continues "There was a great response from members of the community, but not in the required manner. We found it difficult to convince many people (who did not recognize the existence of the virus) that it was a serious and contagious disease, and that it was necessary to confront it with all seriousness, take caution and adhere to preventive measures.

Wadie' affirms that the youth affiliated with the initiative have full awareness of the seriousness of the virus, its symptoms and how to prevent it which facilitated the work of community awareness activities as appropriate educational methods were used to spread community awareness, combat rumors and false news about Coronavirus.

Corona and the vision of youth:
(Heba Ahmed: 20 years old: Aden)

Says "Young people are fully aware of the seriousness of Corona virus through what was published on social media with its participation in all events, activities and youth initiatives that contributed to educating society about the disease and how to prevent it.

She affirms "Each person must, first, assume his or her responsibility by adhering to prevention and every head of a family should pay attention to his family by imposing precautionary measures as well as staying at home to limit the spread of the virus and their commitment to wearing masks and continuous sterilization.

Team for Humanity initiative:

Team for humanity is a youth initiative (in Sana'a) that provided many health aids (with limited resources) to members of the same team. (Yumna Al-Husseini: Representative of Team for Humanity) says "at the beginning, the existence of the virus was a difficult topic for society to accept. This made us- as a youth initiative and as a matter of community responsibility- carry out community awareness about the danger of the virus and how to prevent it.

She adds "The initiative has implemented (a field visit to the orphanage) to raise awareness through awareness stories and entertainment shows to convey information to children on how to sterilize, prevent and adhere to all preventive precautionary measures. Awareness programs have also been implemented by distributing: brochures, texts, photos, educational videos and publications on social media; all of which include the instructions of the World Health Organization.

As for youth initiatives, their role has been influential and important in educating the community and helping it to know the information necessary for the process of preventing the virus and preserving its health in light of the situation that classifies Yemen that it is going through the worst humanitarian crisis in the world". This is what was indicated by (Amani Ahmed: 27 years old, from Aden).

She adds "The youth initiatives- which worked on the field and on the ground-



had a great role in spreading hope among the community members on how to overcome all difficulties. It also contributed to providing preventive health supplies, represented in: 1-soap 2- sterilizers 3- Masks 4- and even water - for the poor and the displaced.

(Ahmed Al-Awlaki: 24 years old- Sana'a) says "We have- with a group of young people- formed volunteer campaigns, about awareness of how to prevent Coronavirus as it was divided into (teams) working in each region; to spread awareness of how to prevent disease, sterilization and to use many and varied methods of raising awareness.

Citizen initiatives:

On the other hand (Hamza Najib: 25 years old- Taiz) reviews his experience in providing assistance to the community; by spreading awareness in the surrounding area, and on the need to adhere to preventive measures. He says "civil initiatives and institutions did not provide

the required support, which they should provide. Awareness was limited to the theoretical side, and in his opinion, it lacked the application of these precautionary measures.

He stresses "individual or collective youth initiatives must (in the first place) be a role model for citizens and be genuinely committed to prevention and not to conduct campaigns through communication sites and awareness advertisements only". He adds "The role of these initiatives is still deficient and insufficient. There was no concerted effort; for the campaigns to be practical and on the ground as well not just (theoretical) instructions.

Initiatives represent scarce efforts:

Meanwhile (Norah Al-Qudsi, 20 years old- Taiz) provided assistance; by raising awareness about adherence to precautionary prevention, the importance of wearing a mask, using sterilizers and avoiding crowded places. She sees that the initiatives had only a (minor) role in what the

current situation in Yemen requires, and that efforts were very (scarce) compared to the large number of initiatives currently in place. She also indicated that the assistance was mostly limited to awareness only.

(Muhammad Al-Sharabi: 27 years old- Taiz) agrees with her opinion, saying "Our society suffers from a lack of awareness, ignorance and disbelief in the seriousness of the situation as we see many gatherings- in public places- do not abide by preventive measures and do not take matters seriously.

He believes that the official authorities and civil society organizations limited their efforts to the (awareness) aspect only and defining symptoms; but they did not have a field role: such as reinforcing ambulances, and providing sufficient human capital (from volunteers) in response centers, whether through telephone, or through emergency first aid in the city of Taiz.

How Do Yemenis Deal with Coronavirus?



"In Yemen, many people overlook the magnitude of the danger caused by the deadly Corona virus and in light of the indifference- in which the Yemeni people are drowning- as well as the high prices of sterilizers, medical masks, and immune-boosting vitamin C to five times their prices before the first wave of Coronavirus in Yemen; as a result of all this, the situation is getting worse and more dangerous for Yemenis, and the virus, in turn, continues to claim lives, unabated!

(Sawt Al Amal) highlighted the extent to which people are aware of the danger of the virus and how do they deal with it and the extent of their commitment to the precautionary measures; To prevent the virus.

By: **Mona Al-Asadi**
Sawt Al-Amal (Voice of Hope)

Coronavirus does not exist in Yemen!

(Badr Hussein: Taxi driver says to Sawt Al Amal): Corona does not exist in Yemen: All symptoms- which people think that are related to Coronavirus are normal (cold) symptoms. Adding: Coronavirus only affects the elderly; because they are basically of poor immune. As for young people, they are able to bypass the disease and he confirms: It is rare for a person to ride the taxi wearing a mask. This- from his point of view- confirms the absence of Corona in Yemen!

(Abed Al-Wasabi: 20 years old: potato seller) agrees with him, saying: There is no corona in Yemen. The rumors about its existence did not affect him or any of his family. He adds: No one (of my family members) was infected with this disease, nor I know someone who got it. Indeed, most

"The purchase of masks and sterilizers- in addition to vitamin C - has greatly affected our ability to provide basic meals"



Najlaa Baktadha

of the customers- who buy potatoes from him - do not wear masks and he thinks that this is normal. How could a person protect himself from something that does not exist?!

Why do individuals not abide by the precautionary measures against the virus?!

(Raed Al-Muntasir: 21 years old: an accountant) says "In the first wave of Coronavirus in Yemen, we were taking all precautionary measures against the virus, but this was not a trivial effort for us; the purchase of masks and sterilizers- in addition to vitamin C - has greatly affected our ability to provide basic meals. This prompted us to stop buying them, and to be satisfied with washing hands constantly".

(Sumaya Muhammad: 20 years old: a university student) confirms this by saying "The high cost of living makes us not pay attention to what the Corona virus may cause and despite our full knowledge of its seriousness, it is difficult to buy masks (daily) for all family members as this represents a hardship and a material cost that we cannot bear for long months. She

went on to say that she goes to university and notices that the situation - with most of her colleagues- is not much different; it is rare to find a student wearing a mask.

On this, (Najlaa Baktadha: a media official in Rabaa School) commented "we are making great awareness efforts to combat Corona virus but in light of the difficult economic situation of the country, and the deterioration of the individual income; it is difficult to adhere (completely) to the idea of separation because of the (large) number of students that government schools accommodate in Yemen. But we are doing the most that we can; as a national duty, we present it with love.

As for (Malak Muhammad: 35 years old, housewife) she says "I make great efforts to educate my children about the danger of Corona virus and they adhere to their role, with all the instructions they receive from me ... However, the failure of everyone to abide by the precautionary measures from the virus negatively affects committed individuals!

(Wijdan Idris: 14 years old: a school student) agrees with her opin-



Wijdan Idris

ion and says "The talk circulating largely among members of society regarding Corona virus and that it did not reach Yemen- negatively affects individuals' commitment to the precautionary measures against the virus. In addition to that the news of the existence of Corona virus was not provided to us reliably.

Whereas (Ruqayya Saleh: 23 years old: a student), said that she is exposed to widespread bullying from people in the street as a result of wearing a mask which made her stop wearing it to be imposed to the risk of infection.

Khat Herbs markets are most vulnerable to the spread of the virus:

In a field visit (of Sawt Al Amal) - to a number of khat herb markets, we found that most of those who go to these markets are completely unaware of the danger that the virus may cause. Despite the great crowding there, you will not find anyone wearing (a mask or gloves) on the least; To prevent possible transmission of the virus.

(Raed Abdo Nasser: 30 years old: Khat Herb seller) says "The psycho-

"Wearing masks confuses people". As soon as someone sees me wearing a mask, they think that I have Coronavirus"

logical factor is the one controlling the disease. Yemenis depend on God and they believe that no one dies unless his life is over". Raed confirms that most of the individuals- who go to the market to buy khat herb do not wear masks.

(Shakib Youssef: Khat herb seller) comments saying "Wearing masks confuses people". As soon as someone sees me wearing a mask, they think that I have Coronavirus and this may make them refuse to buy, or at least the person who wears it may be exposed to ridiculous comments by everyone!

On this, (Abdo Thabet Naji: 35 years old: a customer who visit Khat markets frequently) comments by saying "A major reason for the spread of Corona virus is the indifference of the majority of society, especially in the Khat herb markets which people frequently visit, without taking into account the precautionary measures to prevent corona virus.



Rajaa Makrad

Stop For A Moment ... And Think!

Confirmed cases, recoveries and deaths- this is what occupied the first importance, in the news list #Stay_Home, which is a call launched by international organizations; As a temporary solution to avoid the Covid-19 epidemic, which has swept the world traveling from country to country and through several airports, without an identity, No station could stop it or know its cause.. Some locals may see that this epidemic may be part of a Biological conflict or economic plot.

But what is important now is what accompanies that epidemic (as for technology and environment). Despite the importance that technology attains in times of crises, there are negative things that reflect the image, that it is not only technological means that need to be taken into account, but also the environment as it is a must to reconsider the disability it encounters as a result of mankind actions, and had it not been for Covid-19, the environment would have been a file in 2021.

What the media should - in the stages of crises and disasters - pay attention to, is the news that is published: Just as a simple (medical) error may lead to the death of a person. The word also equates to that medical error and more; as medical and therapeutic errors may claim the life of one person, while the word may lead to thousands of victims of peoples and nations. No one can deny the accompaniment of misinformation and fake news to media coverage, but with the outbreak of the epidemic, it has become necessary adhering to the following: 1- Taking into account the psychology of the recipient 2- Trying to purify The content from impurities, and to make it- as far as possible- to serve the public interest; So that its benefit is more than its harm.

Why are we stressing the topic of the word here? and what does this have to do with the epidemic? Of course, as the one who is responsible for the media message is no longer just the channel, the radio or the newspaper; rather, it has become social media, with different applications, and different people who choose and publish content. The world had witnessed previously spread of epidemics, but at that time, not everyone was in contact with technology and it is not fair to blame (with full responsibility) the one who publishes, nor on the medium, as because society has solutions to put it off. It can combat any false news, with the ability to find the facts, and deter everything that is fabricated which lacks credibility.

There are also negative aspects of communication media and their users, as there are also positive aspects, most notably is awareness. Technology has facilitated the process of disseminating guidelines and ways to prevent the virus and it provided an opportunity for the public to communicate with specialists in medicine and psychological counseling. The means of communication had a role in communicating the opinions and demands of the people- if they wanted to pressure a certain party- to quickly find a solution. Recently, an effective role has emerged for it, which is to fill many free times with what is beneficial to them. What the world is witnessing today is a unique shift: from borders that were drawn by nature, to limits that do not go beyond the room. This move calls for contemplation of the environment and the human condition, as if it was not Corona; the environment would have been still experiencing its struggle with humans but what has been observed by some environmental studies is that the cessation of economic activity- which came to coincide with the Corona crisis- reduced environmental pollution.

Human beings must be reconciled with the environment. Balance must be made and solutions must be proposed to ensure protection for the environment and double the oxygen, which most of Corona's victims today died because of its shortage. The man must understand the relationship between him and the biosphere in which he lives, take a lesson from the past, and think more, of what was he falling short? The relationship between him - and the sphere in which he lives- is continuing.

The environment and the new media are two files which we must pay attention to what is happening in them: the environment must be appreciated for its right, and we raise the hat of respect for it; that is because mankind bears responsibility for the pollution that afflicts it. As if this epidemic- which is sweeping most of the countries of the world- reminded many of their mistakes towards it and the new media (means of communication) has become available to everyone, but the matter depends on awareness of how to use it- or not - and it was a must to mention its valuable aspects- as well as its disadvantages- in order not to become the "carrier enemy".



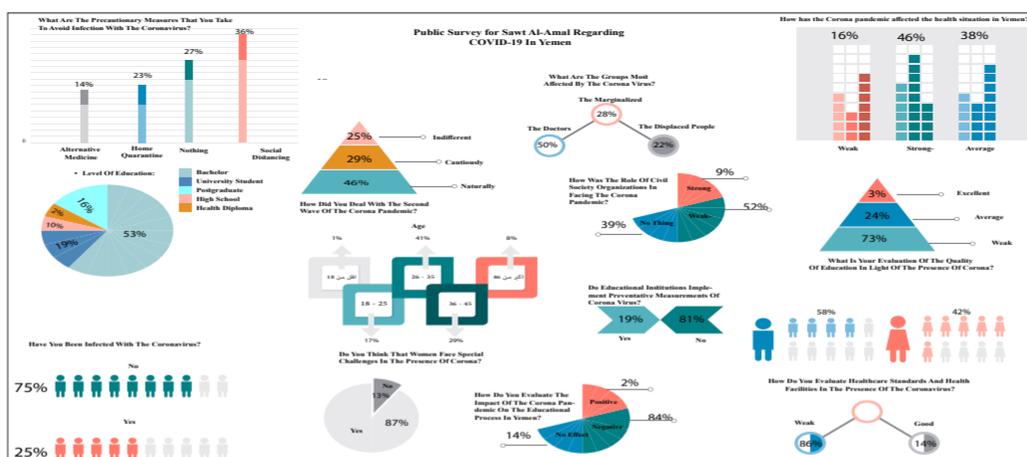
86% of the Participants Assert Poor Health Care, in Light of the Presence of Corona Virus in Yemen

The Information and Public Opinion Survey Unit of the (Yemen Information Center) conducted a special questionnaire for Sawt Al-Amal newspaper on how the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic affects the living conditions of the Yemeni citizen in various fields.

The questionnaire- in which a sample from various Yemeni governorates participated- of whom 58% were males and 48% were females of different age groups and educational levels- showed that 46% of citizens were affected by the pandemic in a strong way, while 38% were moderately affected; while 36% of the citizens confirmed that social distancing is one of the most important precautionary measures that must be taken to avoid infection with the virus and 23% of citizens believe that (home quarantine) is an appropriate way to avoid infection.

The questionnaire reviewed how Yemenis dealt with the second wave of the pandemic, as 46% of citizens indicated that they dealt with the situation normally, while 29% of citizens dealt with caution and 25% dealt with indifference. Regarding the evaluation of standards of care and health facilities- in the light of the presence of the Coronavirus- 86% confirmed that the standards are weak, while 14% of citizens indicated that they are good.

It is worth noting that 25% of citizens confirmed that they were infected with Corona virus, while 75% of the respondents were not affected by the virus. Likewise, the questionnaire concluded that doc-



tors- by 50%- are the groups most affected by the virus: compared to the marginalized, the displaced and the rest of society.

Regarding the impact of the Corona pandemic (on the educational process in Yemen) 84% of the respondents asserted that the educational process was negatively affected; while 14% saw that it was not affected and 81% of the respondents indicated that educational institutions did not implement the precautionary measures required to prevent infection(as

required) and 73% believe that the quality of education- in light of the Corona pandemic- was weak, while 24% believe it is moderate.

As for the women's sector, 87% of citizens assert that women face (special challenges) in light of the presence of the Coronavirus, while 13% believe that they have not been affected by the pandemic. On the role of civil society organizations and international organizations, 52% of citizens believe that their role is weak and 39% say it has no role in the real world.

Precautionary Decrees Taken to Confront the Outbreak of Coronavirus

A number of government facilities, institutions and bodies in various Yemeni governorates have implemented precautionary decrees to confront the (second) wave of Coronavirus (Covid-19), in order to avoid the outbreak of the pandemic in the country.

The (Ministry of Local Administration in Aden) issued on March 23 a circular to governors of the governorates, to adhere to precautionary measures to confront the epidemic by imposing (social distancing) in markets and commercial centers, closing mosques outside prayer times, as well as closing halls, clubs and wedding halls- organizing markets and malls- reducing the duration of their work- suspending all public activities and official events- granting leave to the elderly and those with chronic diseases who work for the local authority with the necessity of social distancing among students during exams in schools, institutes and universities.

While the (Ministry of Education: in Sana'a) issued on March 20 a circular providing tests for moving stages for the 2020-2021 academic year from (first to eighth grade) to the date of March 27, provided that exams for the first and second secondary grades start from the third date of April, the secondary school examinations in its two sections (scientific and literary) will start on June 26, 2021 and the ninth grade exams on June 27, 2021.

(The Ministry of Awkaf and Guidance: In Aden) issued on March 25 a circular to take precautionary and preventive measures against the Coronavirus pandemic. By stressing the cleanliness and sterilization of mosques, reducing the waiting time between the call to prayer and Iqama, shortening the length of prayers and reducing the lectures, lessons and words between prayers.

The (Civil Service Office in Hadramout) issued on the date of March 22 a circular to the offices of

ministries, institutions, bodies and public interests for the public and mixed sectors- in the governorate of Hadramout Al Sahel to adhere to precautionary measures among employees during work hours, reduce the workforce to 30% and lay off what accounts to 70% of the functional forces within the procedures.

Among the directives of (the Governor of Taiz and the Presidency of the University), studies in the university's colleges and centers in the governorate have been suspended starting from the date of March 28 until further notice. This is to avoid an outbreak of Corona virus (Covid 19) among students.

Based on the decrees of the (Supreme Emergency Committee: in Aden), the study was suspended for the second semester in all study programs (BA + MA + PhD) in colleges from the date of March 27, 2021 until the end of the Eid Al-Fitr vacation.