



According to the letter of support No. 86/2020 dated 21 March 2020, the management of the International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD) informed all its members that the IFSPD intends to continue its activities in the field of analysis and synthesis. In this regard, we would like to present our second issue of the analysis of the current situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2nd IFSPD Issue of Analysis and Synthesis on COVID-19 (26 March 2020 – 2 April 2020)

UN STATISTICS AND NEWS

If in the last issue of 26 March 2020, according to WHO data, there were **275,498** infected ones with the coronavirus, as of **2 April 2020**, there are **827,419** recorded cases in the world. The death toll is **40,777**, and **194,658** have recovered. The United States of America (USA) is now the leading epicenter with 163,199 cases, followed by Italy (105,792). Spain is currently in third place (94,417) and China is fourth (82,638). (Figure 1.)

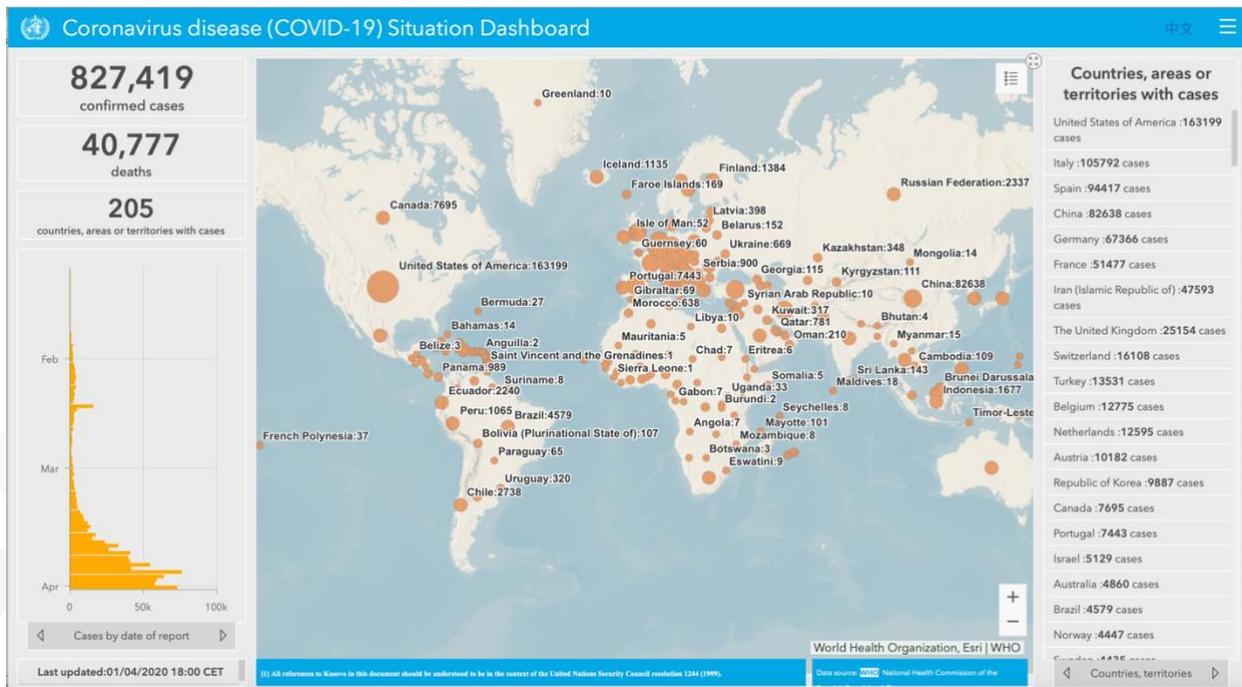


Figure 1. Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5bheeee1b9125cd>



On 26 March 2020, WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called for the fight, unity, and ignition against COVID-19 at the G20 Summit: “We have come together to discuss measures to counter the most severe health crisis of our time. We are at war with a virus that threatens to destroy our lives if we do not resist it.” (<https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---27-march-2020>)

During a COVID-19 media briefing dated 27 March 2020, the Head of WHO recalled that despite the terrifying numbers, it is worth remembering that more than 100,000 patients have recovered: “We must fight, unite and ignite. Fight to stop the virus with every resource at our disposal; Unite to confront the pandemic together. We are one humanity, with one common enemy. No country can fight alone; we can only fight together. [...] We must also make a promise to future generations, saying never again. Viral outbreaks are a fact of life. How much damage they do is something we can influence.” (WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 - 27 March 2020 <https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---27-march-2020>) Dr. Gebreyesus also noted that WHO has supplied nearly 2 million pieces of protective equipment to the 74 countries that most needed it, and they are preparing to ship similar volumes of material to another 60 countries. However, the Head of WHO admits that this is not enough: “Health workers in low- and middle-income countries deserve the same protection as doctors in the richest countries,” he said. (<https://news.un.org/ru/story/2020/03/1375152>)

On 27 March 2020, the chairmen of the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the Economic Social Council, as well as the UN Secretary-General, held a briefing for the organization's member countries. It is noted that the UN continues its work, adapting to unprecedented conditions, given that the UN headquarters is located in one of several pandemic epicenters - New York:

“We are doing our best to ensure the functioning of the General Assembly in these conditions,” said Tijani Muhammad-Bande, Chairman of this body, which includes all 193 UN member countries. “And it will pass,” he said. “But we must remember that we have a tremendous responsibility - greater than ever.” The Permanent Representative of China to the UN, Zhang Jun, who is currently chairing the Security Council, said that members of the Council are in close contact by telephone, email, and video. They accept joint statements and consult on current issues. “This week, we discussed the situation in the DRC and Libya, and next week we are planning meetings on Syria, Afghanistan, and other issues,” said Zhang Jun. Adjustments are quickly made to working methods in order to ensure the transparency of the Security Council and meetings held through conference calls; All necessary documentation is processed and published. “Unfortunately, while online meetings are being held without translation, we are exploring the possibility of returning this function,” said the Permanent Representative of China. Mona Juul, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), warned in her speech that a pandemic could negate development gains, especially in the world’s poorest countries. She called for support for such states. “In addition to humanitarian assistance, developing countries need

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support to overcome the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said the ECOSOC President. UN Secretary-General António Guterres spoke about the fact that last week he held videoconferences with UN representatives working around the world, including those in peacekeeping and political missions. “I asked them to act on three points: take measures to protect personnel, ensure the implementation of critical functions, and also cooperate with host countries and support their efforts [to combat COVID-19].” (UN News <https://news.un.org/ru/story/2020/03/1375132>)

The spokesman for the UN Secretary-General, Stephane Dujarric, said on 26 March 2020 that 78 UN employees around the world are suffering from coronavirus infection. (<https://russian.rt.com/world/news/732215-oon-sotrudniki-koronavirus>) 30 March 2020, Alessandra Vellucci, the official representative of the UN Geneva headquarters, stated that nine employees of the UN agencies were confirmed to be infected with the coronavirus. (<https://russian.rt.com/world/news/733565-zheneva--oon-koronavirus>)

On 30 March 2020, during a regular media briefing by the WHO Director-General, the issue of providing medical care, which should continue despite the current crisis, was discussed: “Babies are still being born, vaccines must still be delivered, and people still need life-saving treatment for a range of other diseases.[...] WHO has published guidelines to help countries balance the demands of responding directly to COVID-19, while maintaining essential health services.” (WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 - 30 March 2020 <https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---30-march-2020>)

By stressing the need to join forces and show solidarity in the fight against coronavirus, the obligation to protect every person and save people regardless of their status is evident. In this regard, experts note that migrants and refugees can very quickly become targets of stigma and discrimination. A statement by WHO, the United Nations Office for Human Rights, the International Organization for Migration, and the Office for Refugees said that three quarters of all refugees and migrants found shelter in developing countries, where health systems are already struggling to cope. Since many countries in this situation close their borders or restrict their crossing, the authors of the statement argue that it is quite possible to comply with such restrictions while observing international standards in the field of human rights and refugee protection. For example, by conducting medical examinations and establishing quarantines. (*If we do not protect migrants and refugees from COVID-19, we will not be able to take it under control* <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/03/1375292>)



The IFSPD Board of Directors Members' solidarity during the global fight against the pandemic COVID-19

Regarding the current situation of the spread of COVID-19, the Secretariat of the International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD) has received informative letters during 24-2 April 2020 from its Board members representing following countries (listed in alphabetical order): Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, India, Italy, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South African Republic, Ukraine, United States (USA).

The management of the International Foundation (IFSPD) has decided to dedicate this issue of analysis and synthesis primarily to the solidarity of its members of the Board of Directors, but also to its all members and partners. Below, we present to you fragments of the received letters from the IFSPD Board members.

Azerbaijan

Mr. Chingiz Abdullayev (2 April 2020): "I understand how everyone is worried about the pandemic. I inform you that in our country today are only 356 people with a confirmed diagnosis. About two thousand people who arrived from abroad are on quarantine. The best hotels in our city and our country are being used for quarantine purposes. From among the sick, five people died. However, four had severe chronic illnesses, and coronavirus came on top. Now the quarantine is announced, and everything is done to neutralize the spread of the virus. We hope that the measures taken will help our country to avoid the worst".

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Prof. Sabahudin Hadzialic, Ph.D. (26 March 2020): "Let me start with a joke that we have more Ministers than we have respirators (BTW, we have more than 150 Ministers within the country of 14 Prime Ministers and the population number of a little bit more than 3,2 million people). However, it is very difficult to make a focus on the numbers and the problems we are facing with during Pandemia, because of the divided country. So, as until today (a little bit more than 500 tested) as of 26.3. at 16:00 hours, we have 189 cases with Covid-19 virus and 3 dead and 2 healed. [...] Couple a of days ago, local Cantonal government and Prime Minister of Canton 10 in West Herzegovina part of BiH has issued an order that citizens of BiH cannot enter this part of the country (sic!). After a huge noise made by higher levels, he withdraws his decision the next morning. No coordination at all, almost. Although, doctors, nurses, cashiers, and small traders are doing their best to do their work properly and to help the citizens not just to survive but also to continue lives in a correct manner. Soon, we will get (as announced yesterday and today) 150.000 tests for the entity of FBiH and 20.000 tests for the entity of RS in BiH (soon means within seven days). Our Prime Minister of FBiH, entity, Mr. Fadil Novalić, who was indirect guilt for the creation of a virus cluster in small-town Konjic (now 17 cases - 10.000 population)

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in which he attended the party on 11.3. (2 days after he issued an order that there are no big gatherings of more than 50 people) where 200 people attended from all around the country (now cases around BiH “thanks” to that). Even today, on 26.3.2020 on the question asked at the Press conference by one of the journalists what the government will do with down-sizing of the companies and people getting out of jobs because of the pandemic, he answered: “That is not layoff of workers, that is decreasing the number of the employed”. [...] So, here we do not have only the pandemic - here we have on the scene organized anarchy called a state of Bosnia and Herzegovina. But who am I to judge?”

Bulgaria

Prof. Zdravko Popov, Ph.D. (24 March 2020): “[...] In Bulgaria, a state of emergency has been declared since 13 March, and a special law was voted in the Parliament. Restaurants, nightclubs, schools, universities are closed; all kinds of social events, conferences, gatherings, etc. are prohibited. The borders of the state - air, water and land - were closed to the free movement of citizens. This order is also valid for the free travel of people in the country. A national crisis committee and an operational expert council have been created under the supervision of the Prime Minister. In fulfilling the purpose of the state of emergency, all hospitals and medical centers, ministers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and also some parts of the army were mobilized to receive people infected with the coronavirus. There are not enough medical masks, gloves and disinfectants for citizens, there is a lack of diagnostic tests and respiratory devices. The government will try to address these urgent needs. Every day, the number of patients with established COVID-19 infection is increasing. By 23 March, we had an official number of 218 patients and 3 deaths. [...] Take care of yourself! Stay at home!”

Dr. Dimitar Kostov added: “Doctors work without rest, which is highly valued by society. In the newspapers, they are called “white heroes”. Volunteering among students is widespread, business and ordinary people make massive donations to hospitals. I hope this continues after the pandemic. People understand that the culmination is not reached yet. Therefore, the industry was engaged in the production of everything necessary to fight the virus.”

Georgia

Prof. Manana Sanadze, Ph.D. (31 March 2020): “Dear friends, thank you for your attention! I want to inform you that an unenviable situation has developed in Georgia. Over the past few days, the number of infected significantly increased. In total, there are 108 ill people, 20 recovered, 1,500 are in quarantine. Starting today, a curfew is imposed. I wish you good health! I hope that we will soon find a way out of this difficult situation.”

India

Prof. Sangeeth Varghese, Ph.D. (30 March 2020): “The spread of novel coronavirus in India has created panic in the country. After the first confirmed positive case was reported on January 30,



the pandemic has reached many other cities in the country, infecting several hundred people. March 30, 2020 reported the biggest single-day spike in new COVID-19 cases until now. It reported 227 new cases taking the total tally to 1,385. Out of this, 101 have been cured and discharged from hospitals, while the death tally stood at 32, according to Health Ministry data. [...] The Supreme Court (SC) has warned that the fear and panic due to COVID-19 are fast becoming bigger problems than the contagion itself. The 21-day nationwide lockdown was announced on March 23, 2020. The Indian government -- as part of its initial package for poor people, women, and employees -- has announced a stimulus of 0.8 percent of the GDP. This package includes health insurance for health workers, food for the poor and direct benefit transfers. Unfortunately, the lockdown is expected to wipe off 74% of the real GDP from the Indian economy and the April-June growth will also contract 3%. Service sector would be the most impacted due to the lockdown as consumption of non-essentials takes a hit. The nationwide lockdown has caused severe crunch in labour, causing supply-chain disruptions. The lockdown's initial impact on manufacturing activity is expected to be somewhat lower as 1/3 of net value added in manufacturing comes from the production of essential items such as food, beverages, petroleum and coke, pharma and medicinal products. The drag on manufacturing growth may linger on beyond the first half of the next fiscal year. [...].”

Italy

Prof. Anton Giulio de'Robertis (24 March 2020): “It is the first time that a liberal economy has introduced such broad restrictions on fundamental freedoms and moreover it does so by decree without involving Parliament. The population with a great sense of responsibility has unanimously and spontaneously adapted to the restrictive measures; but the government also uses the army to guarantee this respect. The trend of the stock exchanges is highly erratic with unseen collapses and recoveries. [...] GDP consists almost exclusively of state payments to employees and suppliers. Large companies as well as banks have reduced sales to an unprecedented minimum, that is, they have costs much greater than revenues and therefore produce losses. All this means that only those who receive taxes continue to have an income while the others, those who pay them, not only do not have collections but will not pay taxes, nor banks, nor bills. Circumstance that will raise the debt far beyond all expectations. [...] The great difficulties and the psychological conditioning produced by these difficulties lead both the most ignorant populace and the great finance to ask for greater public interventions and greater use of new currency which has the advantage of not costing anything and solving immediate critical issues immediately. This results in a dependence on public intervention very similar to drug addiction which leads to further enlargement of the public sphere to the detriment of the private one. Being a case that has never been verified, it will be interesting to verify if this phenomenon will ever be stopped, and how, and if ever, we will return to the double-digit GDP growth necessary to give back to companies (which guarantee state revenues and the survival of large companies).”



Kazakhstan

Prof. Dossym Suleyev, Ph.D. (25 March 2020): “In Kazakhstan, the coronavirus appeared in mid-March and was brought from Europe, i.e. when the coronavirus pandemic was already declared. From the very beginning of the disease, Kazakhstan adopted a strict system of measures aimed at combating coronavirus. The President of the country issued a corresponding decree and several appeals to the people, all universities, colleges and schools were transferred to a distance learning system in an online format. If possible, the maximum number of organizations and institutions were also transferred to such a regime. In the largest cities of Nursultan and Almaty, a quarantine and a moratorium on entry and exit were declared, and strict discipline and order were required. For this, the army and the police were involved. In connection with the accompanying economic crisis, exacerbated by a sharp drop in the quotation of our own currency, various preferences and concessions were made to small and medium-sized businesses, a number of measures were taken to provide support to low-paid sectors of the population, payments to medical workers were significantly increased, etc. The state allocated significant funds to support the fight against coronavirus. A special Fund was created and an appeal was made to large private campaigns and individuals on the allocation of funds, if possible, for the purchase of equipment and drugs for the treatment and prevention of coronavirus. Currently, 79 cases of coronavirus are registered in the country, the fight against which is becoming tougher every day. At the same time, special attention is paid to the elderly. Shopping centers, entertainment centers, restaurants, cafes, bars are closed, only grocery stores and stalls work. Failure to comply with quarantine orders is strictly punished. The peak of coronavirus development is expected in mid-April.”

Luxemburg

Ms. Raymonde Philipps (26 March 2020): “As of 25 March, Luxembourg has 1.333 confirmed cases of Covid-19. 143 patients are hospitalised, 21 in ICU, among which 7 patients from North-Eastern France which the Government offered to treat in order to help alleviate neighbouring France’s effort. Since the outbreak of the crisis, 8 persons have died; all of them belonging to the elderly, more vulnerable group (> 80). The Ministry of Health publishes updated numbers every evening at 6 pm. Luxembourg’s government has introduced a series of strict measures in an effort to limit the spread of Covid-19 coronavirus. Restrictions on movement have been imposed, allowing people in principle only to travel if they are going to work, to visit medical facilities, go shopping, help others or to go out in nature - people, and especially families with children, should still be able to get fresh air and could do so in rural settings that are less densely populated. In public spaces, groups of more than two persons are not allowed, except for families living in the same household. A 2 m distance must be respected. All schools, from kindergarten to universities, were closed on 16 March and will remain so at least until 19 April. Government on 17 March 2020 decreed the state of emergency: the decree was confirmed in a vote by parliament on 21 March, for the duration of three (3) months. Parliament can revoke that state anytime by a 2/3 majority. All public places are closed - that is restaurants, bars, clubs, libraries, museums and all shops apart



from grocery stores as well as pharmacies, telecoms outlets, petrol stations and newsagents. The government is working with the supermarket chains to ensure that deliveries of foodstuffs are maintained. Restaurants are however allowed to operate kitchens and can carry on with home deliveries, just as room service will be maintained in hotels. [...] Regarding testing, Luxembourg's Health Department advises those who develop COVID-19 symptoms, have been exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or have traveled to a risk region, to contact their healthcare provider by phone, not in person, or call the designated COVID-19 hotline: 8002-8080. Hundreds of supplementary hospital beds including appropriate equipment have been set up in the national fairs & exhibition halls and in other large facilities in several regions of the country.”

Montenegro

Mr. Ilija Kazic (25 March 2020): “Like never before, we need understanding and solidarity. The accelerated development of the world had a great influence on nature and it made itself heard. [...] Montenegro is the last country in Europe to receive the first patient COVID-19. It came in handy that the tourist season had not yet begun, and also that the virus had not expanded rapidly in our neighboring countries. Without waiting for the first infected ones, the government of our country took the most serious measures and limited the work of schools, kindergartens, shopping centers, cafes and restaurants. Montenegro was one of the first to close the border for travel as well as airports for commercial flights. These were painful adjustments that nobody accepted at that time, except for China, but it brought results. The real problem appeared with the beginning of the return of our citizens from countries where they temporarily live or work. They brought the virus from the USA and Spain and we had two hotbeds. In Montenegro to date, there are only 47 infected, 18 of which have been proven today. 15 cases from initial contacts and 3 without a clear epidemiological relationship with known cases. 5 972 people are under surveillance.”

Romania

Prof. Iulian Chifu, Ph.D. (24 March 2020): “Romania is some 2-3 weeks behind Italy. we have, at this point, 762 cases and 8 death and an extensive check of coronavirus problems. The complete lock down has been established beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, 25 March.

The authorities are telling our people to brace for the hit that is to come. The average first pick is expected somewhere in the next 10-14 days, and we are expecting a second apex 10-14 days after Easter, 19 of April. [...] Going out is permitted with special agreement for going to work, for food and medicine as well as for going to hospital when needed. But this should be done after calling the family doctor. [...] On another note, Romania is involved in its own research for medicines to heal coronavirus as well as in find the vaccine, together with some other European companies. And we are trying, at the same time, to help, according to our own possibilities, Republic of Moldova and some other of our neighbors.”



Russian Federation

Mr. Mikhail Zernov (25 March 2020): “On 25/03/2020 there were 658 people infected. [...] Increase in coronavirus cases for the day is 163, of them 140 is in Moscow. Apparently, we have to go to the suburbs, where the situation is more favourable. The suburbs became one of the first regions where cinemas, nightclubs, entertainment centers were closed, and smoking hookah was banned. On the previous days, the Russian government ordered to introduce these restrictions throughout the country. Moscow is working in normal mode, there is traffic jam on the streets, which is alarming. On the other hand, the Russian authorities (especially in Moscow) are taking unprecedented security measures: the constant disinfection of public transport, office spaces, residential buildings and even public transport stops. At the operational committee, they also said that since the beginning of the epidemic in Russia, 29 people who have recovered from COVID-19 have been discharged. Children's educational institutions are closed, education is conducted remotely on-line. In Moscow it is forbidden to leave apartments to persons over 65 years old. The Moscow government will also provide these people with 4,000 RUB in addition to their pensions. A huge hospital is being built (80 thousand square meters), which will operate already in 3-4 weeks. The Russian government sent 14 aircraft with specialists and special equipment to Italy as humanitarian aid, at the request of the Italian government. Moscow authorities have allowed the treatment of coronavirus at home. Now, if a person is found to have COVID-19 in a mild form, he/she and the people with whom he/she lives will be prohibited from leaving the place of residence. [...]”.

The message of IFSPD fully-fledged member Mrs. Olga Zinovieva to her contemporaries can be found on the following link <http://zinoviev.info/wps/archives/5109>

Slovenia

Mr. Renato Krajnc (25 March 2020): “[...] We don't have general quarantine in our country, but we have general suggestion to stay at home. And people are respecting it. Fully. The actual situation to the present day is as follows: 528 infected, 5 deaths. But in fact the number of infected is higher. The health system is able to manage the situation, but we have lack of protective equipment (protective masks, gloves), as well as respirators. The new government applied the measures and the actions for restricting the spread of the virus, as well as the measures to help the economy and the most vulnerable groups of the population. We haven't reached the peak of the epidemic yet, but we want to slow it down, to be able to handle it as much as possible. [...]”.

South African Republic

Mr. Zarko Taric (26 March 2020): “[...] With latest report, 709 people have tested positive in South Africa, a 28% increase from the previous day. People are particularly concerned about the 50 people who tested positive in the Free State Province after attending the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast, which hosted 300 people. Five Covid-19 positive foreigners from the United States, Israel and France took part in the breakfast, which is most probably how virus got imported to



South Africa. President Cyril Ramaphosa mandated the lockdown, set to start on Friday tomorrow, in a bid to slow down the spread of the virus in the country. [...] Businesses that will be allowed to continue include, amongst others, pharmacies, laboratories, banks and supermarkets. Transport minister has confirmed that minibus taxis, Uber and Bolt, will be allowed on the roads only between 05h00 and 09h00, and from 16:00 and 20:00. Only people who are essential services workers, as well as South Africans buying food, seeking medical attention, funeral service and to receive payment of grants will be permitted. There will be no mass movement of buses, but only buses carrying workers, and those to hospitals will run. National borders are closed for human traffic, but will continue to stay open for trade. South African Airways (SAA), FlySafair and Comair have cancelled all domestic flights. National economy is in shambles. The SA Rand has slumped to R17.70/\$ as investors dump risky assets. On a bright side, toilet paper, bleach, and a number of other hot and critical items are getting strict price controls. Majority of people are disciplined”.

Ukraine

Mr. Dmytro Kulibaba and Mr. Hikmat Javadov (30 марта 2020): “Situation in Ukraine, March 29. Reports of suspected coronavirus – 1966. Laboratory confirmed cases of the disease – 418. Deaths of people infected with coronavirus – 9. Recovered from the coronavirus – 5. 93 new cases were recorded during last 24 hours. From 25 of March the Cabinet of Ministers has decided to introduce emergency throughout the country and to extend quarantine to April 24 due to the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. Restrictions have been imposed to contain the coronavirus: Public transport. From March 18 until April 24, it is forbidden to carry more than 10 passengers at a time in public transport. There is a ban on transporting passengers by metro in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Dnipro from March 17 until April 24. Intercity transport. There is a ban on regular and irregular transportation by buses and railway service. Domestic trade of food, petrol, hygienic items, and medications is allowed for people to buy and sell. Banking and insurance are permitted. Кафе, рестораны, спортивные клубы. Начиная с 17 марта, предприятия питания, торговли и развлечения, фитнес-клубы и учреждения культуры временно перестают работать. Cafes and restaurants are only open for take-out and delivery service only. Public gatherings. Starting March 17, there is a ban on any public gatherings with more than 10 participants. It is only allowed to hold events necessary to provide the activities of central and local government authorities. Medical institutions. Medical institutions, hospitals and clinics will temporarily reschedule planned hospitalization and non-essential elective surgeries and procedures and will only deal with urgent and emergency cases. The Ministry of Health has ordered to prepare and reconverse hospitals and clinics to treat severely infected patients. Now in Ukraine, there are about 12,000 beds in infectious hospitals, 2,000 infectious disease doctors and 5,000 other healthcare professionals working in infectious hospitals and infectious boxes. Educational institutions. From 12 March until April 24, schooling will be stopped at nursery schools, general secondary schools, out-of- school educational institutions, colleges, universities, institutions of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate learning. [...] Early, on March 17, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted a bill amending certain legislative acts of Ukraine aimed at preventing the emergence and spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). It is estimated that up to 200% of wages will be paid



to health care workers involved in the elimination of coronavirus in Ukraine. [...] The fall of the Ukrainian economy under the optimistic scenario of the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) will amount to 5% of GDP in 2020 (Government) But another hand Ukraine's GDP will decline by 4% if quarantine lasts up to three months and by 9% if it lasts longer (Head of Dragon Capital investment company Tomas Fiala). [...] Ukraine notes the impotence to respond to UN Secretary-General's A. Guterres appeal for a global ceasefire in connection with the coronavirus outbreak to stop all military hostilities and impose a cessation of fire. [...]”.

United States of America (USA)

Mrs. Zhyldyz Oskonbaeva (25 March 2020): “[...] All 50 states are in self-imposed quarantine. Hardest-hit states are the State of Washington, State of California and New York, with the largest amount of people infected and deaths. As of today, we have 54,808 people infected 3,393 of which are in critical condition requiring lung ventilation, respirators, and life support. Only today 11,074 people tested positive which brings the United States to the top three countries of most affected countries after China and Italy. This spike might be the reason because we have the new testing kit that allows the results of screening to be ready in 45 minutes. [...] To limit the spread all public access businesses have been closed, entire education system is closed until the end of the school year [...] The world is not going to be the same after this pandemic. A lot of countries acted selfishly when Italy needed help. [...] This is the hardest test for unity, friendship, and compassion. Italy has the largest number of casualties, my heart and prayers go out to the people of Italy. And of course, I keep you all in my prayers.”

You can also read the address of the Secretary-General and Vice-president, prof. Eldar Hasanov. Ph.D., on the website of the International Foundation (IFSPD).

(<http://ifspd.org/address-of-the-secretary-general-and-vice-president-of-the-international-foundation-for-sustainable-peace-and-development-ifspd/>)



Statistics of countries represented by the IFSPD Board of Directors as of 2 April 2020:

Country	Total cases	New cases	Total deaths	New deaths	Total recovered	Reported 1 st case
Azerbaijan	359		5		26	Feb 27
Belarus	163		2		53	Feb 27
Bosnia and Herzegovina	490	+31	13		19	Mar 04
Bulgaria	449	+27	10		25	Mar 06
Georgia	130	+13			23	Feb 25
India	2,032	+34	58		148	Jan 29
Italy	110,574		13,155		16,847	Jan 29
Kazakhstan	402	+22	3		27	Mar 12
Luxemburg	2,319		29		80	Feb 28
Moldova	423		5		23	Mar 06
Montenegro	140	+17	2			Mar 16
North Macedonia	354		11		17	Feb 25
Romania	2,460		94	+2	252	Feb 25
Russia	2,777		24		190	Jan 30
Sao Tome and Principe	0		0			
Serbia	1,060		28		42	Mar 05
Slovenia	841		15		10	Mar 03
South Africa	1,380		5		50	Mar 04
Turkey	15,679		277		333	Mar 09

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Ukraine	804	+10	20		13	Mar 02
USA	215,344	+34 1	5,112	+10	8,878	Mar 20

Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> (2 April 2020 09:48)

“Solidarity, dedication, and determination to see the best in people.”

Dear friends! In the last issue, we highlighted the importance of being hopeful and calm. Today, allow us to draw your attention to the need to see the best in people, as the WHO Director-General noted. But, we also need to take part in helping everyone consciously, without exception! Elderly, lonely people, as well as people with disabilities, need the help of states, as well as our assistance.

Therefore, we wish to end this issue with an excerpt from the address of the IFSPD Secretary-General: “[...] By being an example, indeed, we must encourage compliance with measures taken within the framework of national laws, state health systems, and the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) in the fight against COVID-19. Exercising discipline and safeguards will support our countries, and helping lonely, elderly, and people in need is a human duty. A global victory over pandemic is possible if each of us becomes a role model by providing much-needed empathy and unity.”

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