

Supplementary tables:

Table S1: Data on testing rate

Country	Number of tests per million	Reference
Lebanon	10194	https://www.executive-magazine.com/economics-policy/healthcare/coronavirus/testing-for-covid-19-in-lebanon
Qatar	61028	https://covid19.moph.gov.qa/EN/Pages/default.aspx Accessed 22 May 2020
UAE	162087	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104645/covid19-testing-rate-select-countries-worldwide/ Accessed 22 May 2020
Saudi Arabia	18737	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104645/covid19-testing-rate-select-countries-worldwide/ Accessed 22 May 2020
Kuwait	62148	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104645/covid19-testing-rate-select-countries-worldwide/ Accessed 22 May 2020
Oman	14143	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104645/covid19-testing-rate-select-countries-worldwide/ Accessed 22 May 2020
Morocco	3333	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104645/covid19-testing-rate-select-countries-worldwide/ Accessed 22 May 2020
Egypt	1322	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104645/covid19-testing-rate-select-countries-worldwide/ Accessed 22 May 2020
Tunisia	3838	https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/ . Accessed 22 May 2020
Bahrain	154713	https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/ . Accessed 22 May 2020
Jordan	15371	https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/ . Accessed 22 May 2020
Djibouti	21448	https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/ . Accessed 22 May 2020

Table S2: Data on mitigation measures

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Qatar	- https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/qatar-bans-travellers-14-countries-coronavirus-concerns-200309060851684.html - https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-qatar/qatar-bans-gatherings-deploy-patrols-to-contain-coronavirus-idUSKBN2180VZ
UAE	- https://www.thenational.ae/uae/health/coronavirus-in-the-uae-all-of-your-questions-answered-1.996124 - https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/emirates-suspends-passenger-flights-coronavirus-outbreak-200322151236878.html - https://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/gulf/2020/03/14/Coronaviruss-UAE-suspends-cinemas-wedding-gatherings
Saudi Arabia	- https://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/gulf/2020/03/07/Saudi-Arabia-limits-entry-of-arrivals-from-UAE-Kuwait-Bahrain-to-airports-only - https://gulfnews.com/uae/government/saudi-arabia-suspends-schools-universities-1.1583692544604
Kuwait	- https://news.kuwaittimes.net/website/kuwait-extends-school-vacation-till-august-4/ - https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/iraq-shuts-border-crossing-with-kuwait-over-coronavirus/1743056
Oman	- https://www.omanobserver.om/oman-suspends-schools-universities-from-sunday/ - https://timesofoman.com/article/2914190/Oman/Government/Coronavirus-Oman-bans-entry-of-non-Omanis

Morocco	- http://www.mapnews.ma/en/actualites/general/courses-suspended-morocco-march-16-until-further-notice - https://business.financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/morocco-halts-flights-with-25-more-countries-confirms-18-coronavirus-cases
Egypt	- https://www.elwatannews.com/news/details/4660033 - https://www.bbc.com/arabic/middleeast-51963726
Algeria	- https://carnegie-mec.org/2020/04/08/coronavirus-in-algeria-change-may-have-to-wait-pub-81552 - https://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/north-africa/2020/03/16/Coronavirus-Algeria-to-suspend-all-travel-to-from-Europe