Figure 1. The COVID-19 pandemic in the Arab Region: the complex interactions between different biological, technological, health, social, and economic sectors.

- Loss in real GDP: $152 billion
- Loss in jobs measured in lost working hours: 17 million
- Pushed into poverty: 14.3 million people
- Existing recipients of humanitarian aid are at higher risk: 55 million people
- Existing forcibly displaced are at higher risk: 26 million people
- At higher risk of COVID-19 due to lack of basic handwashing facilities: 74 million people
- Loss in Arab stock markets: 23 per cent

Source: ESCWA calculations and estimates (all figures are of July 2020 and likely to increase as pandemic evolves).