

Summary of a Survey on the Coronavirus Disease in Iran

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Summary of GAMAAN's survey on the Coronavirus in Iran (2020)

This survey was conducted from March 15th to March 20th. The refined sample used in this report is comprised of 14,936 people living in Iran. The findings of this report reflect the views of literate people over the age of 19 in Iran (equal to 85% of all Iranian adult citizens) and are representative of this population with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of 5%. The survey has attempted to systematically measure and record Iranian views and concerns about the state of the coronavirus crisis in Iran.

1- Estimated number of Coronavirus cases in Iran

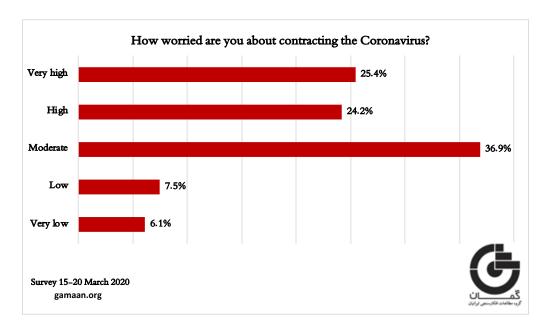
According to respondents' self-reports, there are approximately 95,000 coronavirus cases in households across the country, whose diseases have been confirmed by medical tests. According to the results of this survey, the total coronavirus cases in Iran is estimated to be between 457,000 and 657,000 by March 20th (the aggregation of those who have undergone medical tests and those who reported having symptoms).

2- Estimated number of Coronavirus deaths in Iran

According to respondents' self-report about the death of household members, it is estimated that between 10,000 and 30,000 people in Iran have died so far from the coronavirus as of March 20th. These findings are in line with a recent <u>simulation-based estimation of the spread of COVID-19 in Iran</u> conducted by researchers at MIT and Virginia Tech universities in the USA.

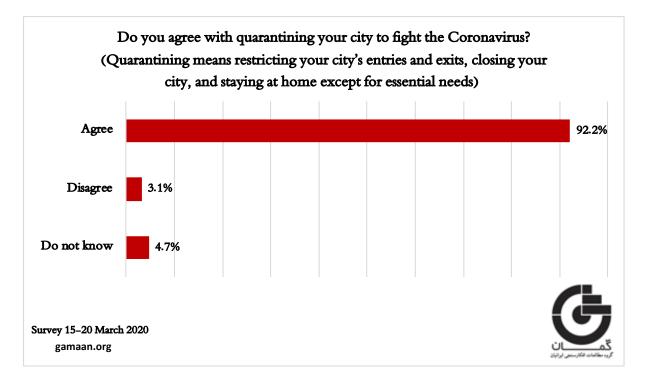
3- Concern about contracting the coronavirus

According to the results of the survey, half of the population is very worried about contracting the coronavirus while only 13% say they have little to worry about.



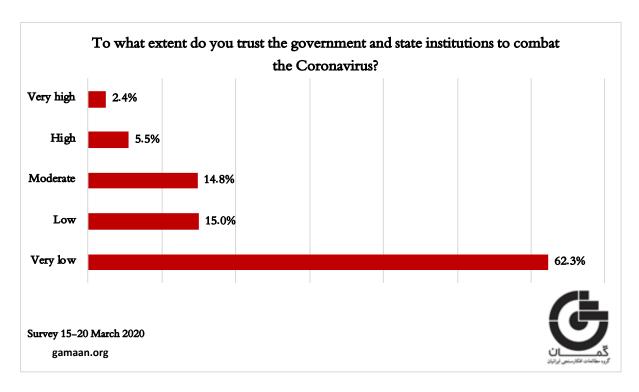
4- Public demand for quarantine

The results of the survey show that 92% agree to quarantine cities to combat the coronavirus.



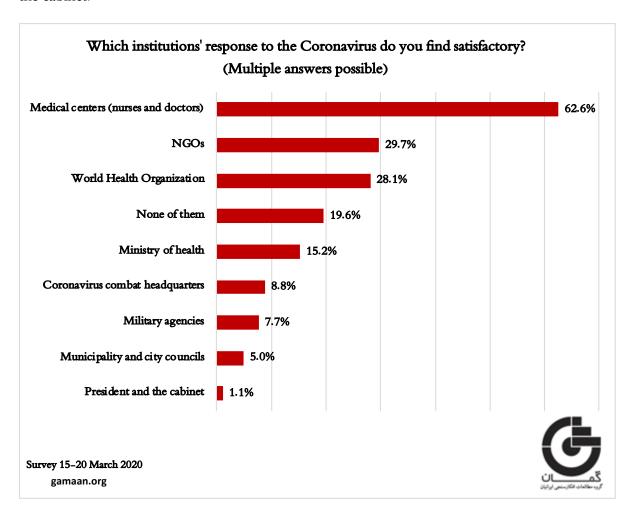
5- Public trust in government

77% of the population stated that they do not trust the government and other officials managing the coronavirus crisis.



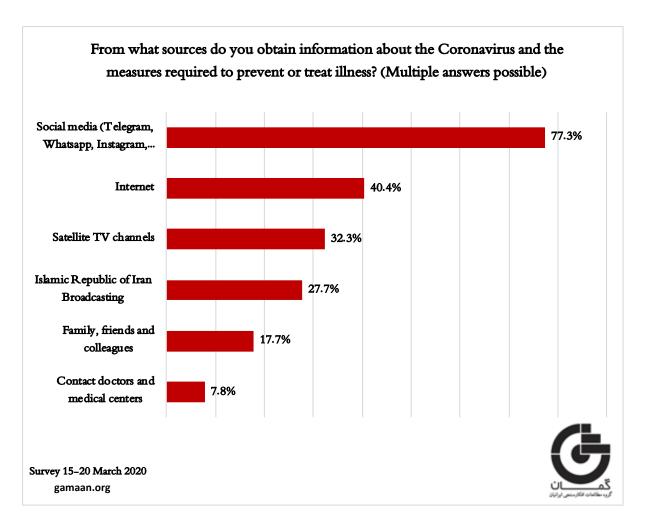
6- Public satisfaction with the functioning of involved institutions

Regarding public satisfaction with the functioning of different institutions in the fight against the coronavirus, health workers and medical staffs receive 63%, NGO's receive 30%, the World Health Organization receives 28%, and the Ministry of Health receives 15% of the public's approval. Only 2% of the population expressed satisfaction with the actions of the President and the cabinet.



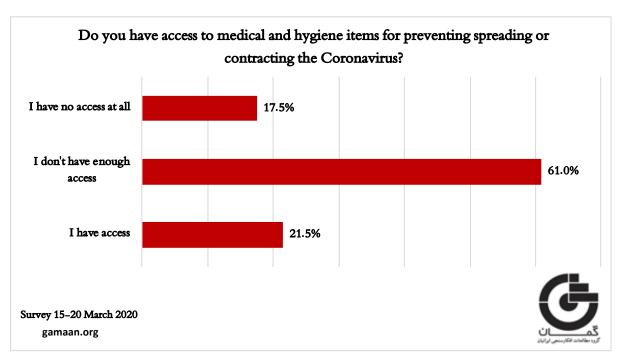
7- Information sources about the Coronavirus

About 77% of the population receive their information about the coronavirus from social media. About 32% are informed by satellite TV-channels and 28% through the IRIB (Islamic Repiblic of Iran Broadcasting).



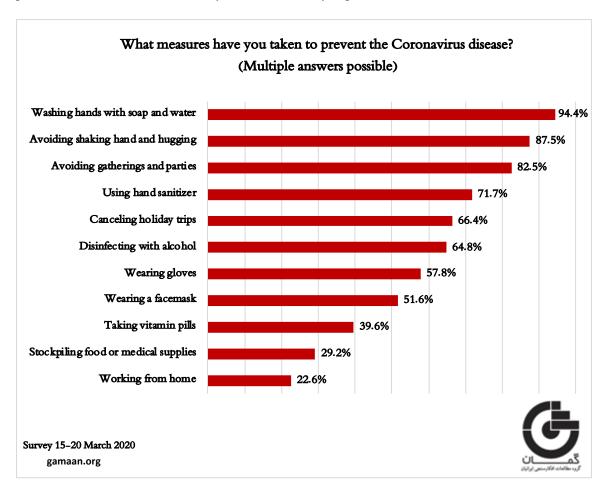
8- Access to health care and prevention facilities

Regarding the level of access to health care and prevention facilities, 61% stated that they do not have adequate access to these items and 17% stated that they have no access at all.



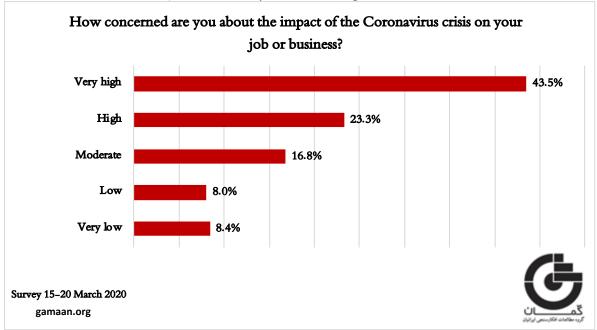
9- Personal preventive measures

The overwhelming majority of the population states to have taken preventive measures, such as washing their hands with soap and water, avoiding hugging, and not attending gatherings and parties. About 66% also said they canceled holiday trips.



10-Concern about the impact on jobs and bussineses

About 67% of the population expressed a great deal of concern about the impact of the coronavirus crisis on their jobs, while only about 16% report little concern.



The full report of the survey is available <u>here</u> (in Persian) and includes an explanation of the methodology and weighting tables.