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Executive summary

Approximately 80% of the more than 727,000 refugees in Jordan live in major urban centres. More and more, UNHCR and partners recognize the link between robust support of non-camp refugees and local host communities, and the preservation of existing protection space. Compared to camp refugees, reliable data on the health service needs of non-camp refugees is more difficult to collect on a routine basis. In an effort to develop a cost-effective and efficient mechanism for regularly monitoring the health access and utilization of non-camp refugees, UNHCR in collaboration with Nielsen have carried out a household telephone survey. The main objectives of the survey were to evaluate access to and utilization of key health services and challenges faced by registered non-camp refugees.

The health access & utilization survey is a tool used by UNHCR on annual basis to monitor non-camp refugees’ access and utilization behaviors over time and it assess each of the following attributes:

Sample structure

- Iraqi refugees living in non-camp settings are predominantly concentrated in Amman (90%).
- Among the 300 interviewed Iraqi households, 1283 members were reported living within these households given an average of 4 members per household.
- An average of 1 child was reported living among the 300 interviewed Iraqi households

Health services access & awareness

- 35% of the respondents lack awareness of free access to health services in UNHCR facilities
- 49% of the respondents lacked awareness on the location of the nearest clinic

Childhood vaccination

- 77% of the households who had children less than 5 years old have been aware of the free access to the child vaccination care while 83% obtained the child vaccination card.
- From the households who had children less than 5 years old, 9 in 10 of them had their children vaccination for both MMR & Polio where governmental facilities were the main source of vaccination.

Antenatal care

- From those who needed antenatal care (17%), 2 in 10 of them didn’t receive the needed care.
- Private hospitals and clinics were predominantly the main place of delivery followed by governmental hospitals
- Majority of the deliveries were not free of charge (64%) as a result of 50% of the deliveries took place in private hospitals.
Chronic diseases

- Hypertension is predominantly the most reported disease followed by Diabetes among household members who had a chronic disease.
- 37% and 31% were unable to access medicine and health services respectively. Inability to afford user fees was the most reported reason for not accessing medicine and health services scoring 58% and 64% respectively.

Disability & impairment

- Half of the impaired/disabled households reported natural reason as cause of disability while 2 in 10 reported that accidents was the cause of their disability.
- Rehabilitation (42%) followed by Surgical (36%) treatments were the main types of treatment received by the disabled/impaired household members.
- Inability to afford user fees (41%) is predominantly the main barrier to proper care followed by the respondent’s personal sentiment that the treatment is unnecessary (19%).

Monthly health access assessment

- 1 in 4 household members sought health care during the last month of the interview.
- Private hospitals/clinics were the first sought facility scoring 37% followed by private pharmacies 28%.
- 69% of the interviewed households spent an average of 166.4 JDs on health care during the last month of the interview although their combined monthly income is 366.6 JDs.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background & Objective

The increase in the number of refugees from the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) across the region in 2016 continued and the need remains for a large-scale response to address the needs of both refugees already present in the host community and those who arrived recently. As of end of 2016, 655,455 Syrian refugees were registered with UNHCR, including refugees hosted in Za’atari, Azraq camps, Cyber City and King Abdullah Park.

Additionally, the continuous violence and insecurity in Iraq, after the 2003 military intervention, led to the displacement of Iraqis to the neighboring countries. The Jordanian government estimates that there are some 450,000 to 500,000 Iraqis hosted in Jordan. At the end of December 2016 60,875 Iraqis are registered with UNHCR in Jordan. Due to the escalating violence in Iraq, it is expected to see an increase the number of Iraqis seeking asylum. Until the security situation in Iraq improves, and/or durable solutions are found, these Iraqi refugees require protection and assistance including the provision of essential and life-saving health services.

Apart from the Iraqi refugees, UNHCR also assists refugees of other nationalities including Sudanese, Somalis, Yemenis and others and had registered 10,889 non-Iraqi non-Syrian refugees by the end of December 2016.

1.2 Overview of Health Services Available to UNHCR PoCs in Jordan

In 2016 UNHCR will continue supporting the provision of health service to its PoCs through implementing partners and affiliated hospitals and other partners if needed. UNHCR will work to encourage Iraqis and Syrian refugees to increasingly utilize the governmental health services especially at the Primary Health Care level.
1.3 Research context

In relation to Iraqis UNHCR reached an agreement with the Ministry of Planning and International Co-operation (MOPIC) to provide PHC services including all services provided to Jordanians in the comprehensive health care centers to all Iraqis regardless of their UNHCR registration. The user has to pay for utilizing these services at the same rates as those paid by uninsured Jordanians who do not participate in the national health insurance scheme (i.e. non-insured Jordanian rates).

Services provided include outpatient consultations by a PHC general practitioner/family doctor or a specialist for management of acute and chronic illnesses and free of charge basic preventative services such as vaccinations. For antenatal care and family planning the consultation is free but medications and investigations are charged.

Note that for Iraqis, only services at PHCs are available at a non-insured Jordanian rate, while in governmental hospitals they will have to pay the foreigners rate.

1.4 Research design & methodology

1.4.1 Methodology

Quantitative Interviews were carried out among target respondents through telephonic Interviews. Representativeness was ensured throughout the interviewing process beginning with the starting points which were chosen randomly from the provided database by UNHCR, in case more than one respondent was eligible for answering any part of the questionnaire, the classification grid/random function concept was applied to select who will continue answering the interview.

1.4.2 Target respondents

- Iraqi refugees who live in non-camp settings.
- The study will be carried out with one adult household member (18 years or more)

1.4.3 Data analysis

Data was collected using CATI (Computer Aided Telephonic Interviews) through QPSMR Software. This approach was selected to eliminate errors while completing the questionnaire and allow exporting of the data immediately for further analysis, thus cutting down on time required for data editing, punching and cleaning. Data analysis and significance testing (t-test with two tails) was conducted through Quantum IBM software, a highly sophisticated and very flexible computer language designed to simplify
the process of obtaining useful information from a set of questionnaires. Quantum is also used for checking, validating, editing and correcting data.

1.4.4 Survey tools and guidelines

Draft questionnaires were developed for respective categories of respondents in consultation with partners. Previous questionnaires were reviewed to develop the draft questionnaires. These were sent to partners for comment. After finalization, the questionnaire (available in both English/Arabic); the questionnaires were pretested by a team of expert researchers and finalized in consultation with partners.

Pretesting plan and finalization of questionnaires:

Process testing

During pre-testing, process testing of cluster identification/mapping, sampling frame preparation, household identification, sampling technique, CATI process, and so on was also piloted for better understanding of the sampling procedure.

1.5.5 Training

Formal training of survey teams was arranged for proper understanding of all the survey tools and survey procedures. All investigators and supervisors were trained and provided with a detailed field instruction manual.

The training included both classroom session as well as field practice; it consisted of sessions on interviewing techniques and rapport building with respondents; how to identify selected households; a thorough explanation of all questions; how to fill the questionnaires; how to handle non-response; how to check questionnaires for errors; and how to handle their daily schedules.

1.6.6 Fieldwork

The validity and quality of the data collected was ensured via committing to the following responsibilities:

- Study Manager: oversaw and documented all required quality checks. Furthermore the study manager verified that the supervisor did validate and verify the data.

- Supervisor participated and assisted the interviewers where needed moreover the supervisor verified data entries and attended a sample of the interviews for each the interviewers.

- Interviewers with the assistance of their supervisor’s ensured consistency of the data collected and corrected any skip patterns.

1.6.7 Quality Assurance
Quality assurance was assiduously sought, and as a guiding principle ‘Quality Control at all levels’ is the basic policy of the survey company (Nielsen). Especially at the stage of research designing, data collection and analysis, the uppermost quality at all levels was maintained. The ESOMAR (Europe) code of conduct is used as a basic guideline in all the aspects of marketing and social research. Only employing interviewers with adequate experience is one of the norms of the operational policy. Adequate records were kept in a computerized database about each individual to track him or her for maintaining field management standards. Moreover, checking procedure was even more rigid.

**Team selection and mobilization:**

As for the selection and recruitment of supervisors and interviewers; it was carefully done by the field manager. The recruitment was made from the existing panel of field supervisors and interviewers, where all supervisors must have a minimum qualifications of graduation and fluent in both English and Arabic. Interviewers had previous experience on similar projects where final selection was based on interviewer’s performance during the pre-training sessions.

**Execution phase:**

Pretesting: The questionnaire was pre-tested before conducting the pilot interviews and fieldwork for flow of questions, clarity and translation errors if any. The pre-testing was conducted in an area similar in demographics to the original area of the survey. One team of 4 interviewers accompanied with one supervisor conducted the pre-test.

**Pilot phase:**

Following the training, all trained interviewers participated in the pilot. They were organized in teams and accompanied with 1 supervisor

**Quality control:**

The diagram below illustrates the total quality management (TQM) control process that was in place for this survey.

![Pre Field > During Field > Post Field](image)

Quality control measures were taken during each step of the project. The pre-field control was explained in pre-testing section, during field and post field are explained in the next section.

**Data cleaning:**

Using CATI technology for data entry, a set of quality checks was ensured that does not accept any illogical answers. Accordingly, the data entered to the system were cleaned automatically, as the entry program shows a warning message in case there is something wrong with the data entered or contradiction between any answers. After completing the data collection, an extra validation check was
done through Error Check Report to identify any further errors that might be missed during the punching stage.

1.5 Research limitations

The study aims to evaluate the access of Syrian and non-Syrian refugees to health services & utilization in Jordan; although the study achieved its goals it had various limitations in which were inevitable.

First of all the study was absolutely dependent on the respondent to disclose the requested information on every household individual which in this case is combined with the second limitation of this study that is the respondents ability to recall the requested information.

Inadequacy to recall the information on the household members leaves a possibility to favoritism and preference to bias the information disclosed by the respondent regardless of all assorted preventative measures applied.

In addition, the Survey was also limited to only refugees who are have registered with UNHCR and have a telephone number on the database. Even though almost all registered refugees (99%) had a phone number on the database, a lot of the contacts sampled (47%) had invalid phone numbers or could not be reached. However, if excluded non-campus refugees are systemically different from those we interviewed, then findings may not be generalizable to the excluded population.
2. SAMPLE STRUCTURE

2.1 Iraqi refugees profile

Arrival of the first refugee in Jordan - The very first arrival of a family member to Jordan has been reported to be more than 2 years by (63%) of the respondents.

Figure 1: Arrival of the first refugee – All respondents (n=300)

Residing governorate – Presently Iraqi refugees host communities are highly concentrated in Amman (90%) where 9 out of 10 of interviewed households live there.

Figure 2: Residing governorate – All respondents (n=300)
Iraqi place of birth – Approximately half of the Iraqi households who sought refuge in Jordan after the middle-east crisis were originally from Baghdad (49%). On the other hand Babil, Dhi-Qar, Al-Qadisiyyah, Diyala, Erbil, Karbala, Salah-eldin and Wasit all had the share of (1%) each.

![Diagram of Iraqi place of birth](image)

Figure 3: Place of birth - Iraqis (n=300)

2.2 Household head profile

- **Household head profile**: On the base of 96 (32%) who were the head of households yet were not interviewed by themselves (81%) of them were males as compared to (19%) females. The majority fell into the age group of 36-55 years old by (48%) and (34%) reported that they have abandoned Secondary schooling however only (4%) of them were illiterate. English comes as the secondary language (29%) as compared to Arabic which is the primary language of (100%) of the household heads.

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<td>% of Household head</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>81</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age</td>
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<td>Less than 18 years</td>
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<td>18-35 years</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Age Group</td>
<td>Percentage</td>
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<td>36-55 years</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>More than 55 years</td>
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<td>Primary School</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Intermediate/complementary school</td>
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<td>Secondary school</td>
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<td>2 years Diploma</td>
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<td>University</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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2.3 Household Profile

**Disability & Impairment**
For all household members who are 1283 member (6%) of them has been recorded as disabled and needed the assistance of others to perform daily activities.

**Gender**
The share of males and females were recorded equal among interviewed households.

All Figures are in % except n
Pregnant women who needed antenatal care
Among females who are at reproductive age, 17% were pregnant in Jordan during the last 2 years and needed antenatal/maternal care

Mean of household members
1283 household members has been reported to be living under the same roof and eating from the same pot in 300 households where the mean number of the members has been reported to be 4 members per household

Age groups
From all household members (64%) of them were youth less than the age of 35 where (27%) of them were less than the age of 18.

Chronic condition
Approximately two thirds of the interviewed households have at least one member reported to have a chronic condition

Marital status
Most of the household members were single (55%) mainly as a result that (64%) of them were less than the age of 35

Mean number of children <5 years
Each interviewed household had a mean score of 1 child that is in the age of 12 to 59 months
2.4 Sample structure summary

Sample structure summary – From 300 interviewed households; an average of four members lived in the same household (1,283 member). 50% of the household members were females and most of them were youth less than 35 years (64%).

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<td># of household members</td>
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<td>Average # of household members</td>
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<td>% of female household members</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>% of household members less than 18 years</td>
<td>27%</td>
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3. HEALTH SERVICES AWARENESS

**Awareness of health services provided by Ministry of health and UNHCR**

Awareness among Iraqis scored (65%) on the fact that they have free access to UNHCR facilities. Although 65% of them were aware of the free access only 51% knew the location of the nearest clinic.

**Nearest reported clinic**

Among the (51%) of refugees who are aware of the nearest clinic, Amman scored the highest by (90%) as a result of 90% of Iraqi refugees being centralized in Amman.

**Knowledge of available health services**

- Awareness of free access to UNHCR facilities for Iraqis (n=300) - 65%
- Awareness of the nearest clinic (n=300) - 51%

**Figure 12: Knowledge of available health services - All respondents (n=300)**

**Top 3 locations of the nearest clinic mentioned**

- Amman - 90%
- Zarqa - 6%
- Balqa - 3%

**Figure 13: Awareness of the nearest clinic - Those who know the location of the nearest clinic (n=152)**
3.1 Health services awareness summary

Health services awareness summary – Awareness on vaccination access scores the highest among attributes related to overall awareness of Ministry of Health provided services (77%)

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<td>% of households who were aware of free access to UNHCR facilities</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>% of households who knew the location of the nearest clinic</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of households that knew children &lt;5 years have free vaccination access</td>
<td>77%</td>
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4. CHILD VACCINATION

**Awareness and access to vaccination card**
Although 83% of the households that had children less than 5 years obtained a child vaccination card, few of them reported the lack of knowledge on free access to vaccination at Ministry of Health facilities (6%).

**Access to MMR and Polio Vaccination**
9 out of 10 children in the age of 12 to 59 months had MMR and Polio vaccination.
Difficulties to obtain vaccination

An average of 3% of the interviewed households had a difficulty to obtain either MMR or Polio vaccination for their children.

Vaccination Facility

Around 4/5 from those who obtained vaccination had it in the governmental health center in Jordan. On the other hand around 1/5 reported that they have been vaccinated before arriving to Jordan.

Figure 16: Difficulties to obtain vaccination - Those who obtained vaccination

Figure 17: Vaccination facility - Those who obtained vaccination
Encountered difficulties
Don’t know where to go along with other reasons were the main difficulties encountered by interviewed households to obtain vaccination

(*) = Insufficient base for analysis

Figure 18: Difficulties while obtaining the vaccine - Those who encountered difficulties while obtaining the vaccine

4.1 Child vaccination summary

Child vaccination summary – Most of Iraqi children obtained Polio and MMR vaccination through a Jordanian governmental primary health care center

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<td>% that had an vaccination card</td>
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<td>% that had received a measles containing vaccine</td>
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<td>% that faced difficulties obtaining vaccine</td>
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<td>% that received vaccine at Jordanian government primary health care centre</td>
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<td>% that received vaccine before coming to Jordan</td>
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5. Antenatal care

5.1 Access to antenatal care

Access to antenatal care
Among the 17% of females who needed antenatal care 85% received the care needed while 7% of those who had the care encountered difficulties while receiving it.

85% of Pregnant women had received antenatal care in 2016 with 77% had full antenatal coverage. 85% of them delivered a child mostly through normal vaginal delivery (64%) followed by Caesarian section (36%). As for the cost 36% of them had the delivery for free, yet the majority of those who paid the cost of delivery was estimated to be in the range of 100~750 JDs mostly due to the high score of deliveries reported in a private hospital/clinic.

Majority of child deliveries took place mainly in a private clinic/hospital (50%) and governmental hospitals (32%).
Figure 20: Number of visits to the clinic - Households that had females who received antenatal care (n=33)

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<th># of visits to the clinic</th>
<th>1-2 visits</th>
<th>3-4 visits</th>
<th>&gt;4 visits</th>
<th>No visits</th>
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<td></td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>77%</td>
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Figure 21: Type of delivery - Pregnant women in Jordan during the last 2 years (n=28)

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<th>Type of delivery</th>
<th>Vaginal/ Normal</th>
<th>Vaginal Assisted</th>
<th>Caesarean section</th>
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<td></td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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Figure 22: Place of delivery - Those who delivered a child (n=28)

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<th>Place of delivery</th>
<th>Private Clinic / Hospital</th>
<th>Government Hospital</th>
<th>Home delivery with skilled birth attendant</th>
<th>Other</th>
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<td>50%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Figure 23: Cost of delivery - Those who delivered a child (n=28)

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<th>Cost of delivery</th>
<th>0 JDs</th>
<th>≤100 JDs</th>
<th>between 100 and 250 JDs</th>
<th>between 251 and 750 JDs</th>
<th>&gt;750 JDs</th>
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<td></td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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Difficulties occurred while receiving care - Long wait is the main difficulty while receiving antenatal care scoring 100%. Insufficient base for analysis (*)

Figure 24: Difficulties occurred while receiving care - Those who encountered difficulties (n=2)*

Reasons for a private facility – The reasons behind accessing care in a private facility are based on the preference of respondents (36%) in addition to lack of eligibility to access governmental facilities at a subsidized rate (14%). Insufficient base for analysis (*)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Reasons accessing care in a private hospital/clinic</th>
<th>2016 (n=14)*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Not eligible to access Ministry of Health facility at subsidized rate</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Eligible to access Ministry of Health facility at subsidized rate but could not access</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Prefer to go to a private facility</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>43%</td>
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5.2 Family planning

In all households who had a pregnant female eligible to antenatal care they were reporting that 43% of the households were aware of family planning and 29% acquired knowledge on family planning mainly through TV, Radio or other media source (38%) and community events (38%) as the main sources of knowledge. Insufficient base for analysis (*)
5.3 Contraceptives

2/5 of households who had a female eligible to antenatal care had a household member who tried to obtain contraceptives where the main sought facility was Ministry of Health medical center (60%).

Insufficient base for analysis (*)

![Figure 28: Trial to obtain contraceptives - Households that had pregnant women (n=28)*](image1)

**Figure 28**

![Figure 29: Place sought for contraceptives - Households that had pregnant women (n=5)*](image2)

**Figure 29**

5.4 Antenatal care summary

Deliveries in a private clinic/hospital score the highest among all facilities and 18% more than deliveries in governmental facilities among Iraqi’s, most of the deliveries were Vaginal/normal yet 36% of them were caesarian deliveries.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>% of pregnant women who had at least one ANC visit</th>
<th>2016 (n=218)</th>
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<tr>
<td>% of pregnant women who had difficulty accessing ANC</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of those who couldn’t afford fees or transport</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>% of those who encountered Long wait &amp;/or rude staff</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of those who didn’t know where to go</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>% of deliveries by caesarean section</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>% of deliveries in private facilities</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>% of deliveries in government facilities</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>% of deliveries free of cost</td>
<td>36%</td>
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6. CHRONIC DISEASE

6.1 Type of disease

From all household members who had a chronic condition, 6 out of 10 members suffer from Hypertension followed by 28% who were reported diabetic.

Figure 30: Type of chronic disease - Household members that have a chronic condition (n=317)
6.2 Access to medicine for chronic conditions
From those who needed medicine for their chronic condition, 37% of them were unable to access medicine mainly due to the cost of medicine (58%).

![Pie chart showing the distribution of inability to access medicine for chronic conditions.](image)

### Reasons for inability to obtain medicine
- **Long wait**: 10%
- **Staff were rude**: 1%
- **Was not available in facility**: 23%
- **Couldn't afford user fees**: 58%
- **Can't afford transport**: 9%
- **Don't know where to go**: 6%
- **Others**: 16%

![Table showing reasons for inability to access medicine.](image)

6.3 Access to medical services for chronic conditions
From those who needed to access medical services for their chronic condition, 31% of them were unable to access health services mainly due to the inability to afford the fees (64%).

![Pie chart showing the distribution of inability to access health services.](image)

### Reasons for inability to access medical services
- **Long wait**: 16%
- **Staff were rude**: 1%
- **Was not available in facility**: 9%
- **Couldn't afford user fees**: 64%
- **Can't afford transport**: 12%
- **Don't know where to go**: 8%
- **Others**: 14%

![Table showing reasons for inability to access medical services.](image)
### 6.4 Chronic disease summary

1 in 4 household members have a chronic condition where most of them suffer from Hypertension. Inability to afford user fees was the main reason for those who weren’t able to access either medicine or health services.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<tr>
<td>% of households with at least one adult with a chronic condition</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>% of adults with chronic conditions who couldn’t access medicine or other health services</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>% of those who couldn’t afford fees</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>% of service unavailable in local facility</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of those who didn’t know where to access care</td>
<td>7%</td>
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7. DISABILITY & IMPAIRMENT

7.1 Type of disability & impairment

Physical impairment scores the highest among types of disability/impairment (68%) followed by mental (17%) and sensory (13%) impairments.

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<th>Type of disability/impairment</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Physical impairment</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>Mental impairment</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Intellectual impairment</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Sensory impairment</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Speech impairment</td>
<td>12%</td>
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Half of the disabilities occurred due to natural reasons; few reported that their disability was due to violence/war (15%)
7.2 Disability & impairment therapy

In 2016, most of the cases received their first treatment outside of Iraq equally shared between Jordan and other countries (42%), nonetheless 17% of them received the first treatment in their country of origin.

Lack of psychosocial treatment has been widely reported among those who needed that sort of treatment for their disability where most of those who had a treatment had either Surgical or Rehabilitation care.

7.3 Barriers to proper care

Inability to afford user fees is the main barrier to proper care reported by 41% of households who had a disabled member
7.4 Disability & impairment summary

Impairments due to violence and war were limitedly reported among Iraqis (15%). However, disabilities due to natural causes score the highest among the 6% who were recorded as disabled. Of all the disabled households members the inability to afford user fees was their main obstacle to have proper care for their disability.

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<td>% who were reported to have a disability</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>% of impairments due to war related violence</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>% of those who received care in Jordan</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<td>% of those who received care in Iraq</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of those could not afford service fees and/or transport costs</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>% of who did not know where to go</td>
<td>6%</td>
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8. MONTHLY HEALTH ACCESS ASSESSMENT

8.1 First facility

Health care services were needed by 30% of household members in the last month however only 25% of them actively sought health services.

From those who sought the services the majority initially reached either private clinic/hospital (37%) or a private pharmacy (28%) and paid an average 180.8 JDs in the first facility.

Figure 40: Need to access health care in the past month - All household members (n=1283)

Figure 41: Sought health care services in the past month - All household members (n=1283)
Figure 42: First facility - Those who sought health care services (n=324)
8.2 Second facility

Because of inability to be served in the first facility, 16% of household members decided to seek an alternative facility.

From those who sought the second facility the majority reached either another private clinic/hospital (50%) or a governmental hospital (28%) and paid an average 414.3 JDs in the second facility.

Figure 43: Sought healthcare elsewhere - Those who sought healthcare services (n=171)

Figure 44: Second facility - Those who sought care elsewhere (n=32)
8.3 Household spending

In terms of household spending on health care 69% of interviewed households spent money on health care services during the last month, the mean of the combined income of interviewed households is 366.6 JDs where they spend an average of 166.4 JDs on health care which is 45% of their total income.

8.4 Monthly household assessment summary

Evaluating the ability to access care in the first facility, 2016 scored 89%. Among those who sought health care in 2016. The mean cost of care is 180.8 as a result of 37% seeking a private clinic/hospital as their first facility.