

Health Sector Coordination Meeting

Date: Thursday, 25 th February 2021	Venue: Teams Virtual - UNHCR	Time: From 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Participants: UNHCR, WHO, IMC, IRC, JPS, Save the Children, UNICEF, Medair, HI, IOCC, IOM, RHAS, UNFPA, ICRC, MOH, EMPHNET, MSF, Caritas.		
Agenda		
1. Introduction and Review of last meeting Action Points		
2. Situation Update by UNHCR / WHO		
3. PPP on the COVID-19 vaccination at the camps by UNHCR (in English)		
4. General Presentation on the COVID-19 vaccines by EMPHNET (In Arabic)		
5. COVID-19 response activities by partners – which pillar of national preparedness and response COVID-19 plan covered, target population and governorate, partnership.		
6. Sub-Sector Working Groups – Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/ WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF)		
7. Partners Update Urban		
8. 2021 TOR and the work plan (Shifted into the next meeting)		
9. AOB		
1. Introduction and Review of Action Points from the previous meeting		

Sector Chair [UNHCR]	<p>Introduced the agenda of the meeting.</p> <p>The agenda of the seconded Health Sector virtual meeting for 2021 was focused on the COVID-19 response and Vaccines. Progress on action points from last month meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Royal health Awareness Society(RAHAS) to prepare a table with proposed date for Sub working group meetings and share it with the group. Pending
2. Situation Update by UNHCR / WHO	
WHO	<p>Epidemiological updates on COVID-19:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As of yesterday 24th February,2021, Jordan has reported 3080 thousands accumulative COVID-19 which represents 6% of regional cases. In the past four days Jordan has recorded around 4000 at daily bases. The average cases in January was 1000 and in February 2000 still its not as the same of the peak of around 8,000 cases on 18 November2020. In Amman at the 2nd February 2021, 2900 cases were reported which is the seconded highest number ever ,the first one was in the 16th of November 2020 around 3100 cases were reported. This means that we are in advanced community transition.This is witnessed by on the positivity of testing rate which is around 10% and from data comes from hospitals .In January 2021,the overall occupancy rate was 9% and in the ICU was around 13%.while as of today the overall occupancy rate at MOH website is 24% and in the ICU 25%. 2. The situation is expected to get evolved so the government decided new instructions : to impose Friday ockdown as Covid-19 cases on the rise, Curfew hours extended to be from 10:00 pm-6:00am, Friday prayer will be allocated an hour and people allowed to go to the mosque on foot. School will continue inperson learning for the claseses designated by the GOV. and for the others will continue with online learning . Jordan has recorded 4600 deaths which represents 3% of regional deaths due to Covid-19.
Camps Updates [UNHCR]	
UNHCR Camp Updates on Covid-19	<p>Dr Adam provided an update on Covid-19 status in the camps:</p>

Zaatari

- AS of 23 February. We identified 1341 cumulative positive cases
- 18 active cases
- recovered 1312
- 23426 total PCR tests done.
- 11 deaths
- 237 elderly refugees were vaccinated so far out of which 150 took their second dose.

Azraq

- 616 cumulative positive cases
- Two deaths
- 19 individuals have received appointments for the first dose to take place on Wednesday 24 February 2021 seven people have taken the vaccine and 12 changed their mind in the last minute.
- In total 891 refugee individual have registered in MOH platform to take the vaccine, of which, 30 have received the appointments:
 - 15 refugee individual have changed their mind in the last minute.
- 06 have taken the two doses of the vaccine
- 02 are scheduled to take the second dose on 25/2/2021
- 07 are scheduled on 18/2/2021 to take the second dose
- To date 28,115 PCR tests were collected in Azraq Camp

King Abedalla Park (KAP):

No update

EJC

- To date 124 refugee individuals are registered in MOH platform to take Covid-19 vaccine ,So far 34 individuals have received appointments: 10 have changed their mind in the last minute and 23 have taken the vaccine 17 got the first dose and 6 two doses; Hence ,75 are pending appointments for the vaccination.
- 350 cumulative positive cases

- 5 active cases
- Four deaths
- 4347 total PCR tests done

Action Points

3. COVID-19 response activities by partners – which pillar of national preparedness and response COVID-19 plan covered, target population and governorate, partnership.

UNHCR Update

- UNHCR presentation on the COVID-19 vaccination at the camps is shifted to the next meeting due to the workload and the vaccine campaign in Zataari camp.

WHO updates on Coronavirus vaccination process in Jordan:

- As of 25th of February 2021, 3080 thousand accumulative people registered (Syrian and Jordanian) for the Vaccine on the WHO platform www.vaccine.jo. of Which 13.4 % have been vaccinated, This represent 0.4 % of total population of Jordan. 3368 have completed the two doses of vaccine. This represent 0.28 % of the total population.
- Amman has the highest registration number followed by Irbid, there is no disaggregated data on the refugees and WHO is working on it.. More than 90% of the registered people are Jordanian (Male and female). Those who vaccinated last week were with the age of 60 +.
- 19232 with one or more of chronic disease have completed their vaccination schedule.
- Health worker as front line have been vaccinated too.
- Recommendation for vaccination schedule is to Focus on the increase number of vaccination among female as its low.
- Post of the vaccination : after one or two days of receiving the vaccination you may feel headache and joint pain and it is not long lasting one. 15 % reported that they had pain at the injection side.

4. Sub-Sector Working Groups: Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) and Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)

UNFPA / RHWG

Ms. Jehan provided the RH update on behalf of UNFPA:
 In the last SRH WG meeting was held in the last week of January, 2021, They discussed the COVID-19 vaccination for health care providers in the camps and host community.

- In the Azraq camp, there is an increase of COVID-19 cases coming from the arrivals, whether they are working outside or on permitted leave (camps are now open for in and out movement). A challenge is identified in the Azraq camp related to testing protocol, as PCR sample results of new arrivals might take one or two weeks in some cases. In the meantime, positive cases will be in contact with the community until the result comes in. This has implications for the spread of the virus in the camp. So, the case will be sent for isolation at a late stage, and the late results also cause tracing challenges. All health care providers, including community health volunteers, are encouraged to register and receive the COVID-19 vaccine – especially female health care providers. Agencies are requested to share the data about the number of health care providers who registered and received their first dose.
- Received updates from the partners in relation to the Reproductive Health Working Group. Some highlights of the meeting included:
 - RHAS trained healthcare providers in 14 primary health care facilities on how to increase parents' awareness of Adolescents and youth SRH. In addition, RHAS works with the Ministry of Education to increase school counselors' knowledge on how to offer information about SRH and non-SRH topics for adolescents and youth targeting 20 schools. Moreover, RHAS worked on updating a policy brief about comprehensive sexuality education. At the Hashemite University, RHAS established a clinic for students to access information related to SRHR.
 - TDH continuously provided healthcare services at Zarqa clinic and has two mobile clinics functioning in Zarqa and Mafraq. Besides, TDH offers cash for health assistance to Syrian refugees in Zarqa and Mafraq. The cash for health is used mainly to provide financial assistance to people identified through the mobile clinic to cover the cost of their delivery.

<p>MHPSS SWG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JPS provided support to referral services to cases at the camp level and host community to secondary and tertiary health services. In addition, JPS provided cash for delivery in MOH and affiliated hospitals. ○ UNHCR ensured both Syrian and non-Syrian refugees have access to preventive maternal services at MOH facilities. Non-Syrian face a challenge in obtaining the white MOH card until this moment. UNHCR is working with MOH to sort out this issue. All non-Syrian are eligible to cash for health services, especially for emergency obstetric care, regardless of vulnerability. Besides, MOH issued a letter on the fourth of January 2021 that a woman who will deliver in MOH hospitals, their name should be at her husband's UNHCR ID. In some cases, this is not possible, and UNHR is discussing with MOH to modify this letter. ● SRH SWG circulated the Terms of Reference and the 3-W matrix of the SRH WG for review by all members. All agencies to update their contact information, the 3-W matrix and provide their inputs to the SRH WG group. ● NA
<p>UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They held their meeting in 25th of February 2021 to develop and came up with new update TOR for the group.
<p>NCD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The NCDs sub-working group has had its monthly meeting last Tuesday 23rd Feb. The focus of the session was on MOH and NGOs priorities as part of their 2021 programme of work. A mapping of the most important issues for discussion was conducted and all NGOs agreed on top three topics for the upcoming sessions. Our next session will be on Tuesday 30th March and it will be dedicated to teleconsultation as a modality to maintain essential health services during COVID-19 pandemic.

<p>JPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sid effect after receiving Covid-19 vaccine ○ Covid new strains ○ Common questions ○ Rumors and facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JPS continues providing secondary and tertiary health care services to refugees in urban and camps settings in 2021 with a total of 1338 from the beginning of the year. A total of (628 overall) cases were supported in February 2021. Of the supported cases 30(4.8%) were from Syrian Urban, 402(64 %) were from Zaatari Camp,179(28.5 %) were from Azraq Camp, 17(2.7%) cases were from nationalities other than Syrian; Sudanese (7) (41%), Iraqi (1) (6%) and Yemeni (9) (53 %). Of which 115 (18.3%) cases were provided with Investigation/Consultation services, and 513 (81.7%) cases were provided with treatment/Intervention services"
<p>TDH Italy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NA
<p>HI</p>	<p>HI: Rehabilitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The National Rehabilitation Strategy in Jordan finally endorsed as shared by the UNCHR for the health working group. ● HI doing now lessons learned about the National Rehabilitation Strategy creation process. ● HI planning to conduct the rehabilitation platform in 3 different groups with the platform members (Rehabilitation stakeholders in different levels) on March 2021 to identify the new ToR objectives with the platform members for the platform future, which the previous one was aimed to create the National Rehabilitation Strategy (done). ● HI continues to support the provision of high-quality rehabilitation intervention for the identified person with a disability through our partners in Amman, Zarqa, Mafraq, and Irbid. The services including; Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, psychosocial support, provide assistive device and prosthesis and orthotics services. <p>Early Detection Early intervention (EDEI):</p>

<p>Medair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field activities are continuing as is, home and center-based sessions and follow-up from TOs. In addition, continue to follow up with PHCs • EI units receive children and the staff and the volunteers are providing the needed sessions. • EI protocol is finished and translated to Arabic HI has a meeting with the committee on Sunday to discuss it and to start the printing. Moreover, the ED protocol is finished and the closure event will be next week. • Referral guideline is ready HI made an internal referral pathway for each ministry and a general referral pathway between the ministries <p>Community Base Rehabilitation (CBR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CBR team continue to identify and referred beneficiaries for rehabilitation service and conducted a self-support group in Irbid and Mafraq. • The CBR volunteers conduct home visits for children for portage sessions. • <p>Rehabilitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National rehabilitation strategy was shared with the MoH and it was validated and waiting for Minister of MoH endorsement. • The Rehabilitation platform will be conducted in Jan 2021 to build up the objective to the team members. • HI is supporting its partners in providing PPEs such as mask, glove, as a second phase. HI has planned to donate some PPEs to MoH during this phase. . • HI continue to provide rehabilitation services in collaboration with CDC Zarqa, CDC Wehdat, CDC Baq'a, CDC Irbid, and CPF. Direct service provision at hospitals are suspended due to the risk of COVID19 in the hospital and reduction of staff to 50% . In addition, the CBR Volunteers are providing basic rehabilitation intervention for the beneficiaries through home visits. • The trainings and meetings are conducted online. On hand practical training is limited to 5 participants, ensuring the best usage of the PPE and distancing ..etc. <p>NA</p>
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IMC	NA
RAHAS	NA
IRC	NA
MSF	<p>MSF update Zaatari camp COVID response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSF have deactivated the clinic early February due to low numbers of admission. • Till end of March we will still support, actively with presence of medical staff in the COVID isolation area (physical presence and on call) We support the IMC medical staff with consultation where needed and advice on referral to MoH After March we will be on standby in case the numbers increase and MSF clinic needs to reopen. <p>Irbid NCD program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the moment we have a cohort of approx. 3600 patients outpatients and 330 patients for we provide home visits. At the moment we provide only face to face for a select group of complicated cases. For all the other we do consultations by phone or online. • In 2021 we preparing our exit and handover of the cohort. Aim is to stop NCD activities early 2022

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Action points	

6. AOB	
	T discuss and agree on health Sub-working group meetings dates.
Action Points Recommendations	Amal to prepare a table with proposed date for Sub working group meetings and share it with the group.
Next Meeting	25th March 2021 from 10:30-12:30