

# **Health Sector Coordination Meeting**

Date: Thursday, 29 July	2021	Venue: MS-Teams Virtual [UNHCR]	Time: From 10:30 to 12:30		
Attendance: UNHCR, WHO, MOH, IMC, IRC, JPS, Medair, HI, IOCC, IOM, RHAS, UNFPA, ICRC, MOH, EMPHNET, MSF, Caritas, UNFPA, Medair, SAMS, Humani-terra, ACTED, SDC, Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe, TDH Italy, PRM, ACF, MIRRA, UPP, CVT					
Agenda					
Review of Action Points from the previous meeting.					
2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19.					
3. UNHCR update on the COVID-19 vaccination at both camps: Zaatari & Azraq.					
4. Sub-Sector Working Groups: Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) and Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)					
5. Partners updates Urban.	5. Partners updates Urban.				
6. AOB					
1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting					
Sector Chair [UNHCR]			oduced the agenda of the meeting and welcomed ts from the previous Health Sector Working Group		
2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19					
WHO	WHO Update	2:			
	Global/Region	onal Epidemiological updates on COVID-19: (As of 2	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021):		
	millio	global update , as of yesterday, 28 <sup>th</sup> of July 4010: on deaths consolidated,36 million vaccines have be , Europe and EMR hold most confirmed cases			

- **Regional Update**: As of yesterday, 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 61, 000 new cases contributing to around 12 million accumulated cases in the region . With new deaths of around 500, accumulated death rate raised to. 233,088 deaths, fluctuating in 100s between last month and this month- with a peak of 1000 deaths in one day last week **Case fertility rate is 1.**9 at regional level which is quite stable comparing the last month, with overall 90 % of recovery rate .
- 25,706 thousand tests were conducted per100 thousand population in EMR
- Iran holds the highest number of cases in the region, with 3.7 Million cases as of 28 July 2021. followed by Iraq, Pakistan, UAE, Jordan and Morocco.

**Update on Delta Variant of Concern :** As per WHO update 80% of delta variant of concern among unvaccinated in USA and 99% of cases in UK particularly young people. Showing a 46% increase in cases.

- . Various studies recently were conducted to study the impact of Delta variant on the newborn and adolescents (between 10-24 years old) .
- Delta causes more hospitalization with no specific records on death rate related to only due to Delta.
- 17 countries in the Americas ,43 in Europe ,9 in Asia ,15 EMR ,24 in Africa an 16 in Western Pacific have reported Delta variant.

In EMR, countries like Iran and Iraq, alpha, beta and delta vocs are in circulation. Some countries have suspected delta circulation because of the neighborhood countries. Many countries in EMR have reported delta circulation among unvaccinated young people, leading to high rate of hospitalization and server symptoms.

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- Pfizer, AstraZeneca, and Moderna vaccines have been proven effective against Delta variant.
- Vaccination, Social distance, wearing masks, Washing hands, etc. are the important measures to cut the spread of Delta variant
- Increasing vaccination coverage could minimize the severity of transmission.

### **MOH Update**

# Dr. Tayseer Fardous from MOH started the update by sharing two announcements:

- MoH has established a new directorate for Program Management and international collaboration headed by Eng. Huda Ababneh. The unit is directly reported to the H.E. Minister of Health. The unit manage all projects planning and implementation including humanitarian response.
- The national rehabilitation Strategic plan 2020-2024 has been launched yesterday 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 under the patronage of his Royal Highness Prince Mera'ad and H.E. Minster of Health. In the next HSWG meeting MOH will present overview and framework of this strategy.

Dr. Mohammad Maya and Dr. Mohammad Muherat from MOH continued with update on Covid-19 status and the vaccination status in Jordan:

MOH

### Covid -19 Status:

- As of 28<sup>th</sup> of July: l055 confirm cases reported with accumulative number 768, 382
- Number of deaths yesterday was 21 with accumulative deaths of 10000
- Number of tests conducted yesterday were 25,277, accumulative number 8 million and 426.429
- Number of cases admined to the hospital 78
- Number of discharged people were 81
- Number of Hospitalized cases were 508
- % of positivity 4.17
- % of Mortality 2%
- Number of recovered cases 661, accumulative number 749,025. Accumulative Active cases 9357.
- Hospitals Isolation Capacity/Region: North 5 % middle 16 % and south 6%
- ICU Hospital beds Capacity/ Region: North 14%, middle26, south %10
- Respiratory system Capacity: North 9 % middle 8 % south 9%.
- High percentage of infected people is within the age group 75 and above. As per gender and age group is equal 50 Vs.50
- In the last three weeks, there was an increase in the confirm cases and deaths .

#### **Vaccination Status:**

- 3,530,225 accumulative people registered (Syrian and Jordanian) for the Vaccine on the MOH platform (www.vaccine.jo) . 2,221,6279 are male and 1500546 are female distributed as follows:
- Amman:1,700,000
- Irbid: 500,000
- Zarga: 430,000
- 2,900,000 form 45% of peoplevaccinated with the first dose from all kind of vaccine, As per 28 July 2021 out of them 1,725,000 male and 1,180,0000 females.
- 2,170,000 received the two doses, out of them 1,275,000 are male and 898,000 are female
- 150 active vaccination centers are present in the kingdom Primary health centers will be functioning as new centeres for vaccination to facilitate reopening of schools and universities.
- Vaccination for age group 12+ already started with not Adverse Effect following Immunization reported (AEFI).
- Defence order 32 applied in the country that requests bi-weekly PCR tests from non-vaccinated people.
- 28,000 registered were found to be infected, out of them 7000 were infected after vaccination among which359 were admitted to the hospital

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# 3. UNHCR update on the COVID-19 vaccination at both camps (Zaatari & Azraq)

# **UNHCR Updates [Camps]**

# Azraq Camp

- COVID-19 Vaccination:
  - o **14,619** refugee individuals have registered in the MOH Platform to take the vaccine. **5,526** individuals have taken the COVID-19 vaccine; of which, **4,425** have taken the two doses.

# Zaatari Camp

- COVID-19 Vaccination:
  - As per yesterday, 28<sup>th</sup>July. 22,856 refugee individuals have registered at the MOH platform for COVID-19 vaccination. 16,295 individuals have taken the COVID-19 vaccine; out of which 13,301 have taken the second dose.

### **EJC Camps**

As per yesterday, 28<sup>th</sup>July. 2,356 refugee individuals have registered at the MOH platform for COVID-19 vaccination. 2,285 individuals have taken the COVID-19 vaccine; out of which 2,237 have taken the second dose.

Dr. Adam updates the partners on the Defense order 32 and asked partners to adhere to it: staff who have not been vaccinated will need to confirm their status through regular PCR tests to be allowed access to the office.

Ibraheem from UNHCR provided an update on the Household Survey:

- All preparation is already made and next week will hold a kickoff meeting with some partners .
- The survey is designed based on two groups one for Syrian and another one for non-Syrian due the history of access policy, Syrian started Accessing Health Service at non-insured Jordanian rate since February 2019; While non-Syrian started accessing since June of 2020. the filed work is planned to be completed in August, 2021 and the report will be released in September 2021.
- Series of meetings were held with the Multi -Donor Fund main partners jointly USAID and the Canadian and with Eng. Huda from MOH to discuss the utilization rate among the refugees and urban setting; the work plan is in place aiming to improve the refugee's access to the public health services. A follow-up meeting on the action points with take place next week with Donors and MOH where we discussed and agreed with donors to include some indicators on the Access of health services in the survey and to reflect on the performance indicators of Multi -Donors Account.

- Group of some Hemodialysis patients of Syrian refugee in Urban setting;148 patients have been supported
  previously by different operational partners such as: Qatar Red Crescent, Jordan Red crescent, and Islamic
  Relief .Jordan Red Crescent suspended its support due to the shrot fall funding from Saudi. There was a
  complaint against the interruption of services for most of them over the last weeks, the good news is the
  Qatar Red Crescent Jointly with advocacy from UNHCR granted three months of coverage for big number
  of them.
- UNHCR recommended the QRC project for OCHA last call of Fund. I have been approved by the sector recommendation.
- UNCHR called partner for a meeting to discuss this group issue further and tocome up with solution.

**ActivityInfo:**Health Sector is the highest reputation among other sector in completing the reporting requirements and on the UNHCR platform **which reflect the 3RP PLAN and MONITORING DATA.**Jointly with IACU have analyzed recently the data to understand the situation there; we observed under reporting on the Activity info: Here is some findings:

- Four partners didn't submit their appeal under the PLAN namely (UNICEF, Jordan Safe the Children, Bluemont, HoM HumaniTerra Jordan)
- Some partners have discrepancies in their Entries namely (CDE, IOCC, Caritas, Midair ). Midair and Caritas have over budget reporting verses the one submitted on the JRP.
- Incomplete entry on the MONITORING DATA resulted in low achievement level for the partners. Six out seventeen partners haven't submitted their updated entry for their achievements namely (JEHAS,SAMS,TDH,Medair,IMC and IOCC).
- We are inviting all partners to complete the data entry component to be able as a sector to understand the situation and analyze the gaps, for Example the vaccination achievements very low due to lack of reporting under the Plan and Monitoring Data.
- Partners can reach out to Samira IACU for any further technical support.

### **Action Point**

# All partners to complete the data entry component

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**

• On the 28th of July 2021, SRH SWG conducted a comprehensive session on the Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) to Voluntary Family Planning (FP). The objectives of the session were to orient

stakeholders of family planning and broader Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights programs to the essentials of human-rights-based voluntary family planning and guide them on how to plan and conduct an assessment on HRBA to FP.

The session also introduced the Country Assessment Tool for HRBA to Family Planning that will soon be published globally. The tool will be utilized to plan for and undertake comprehensive assessments of the HRBA to Family Planning in camp settings, in partnership with the relevant FP and SRHR actors. Over 20 SRH SWG members joined this session, including esteemed heads of maternal and child health directorate and domestic violence section from the Ministry of Health.

- The Sector Gender Focal Points Network co-chairs delivered a presentation on the Gender in Humanitarian Action to the SRH SWG members. The key priorities on GiHA as identified for SRHSWG in consultation with the co-chairs is:
  - To contribute to the multi-sectoral GiHA profile (which will be released in September 2021) to inform
    Jordan Response Plan 2022. Mapping and increasing women's organizations participation in SRH
    SWG and level of influence.
  - Promoting and monitoring the use of Gender Dashboard to inform health/SRHR sector programming and decisions.
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  - And participating in health-sector specific gender capacity development and other training opportunities on the Gender in Humanitarian Action through the Sector Gender Focal Points Network.
- In coordination with the GBV Working Group, the SRH Coordinator has been working to prioritize Clinical Management Rape (CMR) services across both SRH and GBV responses. Recently, there have been capacity building trainings held to build the capacity of health care providers on the implementation of the Clinical Management of Rape services and identification of Intimate Partner Violence. Also, assessments have been conducted at the Al-Basheer hospital and Zarqa governmental hospital.

### MHPSS

 MHPS) held their monthly regular meeting Yesterday,28<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.CVT provide a presentation on Staff Health Care. The next meeting will be conducted as usual on the third Wednesday of each month (18<sup>th</sup> of August 2021)IMC will share the invitation and Agenda.

### MHPSS SWG/IMC

 MHPSS are hiring a consultant to update and analyse the 4Ws. They are in the process of collecting data from partners ,hopefully the report will be completed by end of August.2021

#### IMC

- On 1st of July, IMC started the management of referrals from Zatari camp to secondary and tertiary care
  and referrals in urban area, the process is ongoing, during July we managed a total of 596 cases including
  the regular management of thalassemia and renal failure patients in need for hemodialysis.
- For Azraq covid 19 center, during the month of July, we had a total of 34 admissions, of those admissions only 3 patients were referred to Zarqa governmental hospital for the need of a more advanced care not available at the center. Also, we provided a total of 170 outpatients consultation.
- IMC medical staff received a training about COVID-19 vaccine administration in both camps and currently support MoH in the vaccination at both camps. In Azraq, a total of 1055 vaccine doses were provided under MoH supervision.
- The community health team is continuing the community mobilization toward vaccination by providing education about the importance of the vaccine and providing help to register on the platform on spot, this included shelter visits and the presence of a CH volunteer in the health facilities reception areas and in the NCD clinics in the camp. In addition to a dedicated help line for the vaccine and follow up on the appointments, any side effects after the vaccine and follow up on the appointments for the second dose of the vaccine.
- In addition to the community mobilization the team also support and follow the confirmed COVID19 cases at home isolation, providing education especially about danger signs and when to seek immediate medical care, in addition to sharing the treatment center hotline to ensure a 24/7 easy access to medical care for those confirmed cases.
- Irbid maternity hospital is continuing till 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021, during July, we managed a total of 178 normal deliveries, 18 cesarean sections.

### **CHPF**

# Medair/CHPF

The CHPF meeting happened on 6th of July, CHPF members continue to support MoH in vaccination campaign. We are trying to seek clearance from MoH regarding the community health volunteers work now after all the changes announced by the government.

#### Medair

C4H: Medair got new grants from BPRM and UNOCHA both will start in the upcoming 2 months were Medair will be able to cover more C4H cases. All C4H partners are meeting to coordinate well. Medair is receiving referrals from UNHCR. C4H partners are observing the non-Syrians integration into MoH services which is still challenging

UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group NCD	NA  Ibraheedm Abu siam from UNHCR provided a brief update on behalf of NCDWG:  - The NCDWG meeting was held in Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 11:00 am -12:00 pm Main topic of NCD task force discussion is the inclusion of Syrian refugees in the public health services.  - Aiming to understand the affordability of NDC services health services; Analysis of cost for NCD medication was materials revealed that 90 % of NCD patient can access their month medication in affordable prices around 20 JOD/ month. UNHCR continued its support to the vulnerable refugees.
5. Partners updates urban	
Partners updates [Urban]	
Caritas	<ul> <li>Caritas has continued to provide primary health care services and referral to refugees from different nationalities. During last month Caritas has provided 9761 PHC services and 2658 NCD services through all Caritas centers distributed in different governorate. Caritas has also attended ICD11 training conducted by MOH and some of caritas medical staff have attended the capacity building training for MIS and CMR conducted by IFH/UNFPA.</li> </ul>
SAMS	<ul> <li>SAMS has started a new project funded by Interaction Community-based Safeguarding Solutions, to provide training sessions for CBOs staff on safeguarding</li> <li>SAMS is starting a new training session for MOH and MOSD staff in Irbid and Amman in mental health and psychosocial support topics.</li> <li>SAMS plan to lunch the new project in wadi Alsir next period in cooperation with MoH in Wadi alsir center which is assigned by the ministry of health for physiotherapy and MHPSS services, after completion the official approvals form MOPIC and MoH.</li> <li>SAMS had continued the internal medical mission for Syrian and Jordanians in ophthalmology, Urology and ENT.</li> <li>SAMS continue provide a kidney transplant medication for Syrian refugees on monthly bases</li> </ul>

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### Rehabilitation:

- MoH in coordination with WHO and HI, launched the National Rehabilitation strategy Under the patronage
   Of HRH Prince Mired Bin Raad and excellence of the minister of health Dr Feras Hwary.
- The rehabilitation intervention is ongoing for our identified beneficiaries by our partners, physiotherapist session, occupational therapy sessions and provision of assistive device.
- The capacity building plan is ongoing for our partners which including training, case management meetings, coaching training...etc.
- HI's Supported Jarash center during July 2021 by providing 3 trainings in MoSD coordination. Moreover, 4 trainings are planned to be conducted in August 2021.
- At the community level, HI CBR volunteers provided basic rehabilitation intervention for our beneficiaries which the beneficiary's needs assessed by the technical people at the services provided level.
- HI's Rehab Technical officers are planning for conducting a technical training, rehabilitation technical topics such as stroke assessment and management training, for our partners which one training for each partner per month until end of August.
- HI supported SAMS in the technical side for pilot project in establishing rehabilitation department in AL-Baiader comprehensive health center by field visit and provision of technical feedback...

# Early Detection Early Intervention (EDEI):

- After finishing the EI protocol now it is in the printing to be distributed to the concerned persons and the EI committee
- For the Early detection guideline and pathways HI's are conducting trainings to PHCs staff on the new tool (Ages and Stages questionnaire) that will be used to detect DDH and CP children in earlier stage.
- We distributed the Acrylic signs of the national Referral pathway for children with disabilities to the concerned centers of MoSD, MoH and MoE, and we are planning to do orientation sessions to the staff about this referral guideline and pathways.
- For the field activities, the volunteers still providing services (PT, OT, Portage and Speech) in the 3 EI units in Irbid Zarga and Amman and in home based for children.

### HoM HumaniTerra - Jordan

HTI is continuing its medical missions providing surgical care for vulnerable children in Jordan. The missions are held at the Al-Haramain Hospital in Um Summaq Amman. Our next mission is an Orthopedic Mission (starting on Sunday 1 August) then on Tuesday 3 August we will have an ENT mission and on 8 August Pediatric mission. The missions are all structured as follows: first day screening of patients; secondand third-days surgeries for patients in need of operations (according to the previous screening). For referrals or any additional information please contact HTI medical officer Dr Mahmoud Darabie health.jordan@humani-terra.org

MSF	<ul> <li>MSF is currently in the process of closing the NCD project in Irbid and they are handing over patients to MOH. Their current active cohort is 1024 out of them 315 home visit and 1109 in the clinic. Forty-one are Jordanian, six other nationalities and 2 68 Syrian .</li> </ul>
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5. AOB	
Action Points	<ul> <li>HTI to share HSWG partners with their surgical missions' criteria, both in Arabic and in English. Done</li> <li>In the next HSWG meeting MOH will present the frame work of this strategy .</li> <li>SAMS to share IMC with MHPSS focal point</li> <li>Medair to Add HTI to Referral WG contact list</li> </ul>
Next Monthly Meeting	Thursday, 26 August 2021 From 10:30 to 12:30