

## Health Sector Coordination Meeting

<b>Date: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	<b>Venue: MS-Teams Virtual [UNHCR]</b>	<b>Time: From 11:00 to 01:00</b>
<b>Attendance: UNHCR, WHO, MOH, IMC, IRC, JPS, Medair, HI, IOCC, IOM, RHAS, , ICRC, MOH, EMPHNET, MSF, Caritas, SAMS, Humanitaria, Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe, MIRRA,UPP,CVT, Save the Children, MSF, Qatari Red Crescent, Islamic Relief Jordan,AMR, Health Appeal,Habitat Jordan, gju.</b>		
<b>Agenda</b>		
1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting.		
2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19.		
3. UNHCR presentation on the COVID-19 situation and vaccination in refugee camps ( Zaatari , Azraq& EJC)		
4. Partners updates Urban.		
5. AOB		
<b>1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting</b>		
<b>Sector Chair [UNHCR]</b>	<p>Dr. Adam/ UNHCR the Health Sector Chair and Dr.Nazeema, WHO on behalf of the Co-chair welcomed the audience and introduced the agenda of the meeting .</p> <p>Progress on action points from last month meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All partners are encouraged to upload their data on UNHCR platform ActivityInfo and JFT.<b>On going</b></li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested organization to share the Sector chair their nomination for sector gender focal point network membership.<b>Pending</b></li> </ul>
<b>2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19</b>	
<b>WHO</b>	<p><b>WHO Update:</b>  <b>Global/Regional Epidemiological updates on COVID-19: (As of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021):</b>  Dr. Saverio BELLIZZI from WHO provided an update on global and regional Covid-19 status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WHO global update: As of yesterday 24 November 2021, the number of confirmed cases were around 260 million and over 5,000,000 confirmed deaths.</li> <li>At the latest epidemiological week there was around 3.6 million confirmed new cases, which is a around 6% increase compared to the previous week.</li> <li>A similar percente of increase on mortality with around 51,000 new deaths reported.</li> <li>Big surge of cases in the European region with 11% increase, while in the Southeast region and the eastern Mediterranean are 11% and 9% decrease.</li> <li>The highest number of cases was reported by the United States of America last week, with almost 560,000 new cases, followed by Germany, with an 31% increase compared to the previous week and United Kingdom with 11% increase.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on Covid-19 status in MENA region :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed cases and death incidents are continued to decrease since mid -July.</li> <li>In the last week, 92,000 new cases and over 1900 new deaths were reported with around 9% decrease.</li> <li>There was an increase in five specific countries which are Djibouti, Afghanistan, Oman, Sudan and Jordan.</li> <li>The highest number of cases reported was from Iran it is particularly linked to the size of the country, Followed by Jordan as there were over 22,000 new confirmed cases reported in one week .</li> <li>As of yesterday 24th November, During the WHO-Eastern region meeting around 16.7 million confirmed cases were reported since the on set of the pandamci and around 310,000 confirmed</li> </ul>

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deaths. Iran was the highest with around six million cases. Iraq 2,000,000 Pakistan 1.3 million ,Morocco with around 1,000,000 followed by Jordan with around 920,000 confirmed cases since the onset of the pandemic which almost represent 5.5% of the total cases.

#### **Update on Covid-19 status in Jordan**

Dr. Yaqoub, Communicable Disease Directorate from MOH provided an update on the Covid-19 status in Jordan:

- As of yesterday, 24 November 2021, there was around 928,256 accumulative confirmed cases around 11429 deathss and 11,889,329 acumulative PCR tests were conducted.
- High number of deaths were among the elderly people above 65 years old.
- The third wave started at the week of 43of the pandemic,, we are currently in 74 week and its expected to reach higher confirmed cases during this week.
- Most common cases is due to Delta variant infection , that is the cause forthe highest number of cases is in Amman Governorate
- Highest number of confirmed cases were among youth with the age group 25-30 years old. In terms of gender, there is almost an equal percentage of infection prevails among male and female .

#### **Update on Jordan Vaccinations Status :**

- As of yesterday 24th th November, the accumulated number of registrations via vaccine.jo is 4,457,915
- Nearly 4,100,375 individuals completed their first dose and the fully vaccinated people were around 3,703,946.
- Dr. Jaber from MOH mentioned that there is no any futher update on the Vaccinations Status for the refugees and migrantsin Jordan rather than the ones shared in the WHO meeting about refugees and migrant .

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

#### UNHCR Updates [Camps]

Dr. Mohammad Fawad from UNHCR provided an update as per 24th of November 2021 on the Covid-19 situation and the vaccination status in the refugee camps (Zataari and Azraq):

- A total of 2550 confirmed cases were reported till the 46 epidemiological week .
- A total number of deaths are 26.
- The number of active cases are 110.

**Vaccination status at Zatari Camp:** A total of 23,182 individuals have taken the Covid-19 vaccine and out of them 20,000 have taken the two doses,

**Vaccination status at Azraq Camp :** A total of 10,649 individuals have taken the Covid-19 vaccine and out of them 8249 have taken the two doses .

- UNHCR is observing regularly the positivity rate which has been on rise for the last few epidemiological weeks. There was a slight increase in the positivity rate at Zataari camp, it has been reported as 5.7 for the week 46 and before that in week 45 it was 2.2 . and the week before it was 0.9.
- In Azraq Camp the positivity rate recorded was 1.2 in week 46 and before it was 1 and the week before it was 0.4.
- Dr. Adam the Health Sector Chair , provided an update on the UNHCR meeting with the National Center for Security and Crisis Management: Between end of October and beginning of November, UNHCR had a meeting with National Security Centre for Crisis Management after the Minister of Interior affair visited the camps because of the vaccination rates in the camp.
- one of the main discussion points in the meeting was the denominator used for the calculation which was in compliance with the MOH Calculation and standard.

As a result it was suggested by the National Center for Security and Crisis Management that UNHCR to try to do some extra mile in terms of approaching the Urban refugee populations. At the end of October with the support of Ministry of Health and the National Center for Security

	and Crisis Management, a mobile vaccination unit was set up In UNHCR reception area in Amman.
<b>Action Point</b>	
<b>4. Sub-Sector Working Groups: Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) and Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)</b>	
<b>UNFPA/ SRHWG</b>	<p>Neveen Al- Samhoury on behalf of Miss Jihan ( the SRH specialist -UNFPA ) ,provided SRH SWG Update – for November 2021 .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2020-2030 has been endorsed by the Office of the Prime Minister. The aim of the Strategy is to promote universal access to integrated sexual and reproductive health services, information, and counselling for individuals and families in Jordan. In collaboration with HPC, the SRH strategy 2020 – 2030 will be officially launched during a two-day SRH symposium planned for the 12th and 13th of December 2021 at the Landmark Hotel in Amman. On the first day, the 12th of December 2021, the SRH 2020 – 2030 strategy will be launched, and on the second day, the 13th of December 2021, the Comprehensive Sexuality Education policy paper will be launched.</li> <li>• On the 11th and the 12th of November 2021, the Maternal Mortality Guidelines were endorsed by the National Advisory Group, consisting of senior obstetrics and gynecology specialists from the health sectors in Jordan. The guidelines aim to provide an evidence-based summary of best practices in treating hypertension and pre-eclampsia in pregnancy; managing ante- and postpartum hemorrhage, ensuring the acute management of thromboembolic disease, reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism during pregnancy and the puerperium, addressing bacterial sepsis in and following pregnancy, and induction of labor. Following the endorsement, the guidelines are now being designed and will be ready soon for dissemination among SRH stakeholders and facilities.</li> </ul>

**MHPSS SWG/IMC**

- On the 23rd of November 2021, a review meeting was conducted with SRH and GBV stakeholders to review a Policy Guideline document titled “Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights Regulatory Framework across the Arab States Region: Current Status and Future Outlook” on human rights and sexual and reproductive health in Jordan. The study was developed by UNFPA Jordan Office in cooperation with UNFPA regional Office and the American University of Beirut. The study included several important themes, including maternal health, gender-based violence, autonomous decision-making, bodily integrity concerning marginalized and disadvantaged groups (with special focus on adolescents), and decision-making regarding the health and safety of the body. Further to the held review meeting, more consultation with stakeholders on the study will follow.

**IMC updates:**

Dr. Ahmad Bawneh provided an update on the MHPSS and IMC: Health activities are ongoing as usual in both camps (Zataari and Azraq) and urban,

- For Azraq COVID-19 center, during the month of November 2021, IMC admitted a total of 50 patients (confirmed and suspected COVID-19), we provided a total of 166 outpatient consultations, and conducted a total of 4630 PCR tests in Azraq camp.
- The community health team in Azraq is continuing the community mobilization toward COVID-19 vaccine 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, during November, the team focused on including 12-17 years age group in the activity as per MoH guidance.
- In addition to the community mobilization, the team also supports and follows the confirmed COVID-19 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.
- IMC continued to provide COVID-19 vaccination in Azraq camp in collaboration with MoH, up to the end of November, 18,380 doses were administered (10,441 first dose and 7,939 Second dose).

- All other activities are running as per usual.

**MHPSS:**

- They held their monthly meeting during November,
- They are in the process of finalising the recommendations of the four 4Ws sexercise and the reort will be shared with all different working group members.
- Their meeting will beheld on the third week of every Wednesday.
- Tele-MHPSS mobile Application: On October 25th, 2021, IMC successfully launched Relax, a free-charge mobile app and the first of its kind in Jordan among humanitarian agencies to provide free Tele-MHPSS services and improve access and self-care-seeking behaviors for the vulnerable population during the COVID19 pandemic. The app has built on trusted and evidence-based materials to raise awareness and provide more easily accessible services to refugee communities throughout Jordan and training for specialized and non-specialized health care providers to strengthen their MHPSS capacity.
- International Medical Corps has already conducted through the application utilizing blended modality two cycles of training and trained 33 non-specialist MOH staff in the Mental Health Gap Action Programme Intervention Guide (mhGAP-IG), and trained 16 MoSD staff on Mental Health Case Management and other available training opportunities a WHO course on early mental health detection and intervention course. IMC will provide a presentation on Relax in the next Health sector meeting
- Financial (User fee approach), physical/ transportation, and services affordability are the main barriers to access MH services for refugees and vulnerable Jordanians.
- Maintaining the provision of free MHPSS services is still challenging due to increased demands and resources limitation
- The highest reported diagnoses among services users are Depression, anxiety, and epilepsy, respectively.
- The highest age group of service users 18-59 yrs
- 1/3rd of MH users is below 18yrs
- Increase reporting of protection concerns (GBV) and self-harm and suicide behaviors due to difficult living conditions
- Here below is the link for the google play store and QR code for easy download.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.imc.mhs>

<p><b>UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group</b></p> <p><b>Medair/CHPF</b></p>	<p>NA</p> <p><b>CHPF :</b></p> <p>Ms. Amira Amin provided an update on the CHPE and Medair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the 2nd of November our CHPF meeting took place:</li> <li>• In collaboration with UNICEF , the community health committees work targeting the people who refused to get the COVID-19 vaccine during the period of 30 Jun to 30 Sep 2021</li> <li>• MOH conducted health awareness sessions for both women and men about modern family planning methods in collaboration with USAID</li> <li>• MOH shared messages about the renewal of the Health Professional License for health care providers in Jordan in collaboration with USAID</li> <li>• In the period between 18-24 Nov, MOH shared health messages about using antibiotics on social media.</li> <li>• Medair presented phase one of the BCC project</li> <li>• At Azraq camp, IMC started a new awareness campaign targeting the parents who have children at 12-17 years to encourage them to give their children the covid-19 vaccine.</li> </ul> <p><b>Medair Update :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the upcoming weeks , Medair will start a research funded by ECHO , the purpose of this research is to strengthen the evidence for potential transitional funding solutions for access to health care amongst refugees in Jordan. This research will seek to engage key stakeholders around activities that lead to the identification, analysis, and feasibility of transitional approaches that show potential in the Jordanian context. In turn, it will also shape Medair’s approach toward program development in the health sector.</li> <li>• Amira Amin announced she is formally selected to be the health projects manager at Medair.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>NCD-Sub WG</b></p>	<p>Dr. Dina from UNHCR provided an update on behalf of NCD-Sub WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their next meeting will take place on next Tuesday, the 30th of November. One of the main agenda points of the meeting is the Save the Children presentation on their work on NCD as part of their community health program.</li> <li>• Reactivating the Nutrition Sub-WG, their meeting will take place next Sunday.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Partners updates urban</b></p>	
<p><b>Partners updates [Urban]</b></p> <p><b>Caritas</b></p> <p><b>SAMS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caritas has continued to provide PHC services among refugees and vulnerable people, during October Caritas provided around 7593 PHC services and around 2325 patients provided with NCD medication and follow ups.</li> <li>• As well, Caritas continued to provide key messages and counseling about the importance of the vaccination.</li> <li>• SAMS finalized the survey assessment for local NGOs on their needs in safeguarding to start the build capacity program of key staff among Jordanian CBOs by enhancing the response, management, and coordination of PSEA and safeguarding interventions starting from December .</li> <li>• SAMS continued implementing services in the new clinic for Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy ,MHPSS and Cardiology services in Wadi AL Seir medical center /Ministry of Health , and according to the need and increasing in the total beneficiaries more than expected ,SAMS increase the working days to 6 days for Physiotherapy and 2 days for mental health support</li> <li>• SAMS continued the capacity building program for MoH and MoSD staff in Irbid and Amman in mental health and psychosocial support topics .</li> </ul> <p><b>Rehabilitation</b></p>

<p><b>HI</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ToR for the national rehabilitation platform was delivered to the ministry of health, after their agreement we are going to conduct the rehabilitation platform to work on the new objectives that were set to facilitate the implementation of national rehabilitation strategy.</li> <li>• A variety of technical training were conducted to our partners</li> <li>• The referral process is ongoing for our beneficiaries that include CBR team identified the beneficiaries and then refer them to our partner to receive the appropriate rehabilitation</li> <li>• The rehabilitation intervention is ongoing for our identified beneficiaries by our partner (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and P&amp;O)</li> <li>• The capacity building which contain case management, coaching, information session, training for our partners is ongoing</li> </ul> <p><b>Early childhood development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community level: The new Early Intervention volunteers who will work at center and home-based level were recruited and they are currently receiving the needed technical trainings and will start providing services in December 2021.</li> <li>• Service providers level: Ministry of Health: the team are applying capacity assessment with the PHCs staff to assess their needs (trainings, Support, equipment) in order to enhance the services provision. Ministry of Social Development: the EI team are providing training to the staff of the established EI units in Almanar center (Alashrfieh and Irbid) and Hitten Center and we are preparing to establish new EI unit in Almanar center (Irbid- Alwasatieh).</li> <li>• Ministries level: HI is agreed with MoH to start piloting the CP and DDH clinical pathways and guideline by establishing 6 Well-baby clinics in Irbid, Ramtha, Amman, Balqaa, Zarqa and Karak. ECD project also is preparing with HCD the situation analysis assessment to start piloting the national referral pathways with MoH, MoSD, MoE and NAF</li> </ul>
<p><b>HoM HumaniTerra – Jordan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>
<p><b>MSF</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAHS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>

<p><b>CDE</b></p> <p><b>Qatari Red Crescent(QRC)</b></p> <p><b>Islamic Relief Jordan</b></p> <p><b>Health Apeal Society</b></p> <p><b>AMR</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Atieh deliver apresentation on behalf of Health Appeal Society , e covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who we are</li> <li>• Scoop of services.</li> <li>• What we work</li> <li>• Health Appeal in numbers</li> <li>• Structure</li> </ul> <p><b>AMR- Zaatari Camp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ministry of planning approval has expired for implementation of the Qatar Charity comprehensive Medical Center in district 12, parallel to the end of the funding at the end of October, Therefore, the center is closed until further notice.</li> <li>• The funding for the Hope Center for health promotion in district 12 will end by the end of December 2021.</li> <li>• The funding for the Maternity and Diagnostic Radiology Center, will end by the end of December too. ,the number of beneficiaries served in Zaatari Camp from January to October is 61,761. .</li> </ul> <p><b>Azraq Camp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of clinics providing services by the AMR in Azraq camp is 17. 7 at Jassim Medical Center in village 2, 5 in village 3, 5 in village 6, and the number of beneficiaries served in Azraq Camp from January to October is 91,435.</li> <li>• .For Irbid Medical Center the number of beneficiaries served from January to October is 7,047.</li> </ul>
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<b>ICRC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition, MR is in the final stages of starting providing services on one clinic out of two mobile clinics, as a new project under AMR supervision</li> </ul>
<b>EMPHNET</b>	<p>Dr. Kasbar Tashdjian provided an update on behalf of ICRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently ICRC have signed an cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Health to support the mobile vaccination teams of the Ministry of Health. Now the teams we are supporting 30 mobile teams. The support mainly focused on providing logistical support to the Ministry of Health teams through transport, refrigeration and as well as communication means, ,through tablets and the Internet connection .</li> <li>• Dr.Mohammad Abu Khadair provided a quick update on behalf of <b>EMPHNET</b> , on their 7<sup>th</sup> regional General conference held in Amman., Some sessions discussed the issue of refugees.</li> </ul>

<b>5. AOB</b>	
<b>Action Points</b>	
<b>Next Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 from 11:00 to 1:00</b>