

Weekly Report
Public Health and Nutrition Jordan
Week 21 HIS
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1. Operational Highlights and Situation update

- 54 cases of measles confirmed so far in Jordan including 12 in Zaa'tri camp
- Microplanning for mass measles campaign took place at Ministry of Health on the 28th of May with EPI Officers from the four governorates, CDC, WHO, UNICEF and UNHCR; decision made to only do campaign in Irbid and Mafraq Governorates given the short time frame
- Meetings took place at Ministry of Health on the 27th May to plan communication and mobilisation strategy for the measles campaign attended by MoH, UNICEF and UNHCR; UNICEF is providing support to this process; to reach refugees UNHCR will work with IRD and JHAS community outreach workers, use mass text messaging, radio spots and person-to-person messages through all contacts with services for refugees e.g. registration, Help Desks, clinics and distributions.
- Limited access to health services in Zarqa for approximately 13,000 Syrians with expired registration or waiting registration is a major concern to UNHCR.
- Mortality rates in Za'atri stable.

2. Population

- Total Syrian persons of concern in Jordan is 493,825 with 408,466 registered. Numbers of new arrivals continue to be relatively low with 1,675 between 22nd and 29th (morning).

Total active Syrians registered with UNHCR in Jordan (30 th May)	408,466
Number of Syrians waiting to be registered with UNHCR	85,359
Number of persons collecting WFP ration in Zaatri*	116,429
Number registered in Emirati Jordanian Camp as of May 19 th	3,056
Number of new arrivals from May 22 nd to 28/29 th	1,675

* As of first distribution cycle in May

3. Coordination and Assessments

- Health Coordination meeting took place in Irbid on 28th May chaired by Director of Health. Main updates: Though the number of new arrivals has reduced dramatically the number of injured being treated in Ramtha Hospital

has remained stable at between 20-30 per day. MSF Holland is awaiting approval from MoH for a surgical project supporting management of injured at Ramtha Hospital. Some health centres are not providing vaccinations for Syrians despite the fact that all children living in Jordan regardless of nationality and status are eligible for free vaccinations. Health Director will remind health centres of this.

4. New arrivals

- From 22nd until 28th May IOM medical team with UNHCR funding support vaccinated 353 new arrivals against polio, 1,281 against measles and 334 were provided with Vitamin A supplement. Since 16th April, IOM vaccinated 8,469 refugees against polio; 28,403 against measles; and 7,937 were provided with Vitamin A supplements.
- Planning continues to move new arrival health screening to Raba Sahan once refugee registration is relocated there. Site layout of medical screening areas is being finalised.

5. Health services

- UNHCR is reviewing health services provision for Syrians in Zarqa. Zarqa Governorate is the fourth most affected governorate in Jordan with 20,330 registered (but as of 19th of May 3,241 with expired asylum seeker certificate) and 9,653 awaiting registration. Primary health services are available for registered refugees through MoH and Caritas clinic and many secondary services through MoH. There are limited services for unregistered Syrians. JHAS mobile medical unit provides consultations one day a week with an average case load of 150 -200 patients per day; it only targets Syrians waiting registration or with expired certificates. This provides primary health services directly and secondary/ tertiary through the referral system. Mental health/psychosocial support limited for Syrians. Lack of access to health services for approximately 13,000 Syrians with expired registration or waiting registration is a major concern. There is a need to establish static primary health care services for Syrians in Zarqa and this will be pursued by UNHCR.

6. Communicable diseases and outbreak prone diseases

- The number of confirmed measles cases in Za'atri is 12. IOM medical team is vaccinating the contacts of suspected and confirmed measles cases that were not vaccinated earlier.
- The number of measles cases in Jordan is 54 (including 12 from Za'atri); mass campaign in Irbid and Mafraq Governorate scheduled to start on June 8th

- Ministry of Health called a meeting in Mafraq to discuss bloody diarrhoea in Zaa'tri. Bloody diarrhoea numbers are stable; investigation has revealed that many cases do not meet the case definition for bloody diarrhoea. 20 stool samples were taken in week 22 and results are pending; line list will be revised by MoH and new version shared.
- As part of prevention of diarrhoea outbreak and growing concerns on hygiene conditions in Za'atari, Ministry of Health, UNICEF, UNHCR and all WASH and health partners are taking immediate action to respond to critical risks to the health of children and families in the camp. UNICEF/UNHCR /partners undertook a two-day Training of Trainers (ToT) from 27 to 28 May for 30 Master health educators/hygiene promoters, followed by two days training of 184 health workers/hygiene promoters from 29 to 30 May. This training will be followed by a week-long health and hygiene/environmental sanitation awareness and cleaning campaign, to be conducted in the Za'atari camp next week.
- As part of this campaign, UNICEF/partners will set up 10-15 Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) Corners in all health facilities, including Schools, Child Friendly Spaces, IYCF caravans and all health clinics in Za'atari camp. In these corners, trained health educators will offer information sessions on key health/hygiene and sanitation concerns (including hand-washing and diarrhoea prevention), referrals for severe cases to designated to two identified Diarrheal Treatment Units (DTU) in the camp (MSF hospital and French Field Hospital), and Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) packets to children in need. Each DTU and ORT corner will send reports to camp health coordination authorities for any immediate follow-up action.
- The above trained health workers and hygiene promoters will be divided in 12 teams and will conduct daily tent-to-tent visits to disseminate key messages on diarrhea prevention, hand washing, personal hygiene and environmental sanitation, as well active diarrhea case finding to encourage parents/caregivers to visit ORT corners as soon as cases are identified. These teams will also include Syrian refugee cleaners who will be deployed to clean all WASH blocks in the camp, including removing solid waste module by module.

7. Tuberculosis

- From 22 May 2013 until the 28 May 2013 IOM medical team with funding support from UNHCR screened for TB 2,468 refugees; 48% males and 52% females. No new cases were detected. The total number of TB cases is 51; 37 Pulmonary TB including 3 MDR cases and 14 extrapulmonary.

8. Reproductive health

- UNFPA supported reproductive health services for 1550 women from May 15 to 21, 2013. Of these women, a higher proportion was younger than 24

years old (868) than older than 24 years old (682). In total, 377 attended clinics for family planning purposes, 428 for antenatal services, and 59 received post-natal care services, while 302 women attended the clinics because they had an infection.

- Awareness sessions on diverse reproductive health subjects benefited 317 women this week. Various sessions on family planning took place in Cyber City and Za'atri camps and were attended by 266 people. Also, some 51 women met to discuss pregnancy induced hypertension, symptoms, follow-up and management in the regions of Nazal and Hashimi this week.

9. Food Security/ Nutrition

- During the last week, 524 mothers and 392 children under five visited the two UNICEF/Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) caravans in Za'atari camp. In addition, 1,131 children under five and lactating mothers received nutritional snacks.
- UNICEF has amended its agreement with Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) expand the IYCF programme to a third caravan in Za'atari camp as well to start IYCF activities in EJC, in the new Azraq camp and in host communities shortly.

10. Mental Health

- IMC and WHO have signed a contract with Emphnet to undertake a mental health assessment in Za'atri and out-of-camp refugees. The assessment will use the WHO/UNHCR Toolkit Assessing Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs and Resources.