

## Health Sector Coordination Meeting

<b>Date: Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 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, UNFPA, ICRC, MOH, EMPHNET, MSF, Caritas, UNFPA , SAMS, Humani-terra, Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe, TDH Italy, PRM, ACF , MIRRA, UPP, CVT, CDE, Save the Children, MSF, Qatari Red Crescent, Islamic Relief Jordan.</b>		
<b>Agenda</b>		
1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting.		
2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19.		
3. UNHCR PPP on the COVID-19 vaccination at both camps (Zaatri, Azraq & EJC)		
4. PPP on Project Management and International Cooperation Directorate by Dr. Tayseer from MOH		
5. Sub-Sector Working Groups: Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) and Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)		
6. Partners updates Urban.		
7. AOB		
<b>1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting</b>		
<b>Sector Chair [UNHCR]</b>	Dr. Adam Khalifeh UNHCR and Dr. Saverio BELLIZZI, WHO welcomed the audience and introduced the agenda of the meeting .	

	<p>Progress on action points from last month meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MOH to Project Management and International Cooperation Directorate. <b>Done</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19</b></p>	
<p><b>WHO</b></p>	<p><b>WHO Update:</b></p> <p><b>Global/Regional Epidemiological updates on COVID-19: (As of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021):</b></p> <p>Dr. BELLIZZI, Saverio from WHO provided an update on global Covid-19 status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO global update :As of yesterday, 29th of September: There was around 232,000,000 of COVID-19 confirmed cases with a slightly more than 4.7 million accumulate confirmed deaths . From the 20 to the 26th of September, there has been a 10% decline, 3.3 million new cases and over 55,000 new deaths, which are a 10% decline compared to the previous week.</li> <li>• As per WHO in Eastern Mediterranean ,There has been a 17% decline , European region reported also decline in their mortality.</li> <li>• The highest number of new cases were reported from the United States, followed by Brazil, United Kingdom, India and Turkey.</li> <li>• At the eastern Mediterranean region last week there has been , 209,000 new cases and over 4200 new deaths, which are respectively 70% and 16% decline in morbidity and mortality compared to the previous week and the major contribution to this decline is due to declining in Iran. 17% decrease of cases, Iraq 26% decrease and in Pakistan.21% decrease .These three countries combined account for 69% of the new cases reported in the region.</li> <li>• ,WHO highlighted that in some countries, like in Palestine, there is an important upsurge, the incidents in Palestine last week was 300 new cases per 100,000 population in one week.</li> <li>• In Jordan, There has been 60 new cases per week per 1000 population, which is still a quite medium high incidence in Jordan. Jordan ranked as the sixth highest incidence in the region, but it's still quite stable .</li> <li>• Palestine is experiencing this upsurge now. In the region there has been a total of 15.7 million cumulative cases and almost 290,000 confirmed deaths.</li> <li>• Iran, Iraq, Morocco and Pakistan are leading countries. Jordan is the 5th and it contributes to 5% of the total cases and 4% of the total deaths.</li> </ul>

- In Jordan there has been around 820,000 commulative cases and 10,700 commulative deaths. The situation is very stable for the last three months. Also in September the daily average was 900 cases , which is pretty much aligned with the previous ten weeks. there is a slight decrease with 60 deaths last week compared to 80 deaths in the previous weeks and the test positivity rate is around 3%.
- The Secretary General of MOH ,Dr. Belbesi indicated that 95% of the COVID-19 infections are with the delta strains and 90% of the COVID infection in Jordan are among those not vaccinated

#### **Update on the Global Vaccinations Status :**

- Around 44.7% of the world population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine . At global level .6.18 billion doses have been administered. China is leading with 2.2 billion, followed by India, USA, Brazil and Japan.
- In Jordan 4.1 million people registered so far in the vaccination platform. Almost 3.7 million received first dose, 3.2 million received both doses.
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#### **Vaccination Overview in MENA region :**

- Jordan is one of the best performing countries for the percentage of people out of the population that they received 2 doses, almost 30% followed by UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Morocco.
- In MENA region there is a very big disparity with countries that received less than 2% of total vaccination, like Yemen and Somalia. Emirates with almost 90%.
- The situation of vaccines in Jordan is quite good, but at the same time, especially in the last 3-4 weeks, is quite slow in terms of uptake. under 30% of the population in Jordan with double vaccinated. the percentage is quite stable for the last three weeks .
- Dr. Saverio briefed participant on the WHO visit to the Camps , WHO received invitation to join the global School on migrants and refugees health, which is a global event that is taking place every year once a year. This year, the hosting country is Jordan is a hybrid event, which means

<p><b>MOH</b></p>	<p>that around 30 people will be physical, attending mostly MOH and some partners, more than 1000 people will be connecting from all around the world; pecially policymakers , academics and a high level people involved in this occasion .MOH from different countries in the world that are dealing with migrants and refugees. It will take place from the 25 to the 29th of October. There will be speeches, and a few reportaje from the ground that are clearly indicates the experience of migrants. Refugee is about accessing care challenges .</p> <p><b>MOH Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Tayseer Fardous from MOH introduced the Project Management and International Cooperation Directorate . He presented , the unit divisons , orgonorgam ,Vison and Mission and the projects under the supervision of this directorate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. UNHCR update on the COVID-19 vaccination at both camps (Zaatari &amp; Azraq)</b></p>	
<p><b>UNHCR Updates [Camps]</b></p>	<p>Dr. Adam from UNHCR presented the overall COVID-19 situation in the refugee camps and the status of vaccination up to 38 week from 18th to the 24th of September.He indicated that there is a slight increase in illness at Zartaari Camp an illness like influenza and the upper respiratory tract infection, which is normal with the change of the season.The vaccination in both camps are going smoothly in Azraq and Zaatari.</p> <p><b>Zaatari Camp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Total Population:</b> population remain as it is with Zataari around 79,793.</li> <li>• <b>Total Eligible:</b> The total number eligible citria for the COVID-19 vaccination is 42,485 That constitutes 53% of the total population</li> <li>• <b>Registered:</b> Total number registered on MOH platform for the COVID-19 vaccination is 24,358 is almost 57%.</li> <li>• <b>First Dose:</b> Those who receive the first is 1295, around 45%,.</li> <li>• <b>Seconed Dose:</b> Atotal number of 17,597, around 41%. Who received the seconed dose.</li> </ul> <p><b>Azraq Camp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Total Population:</b> total population is 43.4.4</li> <li>• <b>Total Eligible:</b> 21.334 constitute 49%</li> <li>• <b>Registered:</b> total population registered around 14,832 constitute 70%.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First Dose:</b> those who receive the first dose 7,603 constitute 36%</li> <li>• <b>Second Dose:</b> those who receive the second dose is 6,285 constitute 29%.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Adam updates the partners on Health Access Utilization Survey which will target Syrian and non Syrian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A survey which will actually starts on Monday 4th of October for both Syrian and non-Syrian population in urban. Awaiting to have the approval from the MOH and UNHCR in terms of protection and data confidentiality. So they are using the Kobo database. UNHCR Data Analysis Group (DAG) developed the program for the data collection and analysis. there will be 800 samples 400 for Syrian and 400 for non-Syrian. Trainings were conducted for the enumerators team. The outcome of the survey is expected within three months.</li> <li>• DHS the demographic and Health survey, is led by the department statistics and funded by USAID with a budget approximately USD3,000,000 million. The total cost of the demographic health survey is USD4.8 million. There is a budget gap and will be discussed in the next meeting USAID called for .</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Point</b></p>	
<p><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></p>	
<p><b>UNFPA/ SRHWG</b></p>	<p>Ms. Jihan Salad Provide an update on SRH -Sub WG behalf of - UNFPA :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high-level consultation meeting on Emergency Obstetric and New-born Care (EmONC) was conducted on 27th of September 2021, involving the Ministry of Health (including the Director of Maternal and Child Health, Director of Non-Communicable Diseases), Royal Medical Services Technical Director, and Chief of the Ob/Gyn Department, Associate Professor of Ob/Gyn Department at Jordan University Hospital, King Abdullah University Hospital Head of Ob/Gyn Department, private hospital association, WHO and UNICEF. The overall objective of the proposed assessment is to generate evidence on the current availability, utilization, and quality of EmONC and routine delivery services in Jordan to support the strengthening of the national EmONC program and assess key determinants of EmONC services. The plan is to generate data</li> </ul>

<p><b>MHPSS SWG/IMC</b></p>	<p>and information about the availability, utilization, and quality of services to be used for planning and policy decisions (including the EmONC indicators and other additional maternal and newborn health indicators). Once the EmONC assessment is completed, it will be used as a basis for developing a costed plan for improving access and quality of maternal and newborn health, including EmONC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the SRH Sub-Sector Working Group meeting, the latest updates around the development and endorsement process of the national sexual and reproductive health strategy 2020 – 2030 has been presented. The goal of the national sexual and reproductive health strategy is to facilitate the process of achieving universal access to integrated sexual and reproductive health services and information for the well-being of individuals and families in Jordan. It aims to develop an enabling environment for supporting legislation and policies for integrated sexual and reproductive health services and promote the inclusive and integrated provision of quality SRH information, counseling, and services for the population across the Kingdom. The steering committee, comprising key SRH governmental and non-governmental stakeholders including HPC and Ministry of Health, has approved the SRH strategy's final version. The final version of the SRH strategy is submitted for endorsement by the Office of the Prime Minister through Higher Population Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>MHPSS SWG update:</b></p> <p><b>National Public Health Policy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban: Refugees in urban can access the MOH facilities at a noninsured Jordanian rate: for Syrians have to show up valid ASC &amp; MOI while for non-Syrian valid ASC. (a waiver granted expired ASC until 2021).</li> <li>• Camps: refugees can access the MoH free of charge. The highest age group adult 18-59 followed 5-17 years old. The highest accumulative number of cases for epilepsy, depression and anxiety disorders.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Medair/CHPF</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still the highest new identify cases for anxiety and depression recently we noted increase number of re-opening of cases “discharged cases” who were most commonly diagnosed under emotional distress and recently diagnosed with Adjustment disorder</li> <li>• The psychosocial impact of the beneficiaries caused by COVID-19 associated stressors such as uncertainty, losing livelihoods consequently IMC noted an increase the reported domestic violence, child protection issue and seeking attention behaviours.</li> <li>• Reported barriers to access MOH facilities among beneficiaries       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physical or transportation access</li> <li>2. Affordability of services</li> <li>3. Provision of specialized MHPSS services including both pharmacological and nonpharmacological</li> <li>4. Long waiting list and capacity to absorb cases</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Agreed to discuss MHPSS service provision and access barriers for refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Updates on 4Ws:</b> Data collection stage ended last week, now the data analysis process, expecting next week to present the initial results, to draw recommendations based on the findings,</li> <li>• <b>Announcement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ World Mental Health Day is on 10th of October, looking for updates on agencies activities for this year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>CHPF and Medair’s update</b></li> </ul> <p><b>CHPF update :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the 7th of Sep, our CHPF meeting took place online.</li> <li>• CHPF started updating the 4Ws in the community health services in Jordan, all organizations are encourage to update their inputs to have a clear mapping about the community health services in Jordan</li> <li>• MOH continues its efforts on COVID19 prevention and Vaccine campaign.</li> <li>• Last three months, 145 CHVs providing health awareness sessions inside the vaccination centers and the MOH centers</li> </ul>
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<p><b>UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last three months ,MOH has published 9000 posts on social media about COVID19 and other health topics</li> <li>• Last month , MOH has distributed 20000 brochures and 5000 posters targeting children aged more than 12 and their families about COVID19 vaccination and preventive measures</li> <li>• In collaboration with KHCC 30 medical doctors (GP and Family medicine ) have trained to cover the 26 MOH smoking cessation clinics in all governorates</li> </ul> <p>Dr.Buthayna from UNICEF provided an update on the nutrition strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yesterday,28th of September there was a big meeting with the WHO Jordan, EMRO and the Ministry of Health to kick off the process of developing a national nutrition strategy which was not in place before as it was prat under the General Health Care strategy, so in the coming weeks so there will be discussion and consultations with different agencies and including governmental and non governmental organizations to come up with a concrete or comprehensive nutrition strategy for the whole country including the refugees .It is expected to have the draft ready by the end of this year .</li> </ul>
<p><b>NCD</b></p>	<p>Ms.Hala from WHO provide an update on behalf of NCD-Sub WG and WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO participated in the United Nations Policy brief on healthy diets strategy for Jordan that was published a few days ago during the occasion of the UN Summit for Food System.</li> <li>• WHO is Co- leading with the Ministry of Health on developing the nutrition strategy in consultation with all other agencies and national stakeholders.</li> <li>• Upon the request of the Ministry of Health to follow-up on the development of the cancer Control National country stratgey,the latest draft was developed in 2010 but never endorsed, this is also highly needed.</li> <li>• WHO in the process of finalizing the national tobacco control strategy, as well as the mental health national strategy.</li> <li>• Two days ago,27<sup>th</sup> of Sep.2021, WHO organized with the Ministry of Health and the USAID,held the technical consultation meeting on the step survey where they presented the findings of the step survey to different stakeholders in order to identify priority actions for the upcoming years, in order to provide some inputs in development of these national entities strategy .</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of tobacco control, WHO is also supporting the Ministry of Health with the 26th smoking cessation clinics were provided with Johnson and Johnson and \$1,000,000 donation of medication.</li> <li>• WHO trained the doctors and provided medical equipment and planning to assess the post training done with the KCC,</li> <li>• WHO will be launching a big communication campaign aiming to raise awareness on the under law that passed a few months ago to ban indoor smoking in all public places. provided training for different inspectors at Ministry of Health and greater Amman municipality and that will be an important change, especially now that we are entering the winter.</li> </ul> <p><b>NCD-Sub WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCD-Sub WG: will be establishing a system where each agency and institution will be presenting itself on a monthly basis to come to provide more transparency and in clearance and clarification on the all different interventions that are happening on NCD to avoid overlapping in general of the of the different activities that are happening in the country.</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 primary health care services. During August, Caritas provided 10188 primary health care services for refugees with different nationalities and provided NCD mediations for 2974 patients. also following up with NCD patients and include them in crafting a healthy lifestyle plan with our nutritionist and to be followed up by the rest of medical staff inside the clinics and regular follow ups through telemedicine approach. COVID-19 awareness messages and counselling continued inside all Caritas clinics.</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> <li>• SAMS had continued the internal medical mission for Syrian and Jordanians in ophthalmology .</li> </ul>

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- SAMS has start implementing Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy for PWD and MHPSS services in Wadi AL Seir medical center /Ministry of Health , SAMS will coordinate with other NGOs and MoH the referral pathways .

### **Rehabilitation**

- After the national rehabilitation strategy was launched HI and MoH are going to hold a national rehabilitation platform and will invite the platform members to work together to ensure that monitoring the strategy implementation.
- New technical training package which include a variety of technical tops like (CV assessment, CVA rehabilitation , fracture...etc.) are conducting for our Partners
- The referral process is reactivating for our beneficiaries that include CBR team identified the beneficiaries and then refer them to our partner to receive the appropriate comprehensive rehabilitation.
- The rehabilitation intervention is ongoing for our identified beneficiaries by our partner (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, PSS and P&O)
- The capacity building which contain case management, coaching, information session, training for our partners is ongoing.

- **EDEI**

The EDEI Name is no longer used. The current name of the project is Early Childhood Development  
EDEI IS working on 3 aspects:

Authorities, Service providers and Community:

- **Authorities:**

A National Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH) and Cerebral Palsy (CP) clinical pathways and guideline were created with MoH and endorsed by MoH and a steering committee and 6 Comprehensive health care centers has been selected to test and pilot the pathways inside them

National Early Intervention (EI protocol) was developed with MoSD and the technical committee and will be piloting inside the EI units

HI has created a national referral pathways for the services of children with disabilities in collaboration with HCD

- **Service providers:**

<p><b>HoM HumaniTerra – Jordan</b></p> <p><b>MSF</b></p> <p><b>RAHS</b></p> <p><b>CDE</b></p> <p><b>Qatari Red Crescent(QRC)</b></p>	<p>Trainings about the national clinical pathways and guidelines of CP and DDH were conducted for the health staff of the PHCs. Technical support and coaching are provided to PHCs’ staff. Technical support and coaching are provided to MoSD staff inside the EI units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community:</b> more children were enrolled in EI programs and services by CBR volunteers, CBR volunteers were trained and coached by the ECD technical team (trainings, FU visits and supervision).</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> <li>• NA</li> <li>• NA</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Alaa Al-Jawabreh provided an updated-on behalf of CDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDE conducted orthopedic for upper and lower limits surgery. Also, we conducted a cardiac surgical mission for children less than 18 years .</li> <li>• conducting early detection campaign in Amman and north Jordan to detect the orthopedic and a DH and clubfoot for new born less than 6 months</li> <li>• During October 2021 CDE will conduct orthopedic for lower limbs, deformities, surgical missions by international surgeons, and one cardiac missions by local cardiac surgeon, they will provide the consent that consultations for all cases during the first day and start the operations from the second day to the end of their mission.</li> <li>• Provide a capacity building activity for medical and non-medical concerns.</li> <li>• Next week QRC will start implementing their dialysis program for refugees in partnership with Jordan Red Crescent , will be covering 75 patients for six months.</li> <li>• Currently 48 patients will be covered as other patients are under other organization services and they will be covered by us after November 2021.</li> <li>• QRC is planning a project to be implemented in Zaatari camp, they have already established their there and working on securing new fund for to continue their support in the clinics.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their plans plan was discussed iwith the UNHCR aimng for an expansion in their clinics .</li> <li>• Planning to opening six new clinics</li> <li>• Promoting awareness on early detection of breast cancer in partnership with the King Hussein Cancer Center through UNHCR and other volunteers teams .</li> <li>• Condcuting training on first aid and the whole nursing program targeting their patients inside the clinic and most valuable patients.</li> </ul>
<b>Islamic Relief Jordan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISR recently got a new fund to work in the same programs as they did previously.The target for the new project will be as follows.</li> <li>• To cover 16,000 patients thorough T-Mobile clinics distributed in South and north of Jordan.</li> <li>• over a period of 18 months.</li> <li>• to cover 300 surgeries and 500 awareness sessions.</li> <li>• 10 patient will be covered with dialysis over a period of 13 months.</li> </ul>
<b>Health Apeel Society</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a local, non governmental organization ,was foundein the late 2017.</li> <li>• To provide a brief presentation in the next meeting to introduce their services</li> </ul>

<b>5. AOB</b>	
<b>Action Points</b>	Samira from IACU informed partners that the reporting for the JFT Q3 is due and the JFT data platform will be opened from first up to the 15th of October. All parnters are enacourage to upload their data during the reporting time line.
<b>Next Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 from 11:00 to 1:00</b>