

Health Sector Coordination Meeting

Date: Thursday, 29thSeptember 2022	Venue: MS-Teams Virtual [UNHCR]	Time: From 11:30 to 13:00
Attendance: UNHCR, WHO, IMC, Medair, IOCC, ICRC, Caritas, CVT, Save the Children, SAMS, IOM, TDH Italy, AMR, QRCS CDE, UNFPA, FOCCEC, CVT, IRW, RHAS, Health Appeal, EMPHANET.		
Agenda		
1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting		
2. WHO/MOH update on Covid-19 and multicounty outbreak monkey pox		
3. UNHCR updates including PPP on mapping of health services Shifted into the next meeting(12 partners only provided inputs)		
4. Presentation on key findings of the SGMD (Caritas / UNHCR)		
5. Sub Working Groups updates		
6. Partners updates Urban.		
7. AOB		

1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting	
Sector Chair [UNHCR]	<p>Dr. Adam from UNHCR and Dr. Alessio from WHO, the Health Sector Co-Chairs 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"> • WHO to share with partners the national preparedness plan for the outbreak monkey pox • WHO to share the national preparedness plan for Cholera after the outbreak in Syria. • Reminder on reporting on Activity Info
2. WHO/MOH update on covid-19 and multicounty outbreak monkey pox	
WHO	<p>Dr Alessio from WHO provided an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-country monkeypox outbreak: description and situation updates • Cholera outbreak: description and situation update- • Global/Regional Epidemiological updates on COVID-19: (As of 28th of September 2022): <p>Monkeypox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 1st January to 22 September 2022, around 61,753 laboratory-confirmed cases of monkeypox to WHO from 105 countries/territories/areas • In the past two weeks, 23 countries reported an increase in the weekly number of cases • Three new countries also reported their first case in the past two weeks: Bahrain, Ukraine and the Island of Guam • 33 countries have not reported new cases for over 21 days, which is the maximum incubation period of the disease. • The number of weekly new cases reported globally decreased by 22% in week 37 compared to week 36

- The outbreak continues to affect primarily young men, (97.4%)
- Among cases with sexual orientation reported, 90.9% identified as gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- Among cases with known HIV status, 44.2% are HIV-positive.
- In the EMRO region, UAE and Lebanon have reported largest number of cases, and 1 death occurred in Sudan.
- Jordan announced the first case of monkeypox on 8 September, Sudan reported one death, Lebanon and the EUA are the highest reported in the region.
- Currently, there is no specific treatment approved for monkeypox virus infection. However, there are antiviral medications that can be used to treat smallpox and other conditions that may help patients with monkeypox infection.
- There are 3 vaccines but needs efficiency evidence prove.
- No massive vaccination is recommended at this point of time.

Cholera

- Syrian MOH declared a cholera outbreak on 10 September 2022, with the majority of cases reported from Deir-ez-Zor.
- WHO is providing technical assistance to MoH based on IHR recommendations. At the moment:
- There is no WHO recommendation to implement entry/exit screening at points of entry related the Syria cholera outbreak.
- WHO does not consider that requiring proof of vaccination for entry plays a useful role in preventing the international spread of cholera.
- WHO does not advise requiring prophylactic administration of antibiotics or proof of such administration for travelers coming from or going to a country affected by cholera.

WHO Recommends to:

- Strengthen disease surveillance inside the country and at points of entry.
- Ensure the availability of laboratory capacity for diagnostic and confirmatory testing for people.
- Improve national preparedness to prevent and rapidly respond to potential outbreaks and limit its consequences if cholera spreads across their borders.
- Strengthen Coordination with the health authorities at points of entry
- Enhance communication and coordination with Syria using the IHR system.

	<p>COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globally cumulative number of confirmed cases reported is 593M and deaths 6.4M • The number of new weekly cases and deaths decreased by 11% and death by 18% during this week as compared to the previous week, respectively • Jordan recorded 6 deaths and 2000 new coronavirus cases this week • 13,415 PCR tests were conducted in one week (positive PCR test rate at 14.65%) • A total of 72 cases have been admitted to the hospitals, and 80 discharged. 40 patients receiving treatment in hospitals. • Vaccination (18 years above): first dose: 75% / second dose: 71% / Booster: 700,000 doses administered • Vaccination (12-17 years): 1st dose: 25% / 2nd dose: 20% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Adam briefed the participants on the meeting on cholera, he had with Dr. Raeda Al-Qotob the head of the Center for Disease control (CDC) MOH , WHO and Ministry of Agriculture colleagues . The discussion was focused on the inter-country transit of food, especially vegetable and I fruits . - FAO will contact neighboring countries to check with their colleagues on the actions taken on this regard and comeback with recommendations on what to ban or not to ban and advice accordingly - Ibrahim Abu Siam briefed the audience on the policy manual for Refugees access to the MOH service (Background and current status and challenges of the increase cost of some services).
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3. UNHCR update on the COVID-19 Vaccination, Cholera at Both Camps (Zaatari & Azraq)

<p>UNHCR Updates [Camps]</p>	<p>Dr. Adam from UNHCR provided an update as of, 28 of September 2022 on the<u>on the</u> refugee camps (Zaatari and Azraq and EJC):</p> <p>Update on Cholera</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings have been conducted in both the refugee camps involving all the relevant partners and in coordination with the focal points for the camps from the respective DoHs to discuss the cholera preparedness and response plan. • Development of the individual plans for the camps is underway, will be shared with the focal points from DoHs after finalizing them and subsequently shared with all the partners in the camps. • The regular surveillance system in refugee camps is active to report any suspected cases and alerts. • Information dissemination and awareness raising of the communities on prevention from cholera and importance of hygiene has been enhanced.
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4. PPP on Presentation on key findings of the SGMD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Yara from Caritas the Health Sector gender focal point provided and update on the SGFPN training on gender mainstreaming in program cycle was conducted in September 2022 for 3 consecutive days with active participation of the gender focal points from different sectors. The workshop was facilitated by UNHCR and Un-women. • Gender mainstreaming in the program cycle included presentations on the Needs assessment, strategic planning, resource mobilization, implementation and monitoring, checklist and key approaches. Gender and age marker GAM, sex, age SADDD and disability disaggregated data. <p>Yara delivered a presentation on the main findings of the SGMD and the recommendations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under (Total) figure of beneficiaries, it's important to breakdown the figure per sex and age as it could be reflected on the share of budget spent to support each category and how to ensure equal services and Budget share. • Number of SGBV WGBM survivors who access medical should be discussed with organization that provide this service to investigate zero reporting. • To support the findings by conducting qualitative survey to reflect on the quality of services. • Inclusion of people with disability data.
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5. Sub Working Groups updates

UNFPA/ SRHWG

Dr. Jihan provided an update by email on behalf of SRH:

- The SRH SWG that was held last Wednesday, 31st of August 2022 as the SRH -SWG meeting for September was postponed to the 4th of October:
- IOM presented the National HIV Strategy. The National Strategy plan focuses on four main areas (Stigma and Discrimination, Prevention, Testing and treatment, and HIV- related services).
- IOM plans to conduct IBBS "integrated bio-behavioral survey" and PSE "Population Size Estimation" with MOH to assess the prevalence of HIV among the key population. IOM will work with MOH on the strategies to target these groups.
- UNRWA is working on GBV technical directions that will be finalized in November 2022. Also, UNRWA will focus on Adolescents' health by including some topics such as maturity and early marriage in the school's curriculum. In addition, UNRWA plans to have youth-friendly clinics in the UNRWA-supported colleges. Moreover, UNRWA will pilot the provision of Multivitamin vs. folic acid/Iron supplements to check pregnant women's adherence at two UNRWA clinics.
- In view of the nationwide EmONC needs assessment, so far, the following activities have been implemented: (a) The kick-off of the assessment, as well as the first technical committee meeting, was conducted over three days with representation and active participation of stakeholders across the different health sectors in Jordan; (b) adaptation of the assessment modules to the Jordan context; (c) digitization and incorporation of all modules using tablets for assessors; (d) creation of the visit plan and pilot testing of the assessment; (e) data collection (so far, five visits were conducted) and review of the collated data by the EmONC expert consultant for quality assurance purposes.
- The maternal mortality ratio has increased over the last three years, with an estimated 38.5 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020, compared to 32.4 per 100,000 live births in 2019 and 28.9 in 2018. Most deaths were among Jordanian women, 87 percent, with the remaining 13 percent among refugees and migrant workers. Obstetric complications were the direct leading causes of death, followed by diseases of the respiratory system, obstetric hemorrhage, and diseases of the circulatory system. The overall objective of this rapid 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.

UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group

MHPSS SWG/IMC

NCD-Sub WG

Medair/CHPF

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Medair:

Ms. Kenda From Medair provided an update on behalf of her organization:

1. Medair got the new BPRM fund for a project starting in Sep2022 and ending in August 2023.
2. Medair is continuing its projects (Cash for Health ad Community health) in all its operational area in the North and middle of the kingdom.
3. Medair added new components to its projects including Cash for Antenatal Care (ANC) , Cash for Post-natal Care (PNC) to enhancing pregnant beneficiaries access to healthcare, with a message reaching to them encouraging the access to MOH facilities, Using this amount for the ANC/PNC services since they are granted with access there and on a subsidized rate.
4. Medair added a new component to its project “cash for transportation”, to enhancing access to healthcare , and overcome the transportation cost barrier which stands against accessing healthcare facilities when needed .
5. Medair still have a close coordination with UNHCR, increased the monthly target of the received referrals.

6. Partners updates urban

Partners updates [Urban]

Caritas

- Caritas has continued to provide PHC services to registered refugees where during August 9,379 primary health care consultations have been provided and NCD medications have been dispensed for 3 months stock for stable patients and monthly for unstable patients where 1,562 patients have dispensed their medications.
- A capacity building training on the HEART guideline was done to the medical staff through medical team in MOH during September.

SAMS

Mr. Mohammad Hareri ~~and Ms. Aseel have~~ provided an update on behalf of SAMS:

Medical mission:

- SAMS will implement the next mission in the second week from Oct.2022 (From 08/10/2022 to 13/10/2022), types of surgeries will be cardiology catheterization and intervention stent for adult, neurosurgery for adult and pediatric, ENT surgery for adult and pediatric, dental surgery for pediatric.
- SAMS will implement during the mission free medical days to provide medical consultations and medications (specialists: internal medicine, dermatology, radiology, nephrology, family medicine, pediatrician, neurology).
- SAMS is starting Community-based Safeguarding capacity building , training for our staff through safeguarding specialist, then to Build capacity of key staff among Jordanian CBOs by enhancing the response, management, and coordination of PSEA and safeguarding interventions , child protection ,and GBV , SAMS will provide CBO staff with the tools and policies needed to Safeguarding prevention and response , if anyone interested to take such training and helping in developing the PSEA and safeguarding policies please reach SAM focal points , social workers , Irbid : 0798221319 Amman: 0770457714 , 0795506207 .
- SAMS continued the capacity building program for MOH and MOSD staff in Irbid and Amman in mental health and psychosocial support topics .

- SAMS had continued the internal medical mission for Syrian and Jordanians in ophthalmology, Urology and ENT

SAMS rehab clinic in Wadi Al Seer comprehensive center:

- SAMS rehab project in Wadi Al Seer comprehensive center is providing rehab services, physical therapy session and assistive devices distribution for the beneficiaries through 1 rehab doctor, 2 PTs and support staff.
- PSS services also provided at the center.
- Referral are accepted for treatment or for assistive devices with clear medical report, services will be provided after SAMS doctor evaluation.
- Working days are from Saturday to Thursday from 8-4. Rehab doctor is available 3 days Sunday Tuesday Thursday.

SAMS medical center in Zaatari camp:

- Providing dental services 4 days per week Sunday Monday Wednesday Thursday.
- Providing oral and dental hygiene awareness sessions.
- Providing vaccination services in coordination with MOH.
- Providing radiology services for the referred cases.
- SAMS hosted MSF to screen cases at the camp.

MHPSS:

SAMS is continuing in providing MHPSS services in Amman and Irbid through

- Field visits, including assessment of medical, psychological and social needs in Amman and Irbid.
- Domestic violence awareness workshops for all categories women and children, in Irbid, Ramtha and Mafraq
- Psychotherapy services: Pharmacotherapy through the psychiatrist Janati Clinics in Irbid and Dr. Hashem Fakhoury Clinic in Amman.

HI

Mr. Hamzeh Aqel provided an update on behalf of ~~HI~~ of HI :

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hi IS in the last step to create the “Higher National Rehabilitation and Assistive Products Committee”, A waiting some entities to nominate person. 2. The referral process is ongoing for their beneficiaries that include CBR team identified the beneficiaries and then refer them to our partner to receive the appropriate rehabilitation and early intervention including physiotherapy, occupational therapy assistive devices needed, and P&O. In addition, to the children a speech therapy and early detection for the developmental delay. 3. Under FCDO (approved this grant this month from MoPIC) and BPRM fund HI planning to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. establish rehabilitation department in 14 PHCs in Jordan in every governorate manage by MoH b. Establish 6 early inter intervention under MoSD. c. HI and WHO will support MoH in the creation of assistive product prioritized list d. HI will support MoH in the early detection (ED) equipment for; ENT in 4 hospitals, and 12 diagnostics ultrasound device and other ED equipment. e. HI will build up the capacity of our partners (Rehab and ECD)
<p>Islamic Relief Jordan</p>	<p>Ms. Ayah fromAyah from Islamic Relief updated on the progress they made during 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17000 beneficiaries accessed primary health service • Established 3 mobile clinic • 450 Secondary referral for surgery • 1000 awareness sessions • For 2022-2023 • They have secured fund 3.5 million us \$ for anew project with different health components • They have established fixed primary health clinic in Mafraq
<p>CDE</p>	<p>Ms. Noor from CDE provided a short update on behalf of her organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDE has conducted three missions, two were completed and this third one is ongoing • Under the third one 23 consultations were implemented for children and another 15 operations is scheduled . • Under early detection, they have a planned campaign at early November 2022 • Ready to provide training on early detection
<p>HoM HumaniTerra – Jordan</p>	

<p>MSF</p> <p>RAHS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
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<p>Health Appeal Society</p>	
<p>AMR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>ICRC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>EMPHNET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>IOCC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
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<p>IRC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>TDH Italy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA.
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<p>AMR</p>	<p>Mr. Esam from AMR update as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the hope center in Zaatari camp, there is a minor update: they are able to secure funding till the end of the year 2022. • Five medical centers are now being built by AMR in four urban governorates: (1) in Irbid, (2) in Zarqa (Awajan and Hai Ma'asom), (1) in Amman (1)Alyasmen, and (1) in Balqa (Ayn Al-Basha). • As of 1/10/2022, will stop providing rehabilitation services in Zaatari camp as the funding allocations has come to an end.

Qater Red Crescent (QRCS)

- The Maternity and Childhood Center in Zaatari will be partially providing its services started for a period of 3–4 days, depending on the specializations that are available (general medical, dental, pharmacy, gynecological clinic, radiology), due to fund constraints.

Ms. Rawan provided an update on behalf of the QRCS:

- Kidney dialysis project:
 - The project is being implemented in collaboration with private sector hospitals in Amman, Irbid and Mafraq.
 - The total number of beneficiaries targeted is 112. Larger number of beneficiaries were reached through the sessions as some drops out because of death, kidney implant, leaving Jordan and other reasons.
 - Only two beneficiaries are on our waiting list.
 - We have a secured fund until the end of October. However, we're waiting the approval on using internal funds to cover two months more (until the end of December). While we are fundraising for 2023.
- Surgical interventions project:
 - The project was completed in mid-September, where 588 surgeries were performed in Jordan Red Crescent Hospital.
- Zaatari clinics:
 - The project is still ongoing, providing Gynecology, pediatric, dental and general medicine services. In addition to laboratory and pharmacy services.
- Cancer treatment project:
 - The project is being implemented in partnership with AlHussein Cancer Center.
 - Until the end of August, 4 beneficiaries started their treatment.
 - The project mainly targets breast cancer cases and other urgent cases.
- Rehabilitation and Artificial limbs project:
 - The project consists of two components.
 - The rehabilitation and artificial limbs; in collaboration with MoH hospitals.

IOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research of PWDs going back to work after receiving rehabilitation services with Jordan University. - ICRC is the technical partner in this project. <p>All QRCS projects are being implemented through Jordan Red Crescent (JRC).</p> <p>Mr Murad from IOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM in collaboration with MOH have established HIV program • Piloting medical team to visits the ITs supported by UNHCR • Referral of cases to Caritas and CASH for health support

7. AOB	
AOB Action Points	Samira (UNHCR) provided an update on partners reporting on the Activity Info

Next Monthly Meeting

On 27th of October 2022 From 10:30 to 12:30