

Bi-weekly Report
Public Health and Nutrition Jordan
Week 44 HIS
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1. Operational Highlights and Situation update

- Thirteen cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed in the Syrian Arab Republic. Wild poliovirus had not been detected in the Syrian Arab Republic since 1999.
- Polio vaccination campaign took place in Zaatri from 28th to 30th of October for all under five children in response to the outbreak in Syria. 19,214 children were vaccinated (coverage 86% on finger marking and 94% verbal report).
- MoH, UNICEF/WHO/UNHCR and partners started the Measles/Rubella/Polio National Immunization Campaign on 2nd November.
- Exceptional Care Committee was held over two days 4th - 5th November; 224 applications were reviewed; 202 were approved; 125 applications were for emergency life-saving conditions (77 were among Syrians)

2. Population

Total Syrian persons of concern in Jordan are 547,587 as of 11th November 2013. The registration backlog has been cleared. New arrivals have decreased to 1,611 registered between 3rd of November to 9th of November 2013.

Total active Syrians registered with UNHCR in Jordan	547,587
Number of Syrians waiting to be registered with UNHCR	0
Number of persons collecting WFP ration in Zaatri*	109,591
Number residing in Emirati Jordanian Camp 10 th November	3,750
Number of new arrivals from 3 rd of Nov to 9 th of Nov 2013.	1,611

- Second distribution cycle in October

3. Coordination and Assessments

- Johns Hopkins, WHO, UNHCR survey protocol in out-of-camp refugees has received Ethical Review Board Clearance from Johns Hopkins University and is pending WHO review board clearance. The survey will be conducted in out-of-camp refugees and Jordanian host communities and will assess a number of areas including health care access including vaccination coverage and delivery services), access to services for key non-communicable diseases, mortality, access to other assistance. Tentative start date is late January.

- UNHCR-supported Jordan Valley Multisectoral Rapid Assessment will start with training of teams on the 20th of November by EMPHNET and data collection will start on the 24th of November. Participating team members include JHAS, IMC, Aman Association and UNHCR
- Polio control team has been formed and meets weekly at WHO chaired by the MoH. A Joint Jordan Polio Preparedness Action Plan has been developed and includes:
 - i. Immunization (two mass campaigns one November and one in December 2013 and possibly 3rd round in early 2014 if needed. Target all children 0 to 59 months of age; ensure refugee camps, border areas, new arrivals receive intensive focus.
 - ii. Strengthening active surveillance for AFP, including polio circulation, laboratory diagnostic capacity and case detection /management.
- Nutrition survey postponed until March 2014

4. New arrivals

- From 30th October to 5th November 2013 IOM medical team vaccinated 860 refugees against polio, 1,155 against measles and 413 were provided with Vitamin A supplement.
- From 30th October to 5th November 2013 IOM medical team provided health checks for Syrian refugees upon arrival to Za'atri camp for 1,358 individuals; 23 individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment (red cases) and 139 individuals with non-urgent medical conditions (yellow cases) were referred to the camp's responsible health clinic

5. Health services

Zaatri

- 14,444 consultations in week 44 at 30 per clinician per day; 2,643 were for chronic health conditions
- Bed occupancy in Zaatri is 51%
- Polio vaccination campaign took place in Zaatri from 28th to 30th of October for polio in all under five children in response to the outbreak in Syria. Teams consisted of MoH, community health volunteers, and IOM staff. IOM provided 36 trained vaccination staff along with transportation facilities (4 cars). 19214 children under five received either OPV or IPV (31 children). This includes a catch-up day from children missed during the campaign when 131 were vaccinated. Coverage survey demonstrated 86% coverage on finger marker and 94% coverage on verbal report.

- A new fixed vaccination site opened in Zaatri at JHAS Clinic so total of 2 fixed sites. Two other sites are being explored in JHAS/UNFPA clinics.
- Jordanian Red Crescent volunteers are providing male circumcisions for infants in the camp between 29th October and 21st of November; 100 children have been circumcised to date.
- French Field Hospital have announced they will leave Zaatri in mid-December

Urban

- Official launching of health sector support project took place in Princess Basma Hospital on 11th November under patronage of H.E Minister of Health, H.E Ambassador of Germany and UNHCR Representative; one project has been concluded which include support of 31 public health care centers, 13 Hospitals and 3 Blood banks in most affected facilities in the north of Jordan. The second project will include full equipping of North Burns center at Princess Basma Hospital, Mafraq Public Health laboratory, Mafraq Obsteric and Paediatric Hospital Laboratory, Central blood bank and other facilities with operation room, emergency, laboratory, and radiology equipment worth 2.4 M USD
- On 30th October, IOM in collaboration with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development, and the Crown Office Initiative Youth“Haqeq”,arranged for a free medical day for Syrian refugees living in Karak Governorate. Specialist physicians, internists, gynecologists, pediatrics, and provided medicines to 150 Syrian refugees, and some cases were referred to the nearby governmental hospital.
- During the past two weeks, 350 children under five years old visited the eight Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) corners established in Za’atari with watery diarrhea. 10 cases were referred to health facilities and for further assessment. 269 ORS sachets were distributed to children after a demonstration of how to make ORS and dissemination of key messages

6. Immunization

- MoH, UNICEF/WHO/UNHCR and partners started the Measles/Rubella/Polio National Immunization Campaign (NIC) on 2nd November. The number and percentage of vaccinated children as of end 10th November are:
 - Total number vaccinated with MR 1,861,000 {56% of the target(3,303,827)}
 - Total number vaccinated with Oral Polio Vaccine: 613,437 {68% of the target(895,021)}
 - Total number of children who received Vit A drops: 361,878 {59% of the target (613,662)}
- No disparity between sexes (either in Jordanians or non-Jordanians)
- The campaign will continue until 21th of November

- UNICEF as delivered 1,500 vaccination kits and three millions flyers, posters banners to MoH, MoE Haj and Awqaf for distribution through schools, Masjids and public health facilities and conducted a massive awareness/social mobilization and media campaign

7. Communicable diseases and outbreak prone diseases

- Thirteen cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed in the Syrian Arab Republic. Genetic sequencing indicates that the isolated viruses are most closely linked to virus detected in environmental samples in Egypt in December 2012 (which in turn had been linked to wild poliovirus circulating in Pakistan). Closely related wild poliovirus strains have also been detected in environmental samples in Israel, West Bank and Gaza Strip since February 2013. Wild poliovirus had not been detected in the Syrian Arab Republic since 1999.
- Two suspect measles cases in Zaatri - both in new arrivals

8. Tuberculosis

- During the week two new TB cases were confirmed; one pulmonary and one extrapulmonary. The total number of TB cases up to date is 90; 63 Pulmonary including 3 MDR cases and 27 extrapulmonary.

9. Nutrition

- During the past two weeks, 2,515 mothers and 1,939 children under five visited UNICEF/Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) caravans in Za'atari and EJC camps and host community. In addition, 4,164 children under five and lactating mothers received nutritional snacks. Through this project, UNICEF/SCJ provides nutritional support and guidance, including breastfeeding promotion, complementary child feeding, one-to-one counseling, and health education sessions for pregnant/lactating women in the camps and host community
- The third cycle of assessment and distribution of children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) took place from 3rd to 5th of November with porridge distribution on the 6th November. 129 children with MAM were followed up and received micronutrient fortified porridge as well as 36 children with cerebral palsy with feeding difficulties.

10. Secondary and tertiary care

- ECC (Exceptional Care Committee) was held in two sessions over two days 4th and 5th November 2013. 224 applications were reviewed; 202 were approved, 16 pending and 6 denied. Out of this 125 applications were for emergency life saving procedures (77 were among Syrians). the total

approved amount was 251,134 JDs (178,948 JDs for Syrians, 65,931 JDs for Iraqis and 6,255 for others). The most prevalent disease were disease of cardiovascular then perinatal condition and renal diseases.