

## National Health Coordination Meeting

Date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

Venue: Meeting room, UNHCR offices, Khalda, Amman

Time: 12:00 – 14:00

Participants: USAID, Medair, Caritas, MSFF, IMC, UNFPA, CVT, UNRWA, IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, MdM-F, IRC, JHAS, TRI

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## 2. Review of action points from previous meeting (29<sup>th</sup> May)

- Polio update
  - WHO to share list of high risk areas with Reach for polio vaccination
- Mobilization
  - organizations that haven't been contacted but would like to be involved to contact Rana from UNHCR (only MDM and JHAS have so far)
  - 5 different posters circulated to be posted where refugees can see them to raise awareness
  - Wording not encouraging refugees to go to health services? A revised version will be printed
  - 500,000 flyers for routine EPI (agreed to be distributed to hard-to- reach areas).
- MERS
  - Share presentation from WHO. Done
  - Latest MoH guidelines were shared. (MoH guidelines in Arabic – translations will be provided to agencies who need it)
- Draft research guidance
  - feedback from 3<sup>rd</sup> of June – need feedback from inter-sector working group. In meantime, if not sure, write to Dr Burton or Dr Said or subsector working groups.
- Contingency plan
  - to circulate final version, still being worked on.
- NCD training
  - last day today
- Any new agencies to give brief introductions
  - no new agencies.

### 3. Situation update (UNHCR)

- 60,107 new arrivals since beginning of year up to 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Numbers in June down, arrivals have a tendency to decrease
  - April: 11,000
  - May: 9,000
  - June so far: 6,000
- 86% refugees to Azraq through Raba Sarhan
- Iraqis; slight increase in numbers (average 30/day to 70/day), most in last month
- Contingency plan for Iraq?
  - Government hasn't asked for one at this point but they've asked for one for Syrian situation – parts could be used in event of Iraqi influx.
- Estimations on roughly how many Syrians aren't registered?
  - Approx. 5% based on data from field staff and surveys

### 4. Polio update (WHO, UNICEF)

- June, Sun National Immunization campaign – based on plan,
  - campaign started from 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> in Zaatari
  - 16<sup>th</sup> - onwards in Azraq.
- Figure received yesterday
- In 3 camps – Zaatari, Azraq & EJC:
  - Zaatri; 18,851
  - Azraq; 1,307
  - EJC; 900 (or 113 more)
  - Total = 21,158 Syrian covered in camps, 4,983 in host community
- Some discussion of post campaign evaluation – last one done by EMPHNET. They are still interested (good option for both places Azraq and Zaatari)
- Nearly done in host community – final report available by next week.
- For the next campaign, there will be new meeting with all EPI officers, planned for August, date decided. Discussion regarding routine EPI especially Syrians and Jordanians in high risk groups.
- Beginning, target was 175,00 (children <5y/o)

- Dropped to 128,000
- Total number reached 178,000
- Learn many lessons
  - Next SNID, problems won't happen again. End of July/beginning August hopefully begin routine mobile EPI services as hard to reach areas.
- Polio campaign national or subnational?
  - Oct/Nov - national
  - August – subnational
- 100 mobile units, rest were fixed teams.
- There are some challenges with vaccination.
  - UNHCR sent text messages to mothers with children under 5. Many of them went to get vaccinated and got turned away. Affects credibility.
  - There is a cost – campaigns costing millions of dollars.
- No new cases.
  - Total number cases 35 confirmed – 2013.
- Action Point: UNHCR to circulate the weekly polio bulletin

#### 5. RRP6 update and Revision Process (UNHCR/WHO)

- See presentation

Questions to Yara on RRP process?

- RRP7
  - Starts 15<sup>th</sup> September, needs analysis currently being discussed in intersectoral working group

#### 6) War wounded update (UNHCR)

- Meeting took place 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 between 15 providers of services for war wounded
- 3Ws for War Wounded matrix being developed – visual map to see referral channels and gaps at that level
- 96 in Raba Sarhan as non-emergency cases
- Problem with early discharge from different hospitals (60 out of 96) – still working on guidelines
- Sept 2013 up to end of May for Ramtha (receiving most of cases); 1007 acute cases – through it and MSF (cumulative figure from 1<sup>st</sup> September)
- 47 referred to other sites in the north and Amman.
- 170 deaths (67 died in Ramtha) – first point of contact, more severe cases being brought to Jordan
- Capacity building and gaps - most cases enter through eastern border
- discussion with ICRC to receive and treat cases properly
- Ruwashed Hospital launched in early May – provided with fully equipped operation room in collaboration with ICRC
- Other gaps in Ramtha include blood and blood components
  - discussion with Central and Ramtha hospital blood banks – need equipment for blood donations and storage capacity for plasma – keep requesting from Irbid – usually delays so enabling them to source and store their own blood is beneficial

#### Questions

- Can we gather mortality?
  - 170/1007 – 16-17%, most deaths in Ramtha hospital (60-70%)
    - Only most serious are sent out of Syrian field hospitals – they are seeing and treating most cases but more serious ones being sent out – (high risk accounts for high mortality)
  - After Ramtha is the new Muqased hospital
- Other governmental hospital very minimal referrals – 10-11 cases over 10 months.
- Doesn't include Royal Medical Services data.
- Don't have updated figure for border – doesn't segregate information based on injuries. Figure (2500) not updated.
- Trying to strengthen Syrian organizations providing this service
- Next meeting in mid-July

See presentation

Questions to Yara

- There may be other organisations implementing – this information only based on who's reporting.
- Gaps – deaths and births. How were birth and death certificates handled?
  - Children whose mother can't produce marriage certificate and husband not there, a birth certificate not issued. Major protection problem.
  - Death certificates – uncertain. Biggest issue is counting deaths.
- Concentration of refugees in certain governorates – what about geographical distribution. Other factors.
  - Further analysis will be done. Community health working group doing a much more detailed matrix.

#### 8. JHU Survey preliminary results (WHO)

See presentation

N.B Just a draft, waiting for further analysis and interpretation

Questions relating to Dr Said regarding preliminary data

- How long has it been since those awaiting registration arrived? Not supposed to be long wait for registration...
  - Only 2% - not a big issue
- By end of July – should have interpretation

#### 9. Health Agency Updates

None

#### 10. Zaatari (UNHCR), Azraq (IMC, IFRC)

**Azraq**

- All is stable
- Polio campaign finished
- UNICEF already given updates
- IMC open new clinic in village 6 (this week)
- Waiting for approval of MoH for IFRC hospital to go ahead – hope to expedite process by next week
- Discussions with MoH next week
- any improvement in EPI? Only 1 TT vaccination last month.
- Issue with transportation but resolved; Fridge not working. No TT vaccine in previous months.
- There was nurse meant to be giving them but with national coordination meeting, delegation of responsibility to nurse at IMC.
- EPI activities partially suspended in village 3 – started again.

**Zatri**

- Nothing major to report
- Reduction in watery diarrhea cases, polio campaign completed

**11. Subsector working groups – RH (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children/UNHCR)**

- **Reproductive health**
  - IFH opened 3 new clinics - Location in eastern Amman, Zarqa and Balqa
  - Charitable Bazar for reproductive health (today was last day)
  - Received contraceptives
  - Training activities with MoH after Ramadan
  - Last month Zaatari – roundtable discussion about antenatal care, 22 participants
  - Awareness in Zaatari good – JHAS, IRC and IRD volunteers
  - Reached men and women in trainings

- **Mental health**
- IMC not present at this point, WHO updates
  - Last time, opening new clinic in Ma'an.
  - Started discussion of transportation cost.

- **Nutrition**
  - Final draft of nutrition survey report received
  - Meeting next Monday to consolidate feedback

## 12. Task Force Updates: Community Health Task Force (IFRC, FRC) + Non Communicable Disease Task Force (WHO, MoH)

- NCD task force
  - Assessment in 12 hospitals and 43 comprehensive health centers
  - July 12<sup>th</sup> health report
  - Next meeting; July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
  - EMPHNET present preliminary report

## 13. Proposed Assessments

- None



#### 14. AOB

- 5 different posters
- UNHCR pays for deliveries that occur outside of camps, if they have expired registration or other administrative obstacles, or not registered at all
  - In May, assisted with 1/5 of births outside of camps
  - UNHCR won't be able to continue to support deliveries in women whose registration expired more than one month prior to the delivery  
Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> August, no longer able to support if they come after delivery – must facilitate fast track options of registration
  - Text messages will be sent out
  - Affects 22% of women who deliver
- Reminder: Sector survey has been opened – not many responses from health sector. 30<sup>th</sup> June deadline.
- Polio vaccine point for national campaign – has been reached.
- Is there a place to go get needs assessment that has already been conducted?
  - Yes will update registry but if they are approved– most are on the portal.

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