

## Health Sector Coordination Meeting

**Date: Monday, 27 February 2020**

**Venue: WHO**

**Time: From 10:00am to 12:00pm**

| Agenda   |   |
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| <b>1. Introduction</b>   |   |
| <b>2. Review of last meeting action points</b>   |   |
| <b>3. Situation updates</b>  |   |
| <b>4. Health agencies update</b>   |   |
| <b>5. Update on Corona virus disease (COVID-19)</b>  |   |
| <b>6. PPP on non-Syrian refugees</b>   |   |
| <b>7. Sub-sector working groups update – Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/ WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) / Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)</b> |   |
| <b>8. AOB</b>  |   |
| 2. Review of action points of previous meeting   |   |
|  | <p><b>Reviewing the agenda of the previous meeting Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partners to update the FTS data Immediately. <b><u>Ongoing</u></b></li> <li>▪ IMC will present in the next meeting the findings of their Mental Health Assessment. <b><u>Next meeting</u></b></li> <li>▪ The sector lead to continue sharing the updated figures on situation update. <b><u>Ongoing</u></b></li> <li>▪ WHO to share the Flu /ICT material with partners. <b><u>Done</u></b></li> <li>▪ UPP to present their new project in the next HSWG. <b><u>Done</u></b></li> <li>▪ Help Age to present the elderly people assessment methodology. <b><u>Not attending</u></b></li> <li>▪ IRC to share the relationship between community health and communicable disease research findings. <b><u>Ongoing</u></b> - still under implementation and not finalized yet - <b><u>To be shared soon</u></b></li> </ul> |

- IMCC to share the Assessment report. **Not attending**
- UNHCR to share their PPT on non-Syrian Refugees. **Postponed into next meeting**

### 3. Situation updates

#### Berm updates/Rukban

The meeting Agenda was shifted into more focus on the COVID19, with small time allocated for the regular update.

The Chair of HSWG, Dr. Adam Musa Khalifa, provided an update on refugee's status in Jordan as per January 2020 and on OCHA Cycle two funding.

#### **Rukban:**

Total number of patients visits since 15th December 2016 for consultation management and treatment until the reporting period was 111,154. Total number of cases admitted to Jordan for secondary and tertiary health care since 15th December 2016 was 2,118

#### Financial situation

In 2019, the **Jordan Health Fund for Refugees (JHFR)** was created to support the Government of Jordan's decision to allow affordable access to health care for registered Syrian refugees. International donors have pledged and/or committed more than \$75 million in new assistance to the JHFR, far above estimated health cost for Syrian refugees. Using the JHFR mechanism to expand affordable health care access to non-Syrian refugees will help meet the comprehensive health needs of all refugees residing in Jordan. The announcement of Jordan Humanitarian Fund – JHF 2020 (OCHA) was circulated to the Health SWG on accepting new applications from NGOs that are interested in accessing the Fund. Interested NGOs were invited to send in writing their expression of interest to the Humanitarian Financing Unit at OCHA Jordan Office to **Amani Salah** [salah1@un.org](mailto:salah1@un.org) and **Hanna Abu-Barham** [abubarhamh@un.org](mailto:abubarhamh@un.org)

#### ZaatariCamp

The deadline to receive the expression of interest is February 29, 2020. A meeting for Zaatari Rapid Response Team took place on 28th January 2020, to discuss and follow up on COVID-19. MOH guidelines and instructions were shared with RRT and camp health facilities. MOH messages and awareness leaflets officially issued by the

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| <b>Azraq camp</b>    | <p>Ministry of Health to be used for raising awareness of refugees and reporting of suspected cases is ongoing as per the MOH case definition of COVID-19.</p> <p>No update.</p> |
| <b>Action Points</b> | The Sector Chair to continue sharing updated figures.  |

#### 4. Health Agencies Update

#### 5. Update on Corona virus Disease (COVID-19)

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| <b>JRP/ActivityInfo and JFT</b> | <p>ActivityInfo and JFT to be continued update for the Dashboards and JFT reporting purposes. All 2019 Q4 reports were completed including the Dashboard, Regional Indicators and JFT. The PSS of the sector has been compiled and submitted to MOPIC. Translation of the PSS into Arabic was requested by MOPIC and Sector Chair and Co-chair to share the filled in the 3RP Matrices. Health Sector TOR and Work Plan were shared with the WG members for input and the <u>deadline is 10 March 2020</u>. UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (IACU) will organize training for the health partners on ActivityInfo during March 2020.</p>  |
| <b>WHO</b>                      | <p>WHO Representative in Jordan provided an introduction on Corona virus, this virus was declared as a public health emergency of international concern by WHO's Director as per his message on 30 January 2020. Jordan is following the international treaty in fighting the virus which is applied regionally and globally. WHO is working on the preparedness plan and keep updated by the WHO/HQ, all information is available on the website. The travel restrictions/ban are made solely by each country, WHO has not recommended any travel restrictions.</p> <p>WHO risk communication material (advocacy and awareness materials in Arabic and English) target general public, travellers and health care workers have been printed and being disseminated to health facilities and entry points.</p> <p>Health Sector Co-Chair, WHO Technical Health team and communication officer provided an update on the communication materials on COVID-19 status in Jordan and at regional and global level.</p> |

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Countries with concerns outside China: Iran, Korea and Italy the four countries declared travel ban to their territories. Saudi Arabi stopped Omra trips to its territories. Several countries in the region, including Jordan informed on travel restrictions/bans to affected countries. There is a daily situation update report published on the WHO website could be accessed on the following link: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

WHO to share the link of the open source/ready file of communication material on COVID-19.

Dr. Hadeel Al-Sayeh, Director of Communicable Disease at MOH presented on Corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) presented Jordan Preparedness Response Plan. In coordination with WHO, National Preparedness and Response Operational Plan for COVID-19 has been developed by the Ministry of Health to activate intensified measures and actions. The national plan outlines priority steps and actions to be included across major areas of public health preparedness and response:

Eight pillars of Preparedness and Response:

1. Country level coordination, planning and monitoring
2. Risk communication, and community engagement
3. Surveillance, rapid response teams and case investigation
4. Points of entry
5. National laboratories
6. Infection, prevention and control
7. Case management
8. Operations and support logistics.

Zero cases reported in Jordan so far, NCD committee at MOH will meet on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 to follow-up and update on COVID-19 and to make timely decisions as per the committee recommendations. A Hotline is activated at the health risk management centre, five doctors were appointed to respond to people's questions. The Minister of Health requested each hospital to allocate ten beds with full staff to deal with any potential cases. ***All media inquiries shall be addressed the MOH spokesperson Dr. Adnan Eshaq to avoid any rumours and myths.***

#### Discussion

Q: UNHCR/Sector Chair asked what about refugees, are they included in the Preparedness and Response Plan?

A: If any person who lives in Jordan will be treated as the same of Jordanian citizens.

Q: Is the PCR laboratory tests for refugees free of charge?

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| <p><b>UNICEF</b></p>        | <p>A: First the definition of a suspected case (case definition: any person who came from China (WAHNA City), Iran, Korea and Italy with COVID-19 symptoms as: fever, lungs infection, coughing is not allowed to enter the Jordan).<br/>Yes, the PCR. Yes, it's free of charge</p> <p>Q: Are all suspected/isolated cases subject to laboratory tests? Do we have enough contingency logistics plan?<br/>A: Yes, all suspected cases received CPR laboratory tests and we have contingency plan.</p> <p>Dr. Hadeel shared the needed equipment's list to support MOH in responding to Coronavirus.<br/>Sector Chair (UNHCR) mentioned that this quantity in in general small and asked if we have the quantity to meet the need of the frontline health worker or for the citizens?<br/>WHO officer answered the first received amount was sent to central labs workers, the next will be sent to the Al-Basheer Hospital. MOH shared us the needs after their evaluation exercise, we started at the WHO the procurement process. The need still high All partners are encouraged partners to extend the support to the MOH in responding respond to this health emergency.</p> <p>Q: Is there any control of MOH on the prices of cloves and masks?<br/>A: MOH prevented exporting the mouth masks and cloves, moreover they requested one of the factories to start manufacturing the masks and cloves locally to meet the need. All items were increased to overcome all possible gaps.</p> <p>Q: What about the international staff who works in the camps? What is the awareness plan to deal with this?<br/>A: All preventive measures were made to not allow the virous enter the country, but if enter we will deal with that bases on our response plan.</p> <p>No Update.</p> |
| <p><b>Action points</b></p> | <p>NCD committee will meet on Sunday to follow-up and update on COVID-19 and to make timely decisions.<br/>MOH to share National Preparedness and Response Operational Plan for COVID-19 with all concerned stakeholders.<br/>WHO and MOH to disseminate more material (advocacy and awareness materials Arabic and English to other public places, schools, hotels etc.).<br/>WHO to share the link of the open source/ready file of communication material on COVID-19.</p>   |

**6. Subsector working groups – Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/ WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF), Community Health Platform (MEDAIR/IRD)**

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| <b>UNHCR</b>                 | UNHCR sent SMS awareness on Coronavirus message to refugees and through community centres and protection unit.  |
| <b>RH /SGBV (UNFPA)</b>      | UNFPA conducted last week a planning meeting for the sub-group meeting at the national and in the camps. They are conducting March2020 refresher session for those who attended the CMR TOT training last year.   |
| <b>UPP</b>                   | No update   |
| <b>IRC</b>                   | <p>IRC will share the relationship between community health and communicable disease monitoring research findings. They suggested to MOH to standardize awareness messages on COVED 19 to be spread through their health information system.</p> <p>IRC distributed the rollups and IC material in their Clinics.</p> <p>Primary and antenatal health services in the camps and urban are going as normal regular plan. Continued supporting the high risk of pregnancy Syrian women and accepting referral cases. Launching in the first week of March 2020 the community health project in partnership with RAHAS and funded by Johnson&amp;Johnson. Planning for an event in the dead season 15/16 of April 2020. Invitation will be shared with all stakeholders.</p> |
| <b>MEDAIR (CH platform)</b>  | No update   |
| <b>IMC</b>                   | Not Attending   |
| <b>La Chaîne de l'Espoir</b> | Not Attending   |

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| <p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <p><b>Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/IMCC/UNICEF)</b></p> <p><b>HI</b></p> <p><b>IOCC</b></p> <p><b>EMPHENT</b></p> | <p>Not Attending</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Not Attending</p> <p>No update</p> <p>EMPHENT conducted a training workshop at MOH targeting MOH staff on different subjects e.g. infection control and provided the MOH with ICT communication materials. The partner will conduct similar trainings at district level and have established rapid response team for COVID-19.</p> |
| <p><b>Action points</b></p>  | <p>IRC to share the invitation for their event in the Dead Sea on 15-16 of April 2020.</p>  |
| <p><b>Next meeting</b></p>   | <p><b>Next meeting will be hosted by EMPHET on the Thursday March 26 March 2020.</b></p>  |