

Minutes of Health Working Group Meeting - North

Date: Thursday 10/December /2020

Venue: Tripoli UNHCR Office (Webex)



Summary of Discussions and Action Points:

1. Follow-up on action points from last meeting (Farah – UNHCR)

- Health partners supporting PHCs and dispensaries were reminded to follow-up on reporting by PHCs as well as referral of suspected COVID-19 cases for PCR testing.
- Partners were also reminded about the importance of applying COVID-19 precautionary measures inside PHCs including crowd control and the use of masks.
- The MoPH decision is not to allow MMU to use drugs from supported PHCs in-light-of the drug shortage.

2. MoPH Updates (Ramia – MoPH)

- IOCC will continue supporting the ESU at MoPH for a six months duration during 2021, through deploying a team of two nurses, one data entry clerk and a driver. The ESU team will duty in certain PHCCs across the north. The confirmed PHCCs as of January are Azmi PHCC (Tripoli) and in Miryata municipality PHCC, alongside other PHCCs across Koura and Batroun, to be decided and shared by MoPH ESU at later stage. According to specific set criteria for PCR testing, the ESU team will have a target of 22 tests per day to achieve at the given PHCC. All tests taken will be transported to Rafik Hariri University hospital Beirut for processing. The means of sample transportation will be handled by the Lebanese Red Cross. Once the test result returns positive, the MOPH ESU will be contacting the patients and informing them about their result.
- A new vaccination tracking system is to be implemented in all Cada areas through Phoenix to report missing drugs and donation of drugs to make them available in all centers as much as possible.
- Effective vaccination management two (form to be filled of list of vaccination taken)

3. Briefing on Pediatric Neurosurgery Department in Habtoor hospitals (Dr. Samad – Neurosurgeon at Habtoor hospital)

- Dr. Samad briefed the HWG on the new Pediatric Neurosurgery department in Habtoor hospital in Hrar.
- The unit is comprised of 10 beds and its specialized to conduct

4. MSF Updates and Farewell (Mireille – MSF)

- Project in T5 & Abde have ended, NCD patients were referred to other PHC's such as IMC or PU and follow up was ongoing with patients.
- 10 elderly patients needing home care because of disability were not successfully taken charge of by any agency. Guidance was provided by MSF to the families on how to follow up later-on with other PHC's, mental health follow-up for those patients is highly needed as well.
- Type I diabetes children (37 patients) will remain under the program in Zahle and in Hanan Sultan PHC in Minieh but no new referrals are accepted (nutritionist and medical staff are available to educate them).
- Program in Wadi Khaled for mental health services is ongoing.
- MSF Swiss in Wadi khaled-Jandoula same program (mental health, vaccination and family planning) → to be confirmed next meeting.

5. Updates on COVID-19 Response (Farah – UNHCR – 10min)

- **RRT:**
 - IMC T5 phased out of RRT activities
 - IMC Akkar, PU-AMI, IOCC will continue in 2021. IOCC with 5 nurses instead of 10
- **Hospital Expansion:**
 - GHG started using the expansion unit with the admission of 8 patients since the in-patient unit is fully occupied.
- **Isolation Centers (ICs):**
 - Support to staffing of Tal Hayat isolation facility under IOCC will be stopped as of 2021 in-light-of WHO staffing program and the low utilization of ICs.
 - The HWG asked for a meeting to discuss the reasons behind the low utilization of ICs.

6. Results of the HWG action plan survey (Farah – UNHCR)

- Available through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-Q5XGQDHZ7/>

7. Partners' Updates on Activities and challenges (Health partners)

- PU: Activities stopped in Sahel area hospital, 4 new centers: Khaldiye OSM, Fared, Najat (covering Bebnin and Wadi Al Jamous) and Salemtak PHC covering Sahel area.
- IMC T5:
 - CMR kits expired and not replenished. MoPH confirmed that there will be limited CMR kits available in each area since the previously available kits have expired without being used. CMR health facilities were encouraged to return expired kits to RHUH.
 - Will continue raising awareness sessions through club activities, remotely or in the field started in November creating COVID-19 clubs. A club that will be held for 2 days and the participants are called corona champions will be themselves responsible to raise awareness in their community.
- MSF Belgium: phasing out and mental health patients were referred to IMC and MSF Swiss.
- Al Midan will continue the door to door awareness raising on IYCF, Maternal, Newborn, children and adolescent, vaccination, substance use & COVID-19 in T5 & Zgharta selected areas along with distributions for children under 5.
- IOCC: same activities supporting Kfarsaroun Najde & Abou Samra, IYCF, MMU and RRT.
- PCPM: ICDF program targeting PHC, distributing PPE's to 19 health facilities (dispensaries & PHCCs)
- URDA: we will continue hemodialysis project under Norwac till April 2021; however not taking any new patients. Many are already on the waiting list → to be shared with UNHCR.

Action Points

No.	Action	Focal Point	Deadline
1.	Health partners supporting PHCs and dispensaries to follow-up on reporting by PHCs as well as referral of suspected cases for testing	Health partners	Open

2.	Health partners supporting PHCs and dispensaries to ensure that PHCs are applying covid19 precautionary measures including crowd control and use of masks	Health partners	Open
3.	To coordinate with the north RRTF and WHO regarding the call for a meeting to discuss the low utilization of the ICs	Farah – UNHCR	Jan 2020
4.	MSF-CH to confirm activities in Wadi Khaled Jandoula clinic	MSF	Jan 2020
5.	URDA to share the waiting list of Dialysis patients with UNHCR	Maya – URDA	Jan 2020

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