

Bekaa Health Coordination Meeting			
Date	25 June 2020	Time	11:00-12:30
Location	UNHCR Zahle premises- through WebEx	Duration	1.5 Hours
Chair	Carmen Karim -UNHCR		
Attendance	Attendance sheet shared with the minutes		

1.0	Revision of Action Points	ACTION	DUE DATE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly find the action points attached within the presentation. 		
2.0	General Epidemiology update – Non COVID Related	ACTION	DUE DATE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For May 2020, only one Brucellosis case was diagnosed in Bekaa area. For June, official data will be shared in the coming HWG meeting; however, few additional Brucellosis cases were identified in Aarsal. For non COVID updates: https://www.moph.gov.lb/ar/Pages/2/193/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%B5%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%88%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A 	Partners encountering communicable disease cases to directly report to MOPH ESU and flag to UNHCR if support is needed	
3.0	Situation Update – COVID 19	ACTION	DUE DATE
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 24th of June 2020, more than 9.1 million COVID 19 cases were reported, out of which 473,061 deaths were reported. 		
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the EMRO region, as of 24th of June 2020, more than 960,000 COVID 19 cases were reported out of which approximately 21,700 deaths. The highest number of cases reported in Iran, followed by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, and UAE. 		
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lebanon is still in Level 3 of COVID 19 transmission. As of 24th of June 2020, 1644 cases were reported, out of which 84 are health care workers. Thirty-three deaths were identified in Lebanon and 1,103 recoveries. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately, 52% of cases manifest mild symptoms, 43% are asymptomatic, and the remaining have severe symptoms. For COVID update: https://www.moph.gov.lb/ar/Media/view/32419/1/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%83%D9%88%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF-19- 		
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Bekaa, a total of 152 cases were identified. Cases distribution mostly in Zahle followed by Baalbeck, west Bekaa, Hermel, and Rachaya. 		
4.0	UNHCR COVID 19 Response Updates	ACTION	DUE DATE
4.1	<p>PCR Testing campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Bekaa, PCR campaign has been completed in Bekaa Governorate and is currently being held in Baalbeck/Hermel Governorate. PCR Testing campaign expected to finish on Friday 26th of June 2020. As of Monday, 22nd of June 2020, all PCR testing results of the campaign are negative. Further information can be accessed through the attached presentation. 		
4.2	<p>Hospital Expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR is supporting two hospitals in Bekaa (Baalbeck and Zahle Governmental Hospitals). This includes support through installation of hospital extensions in addition to support in medical equipment and supplies. Construction in Baalbeck Governmental Hospital is close to completion. Construction in Zahle Governmental Hospital still pending confirmation from hospital board of members. Further information can be accessed through the attached presentation. Humedica is planning to support Zahle Governmental Hospital with medical equipment for COVID 19 response. 	UNHCR and Humedica to coordinate on the supply of medical equipment to Zahle Governmental Hospital	
4.3	Coverage for PCR testing in hospitals		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR testing for individuals manifesting COVID 19 symptoms will be fully covered by UNHCR in pre-identified laboratories/ hospitals. • In Bekaa, Zahle and Baalbeck Governmental Hospitals are the two dedicated hospitals for COVID 19 testing. • Further information can be accessed through the attached presentation. 		
4.4	<p>L3 Isolation Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four L3 facilities have been identified in Bekaa including: Aarsal, Majdel Aanjar, Qaraoun, and Hadath Baalbeck. • Health partners expressed their interest in knowing more about the support for nurses by WHO and OoN since they are also planning to support under their own funds. WHO noted that they will support Nurses in L3 buildings and guidance will be shared nationally soon. WHO provided the contact details of the focal person Dr Ghada Abou Mourad (aboumouradg@who.int) 	Health partners supporting L3 Buildings in Bekaa to contact Dr Ghada Abou Mourad (aboumouradg@who.int) for coordination purposes	
5.0	Challenges and impact on Access to Primary and Secondary Health Care Service	ACTION	DUE DATE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amel Association, Humedica, MdM, and RI confirmed that in May and June 2020, an increase in number of patients approaching the PHC centers is witnessed. • On the other side, MEDAIR confirmed that they witnessed 40% decrease in number of patients accessing the centers in the past few months. Data for June is not yet out for trend analysis. • WHO confirmed that funds for chronic medications are secured till end of 2020. The medical shipments are expected to arrive soon. Delays in shipments resulted from restrictions on export during COVID 19 pandemic. 	Partners to report any chronic medicine gap perceived in the PHCCs to Edwina Zoghbi from World Health Organization (zoghbie@who.int)	
6.0	Partners' programs updates	ACTION	DUE DATE
	MdM:	Islamic Relief to share updates with the health sector upon signature of the MoU.	

<p>MHPSS activities are still ongoing in Baalbeck Governmental Hospital. Consultations are being done over the phone. Number of cases increased during COVID 19 but now it is going back to its stable level.</p> <p>Humedica: The MMU and MHPSS services are still ongoing. As of July 2020, Majdal Anjar SDC will start running an MMU in the catchment area of the SDC. In the current moment, Humedica is conducting an assessment to identify vulnerable groups that need support in health services. Humedica is also supporting in the L3 isolation sites in Baalbeck and are working on supporting Zahle Governmental Hospital with Medical equipment.</p> <p>MTI: MTI will resume the Community health awareness door to door sessions ensuring the CHWs are adhering by the social distancing measures and PPEs.</p> <p>RI: Currently supporting the Aarsal Municipality PHCC in Aarsal instead of Al Amal Medical Center RI is also supporting L3 building in collaboration with ACF, Save the children, and ANERA.</p> <p>IMC: IMC is planning to expand their scope of support to health centers in Baalbeck and Zahle; this includes supporting two PHC centers in Qabelias and Baalbeck. The Ali Nahri Islamic Health Society center will be replaced. Focal point asked from colleagues to contact him in case they witnessed needs in certain areas for support.</p>		
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	<p>Islamic Relief: In the process of signing agreement with “Pure Heart Foundation” local partner to perform Open Heart surgeries in Rashaya Governmental Hospital for children under 5 years old.</p> <p>MEDAIR: MEDAIR is supporting the L3 isolation building in Hadath Baalbeck in collaboration with Humedica. CHVs are resuming their work (household visits) on Monday 29th of June 2020.</p>		
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