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Public Health Strategy for Tuberculosis among Syrian Refugees - Jordan June 2013

Partners:

- **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan National TB Program,**
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR**
- **International Organization for Migration IOM ,**
- **With technical assistance from the World Health Organization WHO.**
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GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

- **GOAL:** Reduce susceptible and resistant tuberculosis transmission, morbidity, and mortality among Syrian refugees residing in Jordan
- **Objective 1:** Increase TB awareness and knowledge of treatment services among Syrian refugees and healthcare workers
- **Objective 2:** Increase TB screening among Syrian refugees
- **Objective 3:** Increase TB diagnosis among Syrian refugees
- **Objective 4:** Maximize treatment success/completion of Syrian refugees
- **Objective 5:** Improve the provision of effective latent TB infection (LTBI) treatment to improve TB control among Syrian refugees



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Activities

- **Objective 1:** Increase TB awareness and knowledge of treatment services among Syrian refugees and healthcare workers

1-Refugee-level IEC material of TB symptoms, TB is curable, where to seek care, alleviating fears and reducing stigma in addition to Physician-level IEC LTBI treatment material

2-TB hotline

3-Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and camp leaders education for TB awareness (ETA): camp and non-camp and use refugee-level IEC

4-Syrian-focused NGO supported community ETA sessions, including during distributions, and designated CHVs with ETA and use refugee-level IEC

5-Healthcare worker ETA: camp implementing health partners in different camps and outreach workers ETA



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Activities

- **Objective 2:** Increase TB screening among Syrian refugees

1-Initial processing of arrivals screening

2-Community (CHVs, other leaders and NGO) screening

3-Healthcare worker screening

4-IOM, non initial processing screening



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Activities

- **Objective 3:** Increase TB diagnosis among Syrian refugees

Diagnosis includes culture and DST, in addition to microscopy and x-ray



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Activities

- **Objective 4:** Maximize treatment success/completion of Syrian refugees

1-Directly observed therapy (DOT)

2-All patients receive IOM mental health psychosocial support using refugee/patient-level material

3-Contingency planning

4-Ongoing monitoring and evaluation (MOH Chest clinics and smears results)



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Activities

- **Objective 5:** Improve the provision of effective latent TB infection (LTBI) treatment to improve TB control among Syrian refugees

1-Contact detection/tracing

2-Contact management



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THANKS

