

Health Sector Coordination Meeting

Date: Thursday, 24th February 2022	Venue: MS-Teams Virtual [UNHCR]	Time: From 11:00 to 01:00
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Attendance: UNHCR, WHO, MOH, IMC, IRC, JPS, Medair, HI, IOCC, IOM, ICRC, MOH, EMPHNET, MSF, Caritas, SAMS, Humani-terra, Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe, MIRRA,UPP,CVT, Save the Children, MSF, Qatari Red Crescent, Islamic Relief Jordan,AMR, Health Appeal,Habitat Jordan, UNICEF,UNFPA,TDH Italy,chainedelespoir,US State,Uossm,ICRC,UN ,uottawa.

Agenda

1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting.
2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19.
3. UNHCR update on the COVID-19 Situation and vaccination in refugee camps (Zaatari , Azraq& EJC)
4. Partners updates Urban.
5. AOB

1. Review of Action Points from the previous meeting

Sector Chair [UNHCR]	Dr. Mohammad Fawad / UNHCR on behalf of the Health Sector Chair and Dr.Saverio BELLIZZI, the Co-chair from WHO welcomed the audience and introduced the agenda of the meeting . Progress on action points from last month meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pending Action points
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2. WHO/MOH update on COVID-19

WHO

WHO Update:

Global/Regional Epidemiological updates on COVID-19: (As of 23rd February 2022):

Dr. Saverio BELLIZZI from WHO provided an update on global and regional Covid-status:

- **WHO global update:** As of yesterday, 23rd of February 2022, Since the onset of the pandemic the cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally is around 425 million and the cumulative number of deaths is around 5.9 million.
- Globally, during the latest epidemiological week, over 12 million new cases and over 67,000 new deaths were reported, which corresponds to COVID-19 cases decreased by 21% as compared to the previous week. In addition, the number of new deaths showed a decreasing trend (-8%) when compared to the previous week
- At the regional level, the Western Pacific Region reported a 29% increase in the number of new weekly cases, while all other regions reported decreases.

Update on Covid-19 status in MENA region :

- In the Eastern Mediterranean Region Over 466,000 new cases were reported this week, representing a 34% decrease as compared to the previous week. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Jordan is ranked as the second highest reporting country with more than 1,000 new cases per 100,000 population per week, which is one of the highest incidence in the world, the number of new weekly deaths remains stable when compared to the previous weeks figures, with over 3,100 new deaths reported. The the highest number of deaths were reported from Iran, Egypt, and Tunisia.
- A cumulative 21 million cases were reported since the onset of the epidemic in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Iran is leading in terms of cases 6.9 and Iraq 2.3 million respectively and Jordan ranked as the third highest reported country followed by Pakistan with 1.5 million cases.

Update on Covid-19 status in Jordan

Jordan Update : As of Yesterday, 23rd of February:

- Around 8,000 cases were reported with improvement when compared to the previous days. For example, in February the average was around 17,000 cases per day, while in the the past seven

	<p>days, the average was around 12,000, which is still much higher than the average number of cases per day in January around 5,000 cases per day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last few days, the number of tests carried out were lower than the previous weeks In the previous weeks the peak was around of 70,000 tests per day while in the last few days around 40,000 tests per day. • The high positivity rate is still an indication that this situation is a bit out of control in Jordan and the country is still in the Community transmission but much better when compared to the previous few weeks. • ICU occupancy in the country, in general it is much better when compared to the previous week. In the last week the peak was over 45% in the northern and central region. • The latest data on the ICU capacity was 34% in the Northern region, 37%.the center region, 21% in the South region with around 1,000 patients that are currently hospitalized. • The mortality indicator is stable with around 100 deaths per week (20-30 per day) • Vaccination Status, The cumulative number of people registered in the WHO Vaccine platform is around 5,000,000 • WHO released additional interim guidance on contact tracing and quarantine on 17 February 2022. • Quarantine time for contacts can be shortened: for example to 10 days without a test and to 7 days with a negative test – provided the person does not develop any symptoms. <p>https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Contact-tracing-and-quarantine-Omicron-variant-2022.1</p>
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3. UNHCR update on the COVID-19 vaccination at both camps (Zaatari & Azraq)

<p>UNHCR Updates [Camps]</p>	<p>Dr. Mohammad Fawad from UNHCR provide an update as per 23rd of February 2022 on the Covid-19 situation and the vaccination status in the refugee camps (Zataari and Azraq):</p> <p>Vaccination status at Zatari Camp:</p>
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Zaatari:

- As of February 23rd, 2022, around 3,808 COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Zaatari Camp. 37 death cases were reported. There are 316 active COVID-19 cases in Zaatari Camp.
- An increase in positivity rate has been observed in the camp for the last three epidemiological weeks with 3.5%, 9.6% and 22.4% in epidemiological week 5, 6 and 7 respectively.
- To date 31,138 individuals have taken the COVID-19 vaccine; out of which 27,540 have taken the second dose. 683 individuals have taken the third dose.

Azraq:

- As of February 23rd around 2022, 2,111 COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Azraq Camp. 22 death cases were reported. There are 85 active COVID-19 cases in Azraq Camp.
- An increase in positivity rate has been observed in the camp for the last three epidemiological weeks with 7.1%, 14.6% and 25.1% in epidemiological week 5, 6 and 7 respectively.
- To date total of 14,531 individuals have taken COVID-19 vaccine (2,680 out of 14,531 are below 18); of which 12,814 have taken the two doses (2,280 out of 12,814 are below 18) and 377 adults have taken the third dose (Booster).

EJC:

- As of February 23rd, 2022, 1,060 COVID-19 cases were confirmed in EJC. Total deaths reported were 08. There are 16 active COVID-19 cases in EJC.
- As of February 23rd, 2022, 2,611 individuals from EJC have taken the COVID-19 vaccine; of which, 2,564 have taken the two doses and 93 individuals have taken the third dose (Booster).

4. Sub-Sector Working Groups: Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) and Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)

UNFPA/ SRHWG

Dr.Jihan Slad from UNFPA provided an update on the UNFPA and SRHWG:

- UNFPA launched a new series of e-learning training resources for midwives and other maternity care providers in collaboration with the Johnson & Johnson Center for Health Worker Innovation. These resources focus largely on lifesaving emergency obstetric care and have been developed by the UNFPA Maternal Health Trust Fund (MHTF) in partnership with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA).

These resources can be used for strengthening pre-service education and also for Continuing Professional Development (CPD). They are now available globally via the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) App or online. The 4 e-courses are now available to cover the following topics: Sepsis; Prolonged and Obstructed Labour; Postpartum Haemorrhage; Pre-Eclampsia and Eclampsia.

The modules include built-in assessments, links to key resources and provide an online opportunity for midwives and other frontline maternity care providers to strengthen their knowledge and skills in these key areas that represent the leading causes of maternal mortality. The modules have been designed to complement in-person training and facility-based mentorship activities.

The online modules and mobile app are available in English, with Spanish, French and Portuguese versions to be released very shortly. These training resources were funded through our long-term partnership with the Johnson and Johnson Foundation.

<https://oneworld.wcea.education/register/>

MHPSS SWG/IMC

New Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) suite of training packages was released, namely:

- o Helping Mothers Survive Prolonged & Obstructed Labor;
- o Helping Mothers Survive Vacuum Assisted Birth.

Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) training packages are designed for use on-site by teams of health care workers to promote simulation-based learning to improve the quality of care at birth. Together with Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) Essential Care for Labor and Birth, these new capacity-building materials will support health care workers worldwide to ensure happy and healthy outcomes for women and their newborns.

<https://hms.jhpiego.org/training-materials/>

Under the auspices of MOPIC and MOH, the draft Voluntary National Review (VNR) report on SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) was developed and reviewed by all relevant stakeholders. The final report will be submitted by the SDG 3 TF chairs to MOPIC on Thursday, 3rd of March 2022.

MHPSS Sub-working group updates:

Mr. Ahmad AlShibi from IMC, provided an update on the MHPSS working group:

- MHPSS-WG meeting took place on the 16th of February 2021.
- Field reported barriers on MH services accessibility at MOH; unaffordable User fees, the gap in specialized non-pharmacological and some pharmacological interventions, and unavailability of transportation
- Increase demands on I/NGOs' MH and PSS services
- The highest age group of services users is adults 18-59 followed by 5-17 yrs old, 48% Male and %52 Female
- Of the active cases, 79% Syrians, 11% Jordanian,10% others
- The highest accumulative number of cases for Depression, anxiety, and epilepsy disorders.
- More protection and MH concerns were reported due to difficult living conditions and livelihood sources; MH and PSS wellbeing deterioration resulted in increased GBV, Protection and serious MH concerns like self-harming behaviors and threatening of suicide

Sub-working group Actors:

<p>UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group</p>	<p>IMC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH)Assessment: IMC conducted a rapid assessment of SRH services and users at Azraq camp. There is a part of Maternal Mental Health, and the results came out very interesting and showed a high prevalence of predictors of Depression, Anxiety, and Acute stress emotional states among SRH users. Also, the most common barrier to seeking care is stigma. All beneficiaries stressed the positive impact on MH and PSS wellbeing for both mothers and babies of integrating Maternal Mental Health services. The report will be shared once finalized. • THE CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES Workshop: On 31st January, 2022, the National Council for Family Affairs, in cooperation with the International Medical Corps and the Ministry of Health, organized a workshop on the current state and prospects of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services in Jordan. The event brought together attendees from different national institutions and ministries, donors and local NGOs. This workshop was an important step towards openly discussing mental health concerns at the national level and advocating for more coordination between agencies. This workshop came up with a list of recommendations that will lay the foundation for future coordination meetings amongst national and international stakeholders • WHO Hosted a delegation from HQ visited different sites and met with stockholders to discuss mental health improvement in the country • The International Labour Organization (ILO) :Plan to conduct a workshop on “Mental Health of the Workers in the Garment Sector in Jordan”: Aimed to present the situation and findings of the mental health study "Assessment of Mental Health Knowledge, Perceptions, and Attitudes: The Garment Industry in Jordan." <p>Dr. Dina from UNHCR Provided brief updates on behalf of the Nutrition Working Group and the NCDs Working group.</p>
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<p>NCD-Sub WG</p> <p>Medair/CHPF</p>	<p>Nutrition Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Working Group is actively working on updating the 4Ws mapping sheet as they are moving from humanitarian response to resilience, trying to ensure that all activities under nutrition, including maternal, infant and child feeding, nutrition, non- communicable diseases, are well represented in this mapping exercise and partners can report their activities accordingly. • Following up on the micronutrient study results. ,a waiting for the final approval from the Minister of health.The study findings could be presented in workshops with relevant stakeholders which will take placeto ensure clear recommendations are made. • Revised the nutrition section of the Jordan Health Population and Family Survey, which is led by USAID. • Provided inputs as a nutrition working group and worked closely with USAID colleagues to ensure these changes are well implemented. • Jordan Nutrition Innovation Lab is a a new research approach Funded by USAID under their EMIYCN Project . The First Webinar took place during February2022 on the optimal maternal infant young child feeding practices in Jordan. • Dr. Buthayna Al-Khatib announced that tha Nutrition Working Group has received the letter from the Minister of Health approving the Micronutrient deficiency survey. <p>NCD's working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the update from MOH on their activities on the NCD's heart protocols and for all activities related IRIS reporting system and the new delivery model for medications through the Basheer hospital and on the NCD's strategy at national level . • During the last meeting the discussion was focused on the national strategy for cancer prevention and shed the light on how refugees can be integrated and reflected within this national strategy. • TORs drafted by WHO to be finalized for tendering process to recruit a consultant to carry out the 4Ws exercise for NCDs in the coming months. <p>NA</p>
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5. Partners updates urban	
Partners updates [Urban] Caritas SAMS HI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During February 2022 Caritas has continued to provide PHC services to registered refugees (more than 3,000 patients provided the PHC service) • Started NCD medications dispensing for 3 months stock for stable patient and with one month dispensing for uncontrolled patients with frequent follow up and tracking. <p>Dr. Mohammad Alhariri provide an update on behalf of SAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMS completed their mission in January 2022 with their volunteers from America ,Syrian ,Kuwaities and Jordanian . Targeted Amman, Irbid, Madaba , Jerash , Karak Zaraq and Mafraq. The medical specialties for the mission were cardiology, ophthalmology, dental, dermatology, internal medicine, pulmonary and nephrology. • Number of the beneficiaries during the mission was 1,496. • Number of the surgeries conducted were , cardiology catheter and intervention 38. Ophthalmologie cataract 33 and follow up the original 68 retinopathy patient and 42 dental surgeries. • Number of the patient from the camps for dental surgery were 31 cases, 18 cases for Ophthalmology and one case cardiology. <p>HI Update: Mr. Hamzeh provide an update on behalf of HI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The referral process is ongoing for the beneficiaries that include CBR team identified the beneficiaries and then refer them to HI partner to receive the appropriate rehabilitation and early intervention including physiotherapy, occupational therapy assistive devices needed, and P&O. In addition, to the children a speech therapy and early detection for the developmental delay.

<p>Islamic Relief Jordan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With MoH, HI is planning to conduct a National Rehabilitation platform workshop to support the monitoring and implementation of the National rehabilitation strategic plan. While the ToR for the coming years is approved by MoH. In addition, in collaboration with WHO, HI will support in providing an assistive product list approved by MoH. Currently, WHO is doing a situation assessment for provision of assistive products in Jordan, based on the outcome of the assessment HI will support. • HI equipped PHC / Al-Qwismah; to establish a rehabilitation department. Beginning of March MoH will recruit PT, OT, and rehab doctor to start services provision. • HI continue with MoH the implementation of the DDH and CP guidelines. <p>Ms. Dania provided brief on IRJ activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have projects in four sectors a Primary Health care mobile clinic. • During February they provided services for 1,800 beneficiaries in Jarash ,Irbid and Karak/ Gor Alsafi • Provided our surgical services for 30 patients and Haemodialysis services for a 10 patients.
<p>CDE</p>	<p>Ms. Reem provided an update on behalf of CDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDE is planning to conduct two international surgical missions : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the first week of March 2022 they will conduct International orthopaedic mission for Pediatrics and ○ In the second week of March, Cardiac international surgical mission for Pediatrics.
<p>HoM HumaniTerra – Jordan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>MSF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>RAHS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA

<p>Qatari Red Crescent(QRC)</p> <p>Health Apeal Society</p> <p>AMR</p> <p>ICRC</p> <p>EMPHNET</p> <p>IOCC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA • NA • NA • NA <p>Ms. Sawsan from IOCC provided an update on behalf of IOCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are working with people with disabilities Sectors and are partners with IFF in Zarqa, Karak, Amman,Irbid • providing rehabilitation services , PSS medical services and surgeries.
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6. AOB	
Action Points	<p>Health Sector 2021 TOR and Workplan to be circulated by Samira to the parnters to share their inputs, feedback on the work plan to build 2022 WP accordingly and the TOR to familiarise themselves with the sectorTOR and its revised when needed.</p> <p>Parnters to send their feedback and inputs on the two documents directly to the sector Chairs @Adam Musa Khalifa khalifaa@unhcr.org and BELLIZZI, Saverio bellizzis@who.int and Muhammad Fawad :fawad@unhcr.org by Thursday 10th of March COB</p>
Next Monthly Meeting	Thursday, 31st of March 2022 from 11:00 to 1:00