

# Health Working Group (HWG) Syrian, African and Iraqi Refugee Response in Egypt Meeting minutes

**Date:** August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Time:** 12:00 am-2:00 pm

**Venue:** UNHCR Cairo- Zamalek Office, Conference Room

**Co-Chair(s):** Hani Fares- **(UNHCR)**, Gasser Gad El-Kareem-**(WHO)**

## Participants:

(Gasser Al Kareem), (Madiha Ahmed), (Iman Khairy) -- **WHO**; (Delia Bayoumi), (Claudia Ruta) (Ahmed Bayad) - **UNICEF**; (Ashraf Azer), (Mona Attia), (Huda Ali) - **UNHCR**; (Sarah Arabi) - **UNFPA**; (Magdy Fransis) - **Caritas**; (Olga Em), (Amany Sadek) - **MSF**; (Nancy Baron), (Ahmed Mahrous) - **PSTIC**; (Asmaa Yehia) - **IOM**; (Nehal El Burai) - **ICRC**; (Mohamed Ghaleb), (Eman Saad) - **AMU**; (Ali El Nawawi) – **Scarabaeus**; (Randa Mohamed), (Ahmed Sabbah) – **MOH**; (Mayssa Hussein), (Moustafa Thabet) – **TDH**; (Lucia Oliveira) – **ACF**; (Sali Hatez) - **STC**

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## Agenda:

1. Disease Surveillance System Presentation.
2. Health info web application.
3. Update on MOH/WHO health facilities and services mapping
4. Activity info briefing.
5. AOB.

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## Summary of the Minutes:

### 1- Disease Surveillance Systems :

- Disease surveillance system presentation, showed the progress of the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS).
  - Currently there are 3 groups of reportable diseases and this is based on national guidelines.
  - This is also the first step to improve the Early Warning Alert and Response Network (EWARN) to help deal with and better respond to future emergencies.

## 2- Health info web application :

- A presentation about the web based application that will support the surveillance of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Case entry for diseases are broken down into three sections, non-communicable diseases, communicable diseases and mental health.
- Case entry is also divided into three sections as well, Syrians, non-Syrians and Egyptians (Data collected for Egyptians was less detailed due to the large amount of data).
- The web Based application is a partially active surveillance system that requires immediate reporting for selected communicable diseases and monthly reporting for non-communicable diseases.

## 3- Update on MOH/WHO Health Facilities and Service Mapping:

- Progress has been made with the health mapping, will allow partners to share and POCs to access vital information.

## 4- Activity Info update:

- Continued to show ways in which Partners can work together in data collection and reporting.
- Showed the importance of not just monitoring and evaluating, but how effective this could be between Partners.

## 5- Operational Updates from Partners:

- **PSTIC** has identified a number of TB cases in the Oromo community, in response TB awareness efforts have increased.
- **MSF** would like to welcome Dr. Olga as their new Medical Coordinator.
- **UNICEF** Through the child protection committee, is identifying a number of cases that are centered around issues of health.
- **UNFPA**
  - 5 supported safe spaces for women and children by the end of the year.
  - Encouraging community outreach in these centers.

## Others:

Next HWG meeting will convene on:

*Date:* Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

*Time:* 10:00 am

*Venue:* UNHCR office in Zamalek.