**Health Sector Planned Research for 2018 (last updated June 2018)**

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| **Organization** | **Focal Point to Contact** | **Title of Research Study or Assessment** | **Brief Description of Assessment’s Objectives** | **Status as of End of April 2018** | **Expected date of finalization** |
| WHO | Dr Alissar Radyradya@who.int | Health seeking behaviour and utilization  |  | Under preparation | Mid 2019 |
| WHO  | Dr Alissar Radyradya@who.int | Vaccination Post monitoring survey | Post targeted vaccination mini campaigns for measles | Ongoing | Depending on the measles outbreak |
| WHO | Dr Alissar Radyradya@who.int | A provider practice and readiness profile survey |  | Under preparation | End 2019 |
| WHO | Dr Alissar Radyradya@who.int | Health system profile |  | Under preparation | End 2019 |
| WHO | Dr Alissar Radyradya@who.int | Mental health program mid- course strategy assessment |  | Under preparation | June 30th, 2018 |
| WHO | Dr Alissar Radyradya@who.int | Pharmaceutical local manufacturers GMP assessment |  | Under preparation | Mid 2019 |
| WFP,UNHCR,UNICEF | Jad Ghosnghosn@unhcr.org | 2018 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon (VASyR) |  | Data Collection ends May 4th, 2018 | Preliminary key findings are expected to be presented at the end of June.Data Analysis/ Validation Workshops planned for July 2018Report completedSeptember 2018 |
| UNHCR | Dr Jakob Arhemarhem@unhcr.org | 2018 Health Access and Utilization Survey among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon (HAUS) |  | Q3-Q4 2018 |  |
| UNHCR | Dr Jakob Arhemarhem@unhcr.org | UNHCR 2017 Referral Care Report |  | Q3-Q4 2018 |  |
| UNRWA | Dr Suha Ismails.ismail3@unrwa.org | NCDs among Palestinian Refugees from Syria, case management, access and utilization to UNRWA Health ServicesIn collaboration with The Center for Public Health Practice at the Faculty of Health Sciences-AUB. AUB focal person is Ms. Aline Germani Abs.  | This study aims to determine the prevalence of major NCDs among the Palestinian refugees who fled from Syria to Lebanon (PRS); the study also aims at assessing their need for medical care and current access to and utilization of health care services.Specifically, the study aims to: 1. Describe the prevalence of major NCDs and their risk factors among PRS in Lebanon using reported morbidity and biochemical measures.
2. Assess the management of NCDs  (e.g. services provided, intake of necessary medications)
3. Assess the pattern of health care utilization. (e.g., number of visits, source of care)
 | Data Collection Phase | End of 2018 |
| UNICEF | Rodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.org | Evaluation of UNICEF support to the MoPH EPI program  | 1.Conduct a formative assessment to allow UNICEF to learn from the outcomes of collaboration between UNICEF and the MoPH concerning the EPI 2. Provide recommendations to strengthen future collaboration 3. Highlight how UNICEF can best support future activities to ensure the most vulnerable and marginalized are accessing immunisations. 4. Use evaluation findings to be considered in mid-term review of the Country Programme Document 2017-2020  | Designed, and mandated  | September 2018 |
| UNICEF | Carole Stephan cstephan@unicef.orgRodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.org | Early Identification and Intervention Capacity Analysis for the early identification and intervention of developmental delays and disabilities. (EDDD) | 1. Assessment of the capacity and practices of the current health system in the domain of identification and intervention for EDDD 2. Synthesize evidence from regional and international on most effective policies, practices, 3. Develop Policy Brief to inform the National Strategy for the early identification and intervention of EDDD 4. Support advocacy to develop a national strategy   To assess the needs | Data collection phase   | November 2018 |
| UNICEF | Rouham Yamout ryamout@unicef.orgRodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.org | Situation analysis of the Health information System at the MOPH (looking at Phenics improvement with Philips specifically on EPI data) | 1. Institutional need assessment 2. Identify the gaps in data and information, 3. Inform future steps of elaboration of the HSS policy   | Initiated  | By July 2018 |
| UNICEF | Rouham Yamout ryamout@unicef.orgJoanne Yammine jyammine@unicef.orgRodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.org | Report on the Accelerated Immunization Activities in Lebanon from November 2017- March 2018 | Joint Analysis of the data with MoPH, WHO etc. to achieve the below: 1.To produce baseline data and mapping of the regions with low-immunization coverage2. Identify the means and ways to reach the most vulnerable children and guarantee their rights to immunization 3. Evaluate the work and draw lessons for the future | Initiated  | By July 2018 |
| UNICEF | Rodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.org | Potentially (depending on funding) Operational Research on Youth mental health in Beqaa and Baalbak-Hermel   | To inform interventions, programs and regulations concerning adolescent health | Conceptualized  | NA |
| UNICEF | Rodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.org | Gender analysis of barriers and bottlenecks that prevent adolescent pregnant girls from accessing ANC and other health  services in PHC | To inform interventions and programs | Conceptualized  | NA |
| UNICEF | Rodolphe Ghoussoub rghoussoub@unicef.orgJoelle Najjar jnajjar@unicef.org | Cross-sectoral study to evaluate the level of Iodine among school-health children   | To assess the impact of the intervention concerning Iodization of Salt, conducted in 2016-2017 in salt factories  | Conceptualized  | NA |
| UNICEF | Carole Stephan cstephan@unicef.org | Prevalence of disabilities among children 0-3 years  | Situation analysis  | Designed  | NA |
| AmelAssociation | Dr Ali Ghassanimedical@amel.org | PEARL study: The etiology of Pneumonia among refugees in Lebanon | Assessment of the etiology of the Pneumonia among Refugees in Lebanon | Case-Control study in two main areas in Lebanon Bekaa and Tripoli | Analysis of Data was done, you can check the first publication here: https://gatesopenresearch.org/articles/2-19/v1 |
| AmelAssociation | Dr Ali Ghassanimedical@amel.org | Perception of Family Planning among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon | A study about the different aspect of using family planning among Refugee in Lebanon | A mix methods (quantitative and qualitative) study about the use of family planning | Data collection was done, analysis of data is undergoing. Report will be ready by September 2018. |
| Danish Refugee Council (DRC), andDIGNITY | Maya Boulos Protection Specialist at DRCmaya.boulos@drclebanon.dk | Obstacles to seek mental health and psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and existing needs/gaps within the refugee population in the Bekaa and North governorates in Lebanon | To contribute to improving mental health of refugees in Lebanon through improved understanding of existing and concrete obstacles for the refugee population to seek help and services in the mental health sphere | Data Analysis and Interpretation | May 2018 |
| American University of Science and Technology (AUST) | Zouheir Attieh zattieh@aust.edu.lbMaya Tannoury mtannoury@aust.edu.lb |  | Assessing healthcare needs of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and the prevalence of drug resistance of E. Coli implicated in urinary tract infections in lower socio-economic status (SES) Syrian, Palestinian and host Lebanese communities in Burj el Barajneh. | IRB Approval Receipt – Planning for data collection |  |
| Arcenciel | Christ Sarkissian Christ.Sarkissian@arcenciel.org | Assessment of needs in the health sector in the area of Taanayel, Halba and Sin el Fil | To determine the needs in Health care services (medical & para-medical) in the areas of our service | Design phase & Preliminary Data Collection | End of 2018 |
| PU-AMI | Dr Luis Rosa SosaHealth Coord.lib.health@pu-ami.orgNicoletta Rocabianca- MEAL Coord.lib.ame@pu-ami.org | Access to health care services in Lebanon during Syrian Crisis – Flat Fee Model Experience PU-AMI/IMC | To describe how the Syrian refugees and host communities affected by the Syrian crisis in Lebanon utilize primary health care services during the study periodTo analyze the diverse factors consider in the Flat Fee Model of health services delivery influence access to health services at primary health care levelThe research will be develop in two phases:Phase 1:  to be completed during the first year.   Data set  and scale up plan on PHCCs will be completedPhase 2: the analysis of data of more than 20 months will be analyze to explain the proposed objectives. |  | Inception report of the research end 2018Findings of the research end 2019 |
| Médecins Sans Frontières  | Operational Center of Geneva (OCG) | Sahar MasriEpidemiology Activity Manager msfch-lebanon-researchmanager@geneva.msf.org  | Evaluation of the implementation of a fixed-dose combination strategy for patientswith atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in a refugee setting in Lebanon | Evaluate the implementation of treatment with a fixed dose combination strategy (including aspirin, statin and ACE-I) for patients with ASCVD in a humanitarian refugee setting. More specifically assess the impact on adherence and the acceptability, fidelity and sustainability, including costs, of this strategy | Awaiting ethical approval from MSF ERB and Lebanese University ERB | Mid 2019 |
| LSHTM and AUB | Diane Duclos diane.duclos@lshtm.ac.ukWith Karl Blanchet and Fouad M. Fouad | Bridging the Gap Between Community-led Initiatives andHumanitarian Agencies to Meet Refugees’ Health Needs in Lebanon:A Feasibility Study | This is a seed grantOur main goals are to identify the humanitarian initiatives led by Syrian displaced health professionals to meet refugee's health needs in Lebanon, and determine whether identified humanitarian initiatives could benefit from international support to implementpublic health interventions | Field visits undertakenLocal partners identifiedData collection in process | This seed research will lead to a larger proposal in September 2018 |
| LSHTM ad AUB | Neha SinghNeha.singh@lshtm.ac.ukwith Jocelyn Dejong, Karl Blanchet and Hala Ghattas | Reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health & nutrition in conflict settings: the case of Syrian women and children | - To document what reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH&N) interventions were delivered in three sites; a facility in government controlled Syria, a facility in non-government controlled Syria, and a facility in Lebanon serving Syrian refugees- To document perceptions of changes in intervention delivery and quality over time- To investigate the rationale for RMNCAH&N intervention delivery (or non-delivery) | Quantitative data analysis (from secondary data) has started; waiting on IRB approval from AUB for qualitative work | December 2018 |
| LSHTM and AUB | Bayard RobertsBayard.roberts@lshtm.ac.uk | RECAP | It will conduct research and strengthen research capacity to help improve decision-making and accountability in response to humanitarian crises and epidemics. It is a partnership between universities in the United Kingdom, Sierra Leone and Lebanon and some of the leading humanitarian NGOs. RECAP is funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) | Different work packages have drafted their logframes and are preparing for IRB submission and data collection | 2021 |
| King’s College London | Maya Abi Chahine ma271@aub.edu.lb(This research is part of my Masters in ‘Public Policy & Ageing’ at King’s College London | ‘Older Syrian Refugees' health and social challenges in Lebanon. A health and social workers' perspective’ | to explore the main health and social challenges faced by older Syrian refugees (aged 60+) in Lebanon as perceived by service providers | Data collection | Mid-September 2018 |
| ICRC  | Fabrizio Fleri ffleri@icrc.orgCarla Zmeter czmeter@icrc.org | Impact of the ICRC PHC program on women and children's health  | To evaluate the effectiveness of ICRC interventions in PHC serving vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugee populations  | Data Analysis & Interpretation  | September 2018 |
| ACTED | Wissam SHEIB wissam.sheib@acted.orgHajar CHAMOUN hajar.chamoun@acted.org  | Organizational Capacity Assessment as part of Supporting Basic Service Delivery Improvements in the Psycho-Social and Basic Health sectors –project | The assessment objective is to analyze the general organizational capacity of SDCs and CSOs in 5 targeted communities and identify gaps in their current service delivery in the health and mental health and psychosocial support sectors. Refugees’ and other marginalized populations’ access to services will be covered as sub-themes. | We  are currently in the preliminary assessment phase | Early autumn 2018 |

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