

MOH HEALTHCARE COSTING STUDY

Costs to Insure Vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian Refugees



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BACKGROUND

Jordan is an upper middle-income country that has made considerable progress in improving the health of its population despite :-

- The global economic downturn.
- The influx of refugees as a result of instability in the region.
- Epidemiological transition such as an increase in the burden of non-communicable diseases.

The Government of Jordan (GoJ) is committed to sustaining these improvements going forward

CONT,,,BACKGROUND

- In 2015, GoJ adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, which includes the goal of achieving universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030 (United Nations 2015).
- Improving health equity is therefore a critical priority for GoJ and its development partners (GoJ 2015).
- The UHC vision is to ensure that everyone has access to needed healthcare services regardless of their place in society and without getting into financial ruin (WHO 2015).

POLICY REFORM OPTIONS

Several policy reform options for modernizing health sector were suggested in Jordan such as:-

- PHC strengthening.
- Review of cost and assess barrier to access to services by those receiving no financial protection, harmonization of benefit package (and its costing) across main public health insurance programs mainly CIP.

UNICEF PROPOSAL

It proposed that GoJ needs to :-

- A- Articulate a clear plan for how the country will bring more people into financial risk pooling arrangements.
- B- Increase the percentage of services covered by the benefit package, and reduce the amount of co-payment.
- C- Increase coverage and reduce fragmentation of risk pools by attracting those who are:-
 - Uninsured from the bottom two quintiles (Jordanian).
 - Other vulnerable segments (other nationalities) into the Ministry of Health (MoH) scheme through partial subsidies seems like a promising way.

JUSTIFICATIONS

- UNICEF Jordan is increasingly engaged in supporting health financing and policy related in Jordan to address inequitable health service access by the most vulnerable children and women.
- UNICEF will support the Government of Jordan to achieve its goal of achieving Universal Health Care (UHC) by 2025.
- In this context, UNICEF Jordan seeks consultants support in order to support MOH to conduct detailed costing analysis on how to integrate refugees into existing schemes (CIP) which contributes to UHC in Jordan.

OBJECTIVES

The core objectives of this Study are the following:

- 1-To conduct & assess current cost of health care services at MoH facilities for Jordanian and Syrian refugees and estimate the cost of providing health care (through CIP or any other modalities);
- 2-To provide projections (simulation model) for various options for financing arrangements and modalities to include
 - A-Those who are uninsured from the bottom two quintiles (Jordanian) into the Ministry of Health (MoH) scheme through partial subsidies.
 - B-Those other vulnerable segments (Syrians in particular) into existing scheme through full subsidies from donors.

CONT,,, OBJECTIVES

- 3-To support Ministry of Health/ Health Economy Directorate to build their capacities in the following subjects:
- Conducting costing and financing studies in the health care sector.
 - How to develop simulation models /schemes for financing arrangement and modalities.
 - Educate MoH about UHC Schemes in similar countries with Registered and non-registered refugees.

CONSULTANTS TASKS

1. Review of existing literature on costing, health financing related studies submit draft Inception report (data collection methods, data collection tools for costing analysis, work schedules)
2. Inception visits, technical committee and stakeholder consultation, and final Inception Report.
3. Data collection visits phase
4. Interpretation and analysis, cost analysis phase
5. model/scenario building and validation of findings
6. Re-analysis, Final report writing.

SUPERVISION / REPORTING

- (UNICEF) Primary supervision by Chief Health and Nutrition with technical support from Social Policy Chief.
- Ministry Of Health (Planning Administration).

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