

# **Health Sector Coordination Meeting**

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2020	Venue: Teams Virtual - UNHCR	Time: From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
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Agenda			
1. Introduction and Review of last meeting Action Points			
2. Situation Update by L	2. Situation Update by UNHCR / WHO		
3. Multi Donor Account (MDA) Update by USAID			
4. NCD and COVID-19 project - PPP by RHAS			
5. Sector Contingency Plan and Members Capacities			
6. Sub-Sector Working Groups – Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/ WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF) /			
Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)			
7. Partners Update			
8. AOB Update on JRP 2021-2022			
1. Introduction and Review of Action Points from the previous meeting			
Sector Chair [UNHCR]	Introducing the agenda of the meeting.		
	The agenda of the eight Health Sector virtual meeting was focused on the COVIID-19. Health Sector Chair briefed participants on the progress made on the previous meeting action points:		
	<ul> <li>WHO to share the update on OXFORD modality? <b>Done.</b></li> <li>UNHCR to share NCD 4W Matrices. Agreement between WHO and UNHCR to reactivate the NCD task force.</li> </ul>		

### 2. Situation Update by UNHCR / WHO

#### **WHO**

### **Update on COVID-19**

- Globally 6 million cases recorded. 2070.000 recorded last night .65000 death.
- In Jordan for the past few days cases are getting up beyond 60% in the region compare to other countries. Total confirmed cases since March-2020 is 20,200 and recovered cases are 5,720. Approximately 1,060 under treatment. 134 deaths as per yesterday statistics. Total number of PCR tests conducted is 1.3 million.
- Since 3<sup>rd</sup> of September the distribution of confirmed cases number get significantly increased from 1 int-13.
- MOH isolation policy is changed and shifted into self-home isolation. The draft of home isolation protocol is developed. WHO got the draft copy and ready to circulate once approved.
- Covid-19 vaccine. GAVI/WHO/GAVI are leading the COVAX Facility, a global platform to ensure equitable allocation of vaccines across countries. COVAX Facility will ensure distribution of vaccine doses to immunize 20% of Jordan population by December 2021. Jordan is o joined the COVAX Facility in September 2020.
- Situation on pandemic is dynamic and fluid.
- OXFORD modality: In May WHO in collaboration with MoH used a model recommend by WHO regional
  office to predict the impact of Covid-19 in Jordan in the mana ahead .they tried to predict the number of
  cases and deaths using the data from March-May 2020 to developed and to randomly projected it up to
  December 2020.
- Then they came up with four scenarios: one of the them is the full lockdown up to December 2020 and the other three is the relaxing of the public health measure (opening school, restaurants, working from home etc...). They find out back to May 2020 that there is no big expectation that the first scenario the complete lockdown is to last until to December 2020 and things will be under control. The situation was completely not under control due to economic opening with the predict 3 scenarios the model predict second peak of the virus in the second part of 2020 with increase in number of cases and deaths. Until mid-August these predictions were wrong. They find out that this model predicted is in away materialized. With the current pedological situation the Royal Court has requested WHO to meet with the WHO Regional Office and to update this model. This evening WHO will be meeting with Royal Court and MoH to update this model.
- Flu / Influenza vaccine. WHO supported MoH with 240,000 flu vaccine and will be given according to the vulnerability criteria.

Camps Updates [UNHCR]	
UNHCR	Ibrahim provided an update as per 31 September 2020 on the total number of active registered refugees an asylum seekers in Jordan:
Syrian Refugees	■ Total registered: 660,000
Iraqi Refugees	■ Total registered 67,000
Yemeni Refugees	• registered 15,000
Sudanese Refugees	Sudanese registered 6,000
Somali Refugees	■ registered Somali 750
Other Nationality	■ 1,600 registered
Azraq Camp	Registered 41,000
Zatari Camp	Registered 78,000
ECJ	Registered 6,500
Zaatri and Azraq Camps	Zaatari
	<ul> <li>Za'atari, the MSF treatment centre is ready. They got approval of MoH to start functioning their center with 30 beds capacity. The centre will be receiving inpatient admission for mild, moderate – severe cases of COVID-19 in the camp.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>UNHCR build the capacity of the isolation centers in both camps Azraq and Zataari (Zatari capacity 280 beds).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In Za'atari Camp, the confirmed positive COVID-19 cases amount to five (by 08 October), one of which has already recovered and returned from the Dead Sea back to the Camp. Among the three active cases is a seven-year-old child staying at the transit / isolation area (jointly with the emother and other family members). The three active cases also include a 75-year-old kidney dialysis patient.</li> </ul>

were trained to take PCR test samples in the camp.

■ In Za'atari surveillance at camp gate also continues using the primary health care facilities there, 52 staff

- IMC completed phase one of their treatment center with the capacity of 15 beds. Two weeks ago they got the green light of expansion into another 50 beds capacity for Azraq. All staff are deployed and ready to receive the cases. They are expecting next week MoH approval to operate the center due to the current construction works.
- UNHCR strategy is to integrate our response to the national response. Any critical cases will be evacuated to prince Hamza hospital. Capacity building is carried on by MoH for Ramtha, Mafraq, North Badia and Basheir hospitals.
- In Zaatari 5,432 PCR tests were conducted.

#### Azraq

- 63 coronavirus positive cases confirmed in Azraq of which 12 cases have completed their quarantine and treatment and were released from the Dead Sea Isolation Area and P. Hamza Hospital. Four active COVID-19 cases (a cancer patient with her three children) remain at P. Hamza Hospital, Amman, while 47 active COVID-19 cases stay in the Public Quarantine Area in Azraq camp.
- In Azrag 6,037 PCR tests were conducted.
- King Abedalla Park (KAP):
- Decision made by SRD to demolish the Quarantine area in KAP due to health purposes. Active surveillance is continued there by JHAS with the support of UNRWA.
- More than 300 PCR test conducted in KAP. No COVID-19 cases have yet been identified in King Abdullah Park.

#### **Action Points**

o WHO to share MoH home isolation protocol once approved.

## 3. Multi Donor Account (MDA) update by USAID

#### **USAID**

**Maisa Al-Khatib from USAID** provided an overview on the Multi Donor Account (MDA)/Joint Financing Agreement:

In early 2018 the government of Jordan decided to treat Syrian access the health services with foreigner rate. Later on, donors and the Jordanian government agreed to establish the Multi Donor Account (MDA). USAID led the establishment Multi Donor Account to support Syrian refugees to access the health services with subsides rate. In December 2018 the agreement was signed first between the Danish government and Jordan

government with total contribution \$15 million. In March 2019 the government of Jordan decided to allow Syrian to access the public health services with the un-insured Jordanian rate. Many Donors expressed interest to Join this account (Qatar, Canada, and the world Bank. After that Italy and Germany recently Joint with the amount of US \$5 million). In total fund is US \$85 million. It was agreed with MoH to spend around 20 million on pandemic response. The impact of the fund: the first impact to offsetting the cost of treatment fees of Syrian refugees in 2019 and for all refugees registered in 2020. The second impact is the that MDA is available as arapid fund to response to Covid-19 plan.

# 4. NCD and COVID-19 project - PPP by RHAS

#### **RHAS**

RAHS officer presented an overview presentation on their new project COVID & NCD's and has covered the following:

- Introduction & Project Goals;
- Project Targets;
- Project Activities: Rapid Assessment, Public Information and Awareness, Access and Support, Capacity Building and Sustainability.

#### **Action Points:**

- o RHAS and UNHCR to have bilateral meeting got discus the coordination on NCD interventions.
- **O UNHCR and WHO to intiate discussion with MOH to rereactivate the NCD Task Force.**
- RHAS to share PPP.

# 5. Sector Contingency Plan and Members Capacities

# Coronavirus Contingency Response Plan / Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

The Contingency Plan for urban refugee response was updated considering recent developments and community transmission scenario to ensure continued safe access of urban refugees to essential package of health services. Attached is the PPT.

Action Points	O UNHCR to share the updated Contingency Response Plan with all partners for input and feedback.	
6. Sub-Sector Working G	Groups: Reproductive Health (UNFPA), Mental Health (IMC/WHO), Nutrition (Save the Children Jordan/UNICEF)	
and Community Health Platform (MEDAIR)		
UNFPA / RHWG	<ul> <li>UNFPA lifesaving services is continued including RH services ant Zaatari clinic. Supporting JHAS staff to report to the clinics in the field during the lockdown and provided accommodation to the staff.</li> <li>In Azraq camp, UNFPA supported remote Health Education Services. IRC is the UNFPA partner leading the education and health awareness activities.</li> <li>RH Impact Assessment has been conducted.300000 women in reproductive age has been reached.</li> <li>SRH group meeting will be conducted next week.</li> </ul>	
MHPSS SWG	<ul> <li>MHPSS had their meeting last week.</li> <li>More stress related to Covid-19 is observed from different actors in and outside the camps especially among children.</li> <li>MPHSS leads recommended to develop the capacity of mental health and psychological activities and to pride medications for 3 months as discussed and agreed with UNHCR.</li> <li>MH services are available for refugees and Jordanian on primary care level and secondary in different level and secondary</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>locations by different agencies according to the current MHPSS 4Ws.</li> <li>MHPSS providers are encouraged to update the mapping of their services.</li> <li>MHPSS is encouraging remote MHPSS service providers to train the staff on the remote support.</li> <li>PSS activities are scaled down due to the lookdown.</li> <li>MHPSS next meeting is planned on 21 October.</li> <li>The Nutrition sub-Working Group had its meeting this week.</li> </ul>	
UNICEF/ Nutrition Working Group	<ul> <li>The training on IYCF will be conducted very soon. The agenda is prepared and will be share with partners.</li> <li>The neonatal screening is a joint effort in the camps setting between UNHCR and UNICEF. Vacinators in the three camps Zaatari, Azraq and ECJ are well trained and well equipped with the necessary skills to do the screening. IEC materials be sent to the camps.</li> </ul>	

Community Health Task Force	<ul> <li>They didn't had the working group last month.</li> <li>The WG Chair and Co-chair Medair and IRC are trying to meet with MoH seeking clarity on the community health work and role during the Covid-19 time.</li> </ul>
Action Points	<ul> <li>IMC to share the MH updated 4Ws matrix once finalized.</li> <li>UNICEF to share the training agenda with partners.</li> <li>UNICEF officer will lead the awareness campaign on Sunday.</li> </ul>
7. Partners Updates	
JPS	<ul> <li>Caritas clinics have done dispensing the second round of NCD medications in most of the clinics and we distributed ahead of time. The medications were dispensed for 3 months stock, the patients will also be followed up through the telemedicine.</li> <li>Due to the increase of confirmed cases of COVID-19 we re-emphasized the infection prevention and control measures, restocked the PPE and ensured that it will be used though rational way.</li> <li>JPS is continuing its activities in the secondary and tertiary health, supporting life-saving cases from both camps, and supporting lifesaving with emergency cases in the urban setting for non-Syrian POC.</li> <li>Their project funded by OCHA is going smoothly.</li> <li>PS noticed a remarkable need for a primary care centers and services in the Urban setting so we started to put a provisional plan and concept of notes to establish a well-organized multispecialty primary health clinics project and any donor or directories who are interested in such project are welcome to negotiate and establish a sponsored project in those aspects.</li> <li>JPS had been invited to actively support the MOH COVID-19 Endemic surveillance teams, as they are supporting MoH with 10 teams in the field.</li> </ul>
TDH Italy	TDH Italy continue providing health service through mobile clinic and Cash for Health.

IOCC	<ul> <li>IOCC with the partnership with IFH and support from BPRM is starting the second year of the project "inclusive relief and Empowerment for Syrian Refugees with Impairments and Disabilities in Jordan". The project has already started in Amman and Zarqa in three locations in the first year and now it's expanding to Irbid governorate; providing visual and hearing diagnosis and treatment, assistive devices such as hearing aids and eyeglasses, rehabilitation sessions such as Occupational therapy, Speech Therapy, and Special Education. Moreover, the project provides urgent ears and eye surgeries that prevent disabilities (if not treated).</li> <li>The project's clinics are currently open while the staff is taking all protective measures, social distancing, checking Aman application, and using proper PPEs.</li> </ul>
Action points	

8. AOB	
	<ul> <li>UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination colleague provided an update on the ActivityInfo data platform. The PLAN and Monitor database has been re-openedand the dealine is 10 October 2020 in order to let partners enter, correct and editing their records in the database.</li> <li>There is no update so far from MOPIC on the JRP 2020/2021.</li> </ul>
Action Points Recommendations	All partners to enter / correct / editing their records in the database.
Next Meeting	12th November 2020 from 10:00 – 12:00