

## Health sector coordination, January – August 2023

- o Effectively lead the health sector of Syria at a strategic and operational levels, including 56 organizations (38 national NGOs, 9 INGOs, 6 UN agencies, etc.).
- o Continued regular health sector coordination meetings at national and sub-national levels (Damascus, Aleppo, Hama/Homs/Idleb, Lattakia/Tartous, Deir-ez-Zoir, Qamishli, Raqqa).

### Needs Assessment/Analysis

- Assessment tools are agreed upon, with health sector assessment registry, including 20 ongoing and planned key activities, finalized.
- Continuous work on lists of needs (medicines, consumables, equipment, rehabilitation), MoFA, MoH, DoH.
- UNDAC, RDNA (WB), SERNA (UN), SYNAT (UN)
- Health sector funding of early recovery projects within and outside of 2023 HRP.
- Overview of health sector Syria support with provision of medical equipment in 2021-2023.
- Overview of health sector Syria assistance provided with reconstruction and rehabilitation of health facilities across Syria from 2020 until end of March 2023.
- Health sector position on MSNA alternative as part of 2024 HNO.
- An update of “underserved” 40 sub-districts with 2 million people in need.
- Initiative with UNDP team on the integration of health sector with conflict sensitivity and analysis.
- Overview of impact of fuel crisis on health sector.

### Strategic Planning

- 2024 HRP costing methodology: Damascus inputs on proposed activity costing shared with WoS team in Amman.
- Conducted technical consultations with the MoH on draft of 2023 HRP and its Annex (EQ response).
- An update on “WoS Cluster” and “WoS Agency” specific humanitarian structure.
- Status of health sector coordination architecture in NES.
- NES related key follow up actions for WHO Qamishli, Syria HCT/Damascus health sector partners, XB NES health sector partners, WoS health team.
- Day - to - day contacts with WoS Health team in Amman.
- Advocacy support provided through high level visits to Syria by top leadership of UN “health” agencies (WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA).
- 2023 Health Sector Syria Annual Priority Workplan.
- NES related priorities (XL and XB) – continuously formulated and updated.
  - o Updating health sector contingency plan for north Syria, scenario of Turkiye’ expansion.
  - o Details of strategic, operational, technical dialogue with Health Committees/MoH of SA, identified priorities.
  - o Creation of one repository/database of IEC materials supported by XL and XB partners.
  - o Activation and advocacy for public hospital support for referral of patients from Al Hol and other NES camps. Future of “past” MoH hospitals.
  - o Stepping up for XB partners to support referrals outside of the existing camps.
  - o Response to measles outbreak; lice and scabies in Washokani and Mahmoudli camps; availability of nutrition services’ support in camps (Mahmoudli, Twaheni); SARI (Raqqa and Deir-ez-Zoir); TB outbreak in Hassakeh’ based detention centers and Al Hol camp; leishmaniosis response; 100 cases of suspected chickenpox among children Tal Hamidi village (rural of Hassakeh)
  - o Stepping up for XB partners on activation of COVID-19 treatment centers and RCCE activities.
  - o Availability of essential medicines with health sector organizations operational inside the camps.
  - o COVID-19 vaccination campaign. Any vaccination.
  - o Consolidated (XL and XB) health sector coverage by direct service delivery.
  - o Inter-agency assessment XL missions to Ras Al Ein and Tal Abiad.
  - o Information updates: Al Hol health sector coverage, Al Hol mortality, NES EWARN.
  - o Day to day operational guidance of key follow up issues on coordination of NES response, including WASH and RCCE.
  - o Evacuation of foreign citizen from the camps.
  - o Enhance information sharing especially on surveillance.

### Resource mobilization

- “Aggressive” resource mobilization for health sector and “health needs prioritization” as key advocacy asks at all levels
- Briefings on health sector situation with OFDA focal point and ECHO field missions.
- High level advocacy actions: Feeding RC/HC for donor briefing in Beirut (31 January); donor briefing on impact of fuel crisis, USG for Policy on Al Hol camp; SSG (January, May). RC/HC field visits; WHO DG and RDs field visits; RD meeting with OCHA Deputy Director (7 May); WHO EX Director (18 January); Deep Dive RDM (June).
- Follow up with WoS team: Regional Dialogue Mechanism (RDM); the Informal Interactive Dialogue (IID); the Humanitarian Task Force (HTF).
- Health sector updates for HCT.
- Status and updates of all SHF funded health sector projects in the respective hubs.
- Health Sector Syria EQ Flash Appeal developed for 54 million USD for 21 organizations.
- 8 SHF projects received costs’ extensions.
- 5 million USD allocated to WHO under CERF.
- “Health” as defined as one of top priorities under, UNDAC, SERNA, RDNA, SYNAT assessments.
- Health needs are articulated in EQ donor conference in Brussels (March).
- Health priorities are included into SHF 2nd Reserve Allocation (5 million USD) and 1<sup>st</sup> Standard Allocation (3 million USD).
- Funding requirements, health sector Syria, earthquake response, May – December 2023 (part of 2023 HRP revision), 85 million USD vs 128 million (72 million by DAM and 56 million by GZT)
- Impact of underfunding of health sector Syria for 2023.
- Advocacy for identifying sustainable solutions for referrals out of NES camps.

### **Implementation and monitoring**

- Regular bi-weekly and monthly national, sub-national coordination and sub-sector working groups’ meetings.
  - SRH national sub-sector working group meetings conducted (SRH sub-national sub-sector working group in Aleppo, Lattakia, Hama rolled out).
  - MHPSS national sub-sector working group meetings conducted (MHPSS sub-national sector working groups in NES and Aleppo, Hama rolled out). Mental Health EQ response as globally and regionally recognized Flagship.
- Health sector inventory of active/funded projects for 2023 - completed. 7 INGOs, 1 national society, 7 UN agencies, 16 national NGOs - 142 million USD of activities are funded.
- Daily operational, technical partnership is enhanced to support MoH/DoH operational response in multiple areas of public health (e.g., support to mobile teams and fixed points for immunization, disease surveillance, SRH, MHPSS, etc.)
- Inter-sector AAP Earthquake Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms Mapping. Global Health Cluster initiative. Syria – active contributor.
- Timeline of EQ health sector response during 6 February – 6 April 2023.
- Overview of health sector Syria PSEA in 2023.
- Health sector inputs for Al Hol camp and NES camps general coordination meetings.
- Alignment with NES and NWS: HeRAMS, EPHS.
- Supporting early recovery planning and operationalizing HDPN for Health in Syria.
- The MoH Syria and WHO Syria launched EWARS interactive dashboard.
- Undertaking field missions to Aleppo, Qamishli and Hassakeh. Visited camps (Areesha, Roj, Al Hol).
- Updated health sector referral pathway.
- Production of standard health sector IM deliverables.
  - Monthly 4W health sector 2023 HRP snapshots and weekly/biweekly 4W EQ response snapshots.
  - Daily and weekly EQ situation reports, with involved 61 health sector organizations.
  - Monthly health sector bulletins.
  - Health sector Syria contact list (quarterly).
- Overview of EQ response via coordinated actions during the first 30 days, followed up March – April 2023 and priority activities for May – December 2023.
- Health sector Syria operational presence across 11 NES camps and across 3 NES governorates.
- Mapping of non-public health facilities across the country (with NES filtering) supported by national NGOs, private charities and foundations.
- Health sector contact is re-established with camp management of 6 camps (Newroz, Twahina, Al Hol, Roj, Tel Saman, Mahmoudli).
- Bi-weekly health sector coordination updates.
- Interactive dashboards are launched, with WHO HIS team.

- o Health Sector materials on reliefweb: <https://response.reliefweb.int/syria/health>
- o Links to interactive dashboards and updates: Various interactive dashboards maintained by WHO Syria

## Preparedness

- Health Sector Syria AWD/cholera updated response plan (January – June 2023), with funding requirement - 22 million USD.
- Enhancement of national, sub-national coordination and information management functions is in place as part of L3 requirements for EQ response.
- Contingency actions and position on possible return of Syrian refugees from Turkey (reported numbers 250,000 to 500,000 to GoS controlled areas).
- Working with WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA on health supplies for “Sarmada 11” cross-line convoy to Idleb. Coordination is in place with GZT colleagues.
- Working with OCHA on Syria Cross-Border Access – Key Messages
- A day-to-day contact with Gaziantep on the way forward around the use of Bab Al Hawa border crossing point, in addition to two other ones, Bab Al Salam an Al’ Raae. UN Security Council Resolution, Cross-Border, North-West Syria: Impact of the non-extension.
- Alignment of WASH and RCCE actions with health sector priorities. Situation with Alouk water pumping station in Hassakeh and its impact.
- Seasonal fires across coastal area and related response.
- Alignment with NES and NWS: Multi hazard Preparedness & Response Plan.
- Joint WHO/UNICEF Syria Incident Management Team (IMT) continues its work in Damascus on AWD/cholera.
- Close follow up with WHO Syria on suspected cases of measles, TB and HIV across NES; increasing malnutrition in rural Hama.
- Operational data at a community level for further mapping of health facilities and relevant WASH response at a facility level.
- Health Sector Syria contingency operational plan, Deir-ez-Zoir governorate
- RAATA (Ras Al Ein and Tal Abiyad) enclave crossline (XL) response overview
- Impact of closure of Semalka border crossing point in NES.
- Finalization of Al Hol camp medium term health sector strategy.
- Operational Peer Review (OPR) for the Syria earthquake system wide scale-up, planned for both, Gaziantep and Damascus in mid-July 2023.
- Paper on “Health sector, Syria. Inputs for IASC’s operational peer review of the humanitarian response to the earthquake of February 2023”.
- Joint External Evaluation and National Health Security Plan Preparation In the Syrian Arab Republic, 4 – 12 June 2023.

Coordination group	Lead/co-lead	Frequency
<b>National and sub-national coordination groups</b>		
• National health sector coordination group	MoH, WHO	Biweekly
• NWS/Aleppo sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• NES/Qamishli sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• NES/Deir-ez-Zoir sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• NES/Raqqa sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• Lattakia and Tartous sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• Homs sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• Hama sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• Southern Idleb sub-national health sector coordination group	DoH, WHO	Monthly
<b>National Sexual Reproductive Health sub-sector WG</b>		
• Sub-national Aleppo SRH sub-sector WG	DoH, UNFPA, WHO	Monthly
• Sub-national Lattakia SRH sub-sector WG	DoH, UNFPA, WHO	Monthly
• Sub-national Hama SRH sub-sector WG	DoH, UNFPA, WHO	Monthly
• Sub-national NES SRH sub-sector WG	DoH, UNFPA, WHO	Monthly
<b>National MHPSS sub-sector WG</b>		
• Sub-national NES MHPSS sub-sector WG	DoH, WHO, UNHCR	Monthly
• Sub-national Aleppo MHPSS sub-sector WG	DoH, WHO, UNHCR	Monthly
• Sub-national Hama MHPSS sub-sector WG	DoH, WHO, UNHCR	Monthly
<b>National RCCE sub-sector WG</b>		
• Sub-national Aleppo RCCE sub-sector WG	DoH, UNICEF, WHO	Monthly
• Sub-national NES RCCE sub-sector WG	DoH, UNICEF, WHO	Monthly

<b>National trauma sub-sector WG</b>	MoH, WHO	Monthly
• Sub-national Aleppo trauma sub-sector WG	DoH, WHO	Monthly
• Sub-national Lattakia trauma sub-sector WG	DoH, WHO	Monthly
<b>Camp based level</b>		
• Al Hol camp health sector coordination group	WHO	Biweekly