

Dear health sector organizations in Syria,

A few quick lines:

1. As received from our WoS colleagues, please find attached:
 - WoS Deir-ez-Zoir Contingency Plan, October 2023
 - WoS Cholera Outbreak Situation Report, 23 October 2023
2. *Advocacy*: The Director of OCHA's Operations and Advocacy Division, Ms Edem Wosornu is in the country and we are ensuring that health sector key asks and issues are being elevated to all levels,
3. *South*: I am working on the health sector profile of our operational presence across 3 southern governorates (Dar'a, Quneitra, Sweida). You will receive the first draft for your respective review and inputs soon.
4. *NES*: My travel to north-east Syria/Qamishli and Hassakeh again has been postponed due to the latest security incidents around the airports. Follow up on all NES issues remotely, with support of respective sub-national sector coordination colleagues.
5. *UN Early Recovery Strategy Development*: 4 sector coordinators had a technical discussions with the international consultant. The relevant health sector materials have been shared by now. A separate meeting was conducted between the consultant and members of UN Task Force on ER. We are on a stand by for the next steps.
6. *Development of the National Midwifery Strategy*: MoH, UNFPA and WHO have progressed further on this. More updates to come soon.
7. *Development of the Essential Health Service Package*: MoH and WHO are working extensively on this, including the costing. More updates to come soon.
8. *4W 2023 HRP Health Sector Snapshot*: Attached.
9. *Health Sector Information Management Technical Working Group*: The meeting takes place today in Damascus. A separate invitation was sent out to the relevant IMO's in your respective organizations. Contact person: MAHMOUD, Abdalghani mahmoudab@who.int.
10. *Breast cancer awareness month*: Attached is the map of testing facilities across Syria.
11. *Crossline humanitarian missions to NWS*: The process is in place for planning more humanitarian cross-line missions to north-west Syria. As per practice, health supplies are part of these mission. More updates to come soon.
12. *MHPSS sub-sector working group*: The latest coordination meeting took place on 18 October with a number of follow up actions. The next one is scheduled for October 30. If you are not part of MHPSS email and interested in the work of MHPSS, contact person: SAMARJI, Nabil samarjin@who.int
13. *Health sector contact list and Q1-Q3 overview of health sector related coordination meetings*: Being updated based on your respective inputs.