

Dear health sector organizations in Syria,

A few quick operational updates:

Issue:	Update:
Escalation of situation in the south	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are closely following and monitoring the situation across the south regarding accessibility, availability and functionality of health services there following a series of latest airstrikes.
CCPM, Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring for 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring mandatory exercise will be launched on 6 April. You will receive a separate email, in English and Arabic languages, to take part in this online self-assessment.
The Ministry of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister of Health discussed with a number of Syrian doctors residing in Germany ways of cooperation and unifying efforts to advance the health sector in Syria. Mechanisms to facilitate the participation of Syrian doctors abroad in providing medical assistance to patients inside the country were highlighted during the meeting as well as the facilities provided by the Ministry of Health to those wishing to contribute to the development of health services. The Minister stressed the Syrian government's keenness to benefit from the expertise of its medical cadres abroad, praising the role of Syrian doctors in providing support to their country despite the difficult conditions.• The Ministry of Health launches the (Shifaa) campaign in cooperation with the Syrian Community in Germany (SGD) and the Independent Doctors Association (IDA) under the slogan (Hand in hand for Syria). The (Shifaa - Healing) campaign aims to provide free medical and surgical care to the most needy groups in various governorates, with the participation of more than 100 expatriate Syrian doctors. The Ministry of Health will continue to work on providing all capabilities and facilities, and coordinating work with the directorates of health, and all concerned parties, to ensure the best results for receiving Syrian and international volunteer medical teams from abroad.
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On 23 March you all received my email requesting to share or update me directly on findings and recommendations of assessments conducted by your respective organizations to enable further expansion, scale up and continuation of ongoing and/or planned response.• As of today, only MSF-F, SAMS and SARC had provided feedback. SARC report was shared with you earlier. SAMS report is attached.• You are kindly requested to proactively share any assessment findings, reports and related directly with me.
Planned events and activities	<p>I received information about the following events and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upcoming national level workshop supported by UOSSM on strengthening PHC system in Syria, Damascus, 6 April, following the readiness assessment of PHC centers in 4 governorates: Damascus, Rural Damascus, Daraa, and Deir ez-Zor.• Upcoming Homs and Syria Recovery Conference to Strengthen the Health System", under the slogan "Together we rebuild health... Together, we rebuild people," by MedGlobal, 7-8 April in Homs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMS 23rd International Conference, is planned on 4-6 July in Damascus.
Terms of Reference, National Health Sector Coordination Group, Syria HCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week I distributed the updated latest terms of reference of national health sector coordination group. Please take your time and review it.
Humanitarian architecture transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The transition remains a key priority to the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) and the IASC Principals. The transition process is going on well. We are in touch with our Gaziantep and WoS colleagues on a daily basis.
Prioritization of field missions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HC requested for missions to Dara and As Sweda to be prioritised.