

Dear health sector colleagues in Syria,

Just to update on where we stand on sector coordination.

Subject	Progress
Health System Strengthening	Attached two presentations: one by WHO Syria and by the MoH Syria presented during the latest stakeholders' consultation on development of National Health Strategy.
Health and nutrition sectors presentation for Ar Raqqa governorate	Attached is the consolidated presentation to be shared at tomorrow' inter-sector consultative workshop with GoS Raqqa authorities in Hama.
WHO Syria Operational Response Snapshot, October 2023	Attached, reflecting key response levels of WHO Syria across the country.
Health Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) Syria, 4 - 17 December 2023	A reminder: If not done, please proceed to the evaluation, please click on the following link: https://syria.healthcluster.org/?ccpm_damascus
Draft, health sector 2024 HNO	Our inputs and comments are provided to the WoS team as per the deadline, 4 December.
Draft , 2024 PIN, severity scale	Technical discussions get continued. The first drafts received and being reviewed under the WoS team' guidance.
Draft, 2024 health sector logframe HRP	Technical discussions get continued, with the goal of revising and updating the list of sector' indicators. More details at later stage.
Next national health sector coordination meeting in Damascus	The date and modality (in person or online) of the meeting are to be confirmed. One of the proposed focused areas of the discussion is "needs and support with dialysis services" by health sector partners.
Regional Dialogue Mechanism meeting, Beirut (4 December)	WHO as CLA participated in the meeting in Beirut and contributed to the discussions under various agenda items.
Disease surveillance	No major developments, with the exception of increasing number of lice and scabies for Homs governorate. A need for inter-sector planning and response. To note, technical discussions continue on EPI in NES. A follow up on suspected meningitis cases in Deir-ez-Zoir.
WoS Risk Assessment and Development of WoS Health Sector All hazards Preparedness and Response Plan 2024	Fifth online session took place led by WoS team, with key health sector points from Syria HCT, NWS HLG, NES Forum HWG participation, and technical oversight of the respective WHO EMRO technical team.
MHPSS	Those of you who are part of MHPSS email list are fully updated on the developments and next steps. Contact person: SAMARJI, Nabil samarjin@who.int
A National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS)	A National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS) of the Syrian Arab Republic was developed during a workshop that took place in Damascus, Syria 8-12 June 2023. This plan was based off the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) executed 4-7 June 2023 and the recommendations of the 19 technical areas in the JEE

	were used as a guideline to come up with a holistic approach to bring Syria's national health system up to IHR standards. Under each of the 19 technical areas addressed by the JEE, specific activities were devised by a multi-sectoral group documenting the necessary steps to achieve these standards. Based on of the NAPHS, cost of the overall implementation was also devised so that the country could properly plan for the next five years. Tge document is under the MoH review.
Development of the School Health Strategic Plan 2024 – 2030.	A workshop to develop the School Health Strategic Plan 2024 – 2030 was held on 29 November in Damascus. More details at later stage.
Addressing critical winter assistance gaps for IDPs in Deir-ez-Zoir	Cost extensions were recommended for WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA under earlier approved SHF project in support of addressing critical winter assistance gaps for IDPs in Dier-ez-Zor.
Support on health sector referrals in NES, including camps	Support to referrals in NES has remained one of the essential priorities of our joint response. The referral system in NES is unsustainable in its current form. It has been clearly articulated.