

Dear health sector colleagues in Syria,

Just to update on where we stand on various issues:

1. Planned Standard SHF Allocation: inter-sector technical consultations continue with OCHA SHF team on allocation strategy.
2. 4W 2023 HRP Health Sector Snapshot for June: attached.
3. ABRS (Area-based response system): Follow up on the findings and recommendations of the latest workshop on ABRS in Lattakia.
4. EQ response: Finalized paper on “Health sector, Syria. Inputs for IASC’s operational peer review of the humanitarian response to the earthquake of February 2023”.
5. WoS Health Cluster Coordinator visit to Syria: WoS Health Cluster Coordinator visit is scheduled for Damascus, 6-9 August. The health sector partners will be informed fully about the agenda.
6. 2024 HNO data collection, or MSNA alternatives: Damascus inputs shared with OCHA Syria and WoS Health Cluster team. Further guidance is expected from WoS level.
7. 2024 HRP costing methodology: Damascus inputs on proposed activity costing is shared with WoS team in Amman. Feedback is being expected from Gaziantep and XB NES.
8. Health sector gap analysis: Health sector HIS team prepared an update of “underserved” 40 sub-districts with 2 million people in need.

North-West Syria specific:

9. Cross-border access to NWS:
 - a. A day to day contact with Gaziantep colleagues on the way forward around the use of Bab Al Hawa border crossing point, in addition to 2 other ones, Bab Al Salam an Al’ Raee.
 - b. Follow up with authorities and SARC on the latest information that “Syria gov’t says ready to receive people with chronic diseases from rebel-held areas”
<https://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2023/07/24/syria-govt-says-ready-to-receive-people-with-chronic-diseases-from-rebel-held-areas/>

NES specific, XB NES, WoS Health

10. Health sector Syria contingency plan for Deir-ez-Zoir: The first draft is shared with national and sub-national level partners for inputs by COB, 26 July.
11. National health sector coordinator planned visit to NES: The next mission is scheduled to Qamishli for a period of 10 day (26 July – 6 August). Pending MoFA approval.
12. RAATA (Ras Al Ein and Tal Abiyad) enclave crossline (XL) response overview: Feedback is expected from operational UN agencies in XL support, WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA.
13. TB in NES: Consultations with WHO Syria on the current situation with TB across 3 governorates.
14. AWD/cholera:
 - a. Operational data at a community level is shared with XB NES and WoS for further mapping of health facilities and relevant WASH response at a facility level.
 - b. WoS Bi-weekly Joint Health and WASH Health Sector Coordination Calls (Earthquake and Cholera): Damascus/Qamishli team took part on 20 July, with follow up points:
 - i. WHO to provide an update on their continued engagement with GoS on AWD/Cholera epi data and preparedness.
15. NES humanitarian coordination architecture: a follow up in place with XB NES and WoS team in Amman on alignment the current coordination structure to ensure XL and XB coordination efforts in existing various coordination forums for NES.
16. Technical assistance to NES. Follow up with XB NES and WoS team in Amman on:
 - a. Status of HeRAMS development for non-GoS affiliated facilities in non GoS parts of NES.
 - b. Status of Essential Package of Health Service development for non-GoS parts of NES.

- c. Status of Al Hol camp medium term strategy.
 - d. Regular information sharing such as minutes, situation reports, bulletins, etc. on XB NES health sector planning and response, beyond regular calls (bi-weekly WoS Health Cluster calls; bi-weekly WoS joint Health and WASH coordination calls; monthly NES inter-hub calls).
17. Available caravans for handover in NES camps: WHO is ready to handover a number of pre-fabricated containers/caravans to any interested partner. Please see below details.
- a. *WHO has some caravans in camps in NES that are currently vacant and not utilized. In order to make best use of available resources and extend support to health partners, we are offering the available caravans to the health sector partners as in-kind donation. Any interested partner can communicate with WHO office in Qamishli: [@ALABDULLAH, Muhammad](#) to assess their request and go through the handover process. Below is the list of the vacant caravans with relevant details:*

Location	# of Caravans and Rooms	Status	Condition
Phase 1 - Al Hol camp	2 Caravans, 4 rooms	3 rooms are vacant (vaccination team occupying one room)	good condition
Phase 6 - Al Hol camp	3 Caravans, 6 rooms	vacant	good condition
Phase 8 - Al Hol camp	2 Caravans, 4 rooms	vacant	
Mahmoudli camp	1 caravan, 2 rooms	vacant	good condition
Abo Khashab camp	2 caravan, 2 rooms	used by an NGO	good condition

Regards,
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