

## **DRAFT, the minutes of health sector coordination meeting, Damascus, 28 March 2023**

Participants: 61 participants (hybrid) consisting of at least 28 organizations including: WHO, UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNRWA, UNOPS, MEDAIR, TDH, INTERSOS, GOPA-DERD, DORCAS, SSSD, INTERSOS, ACF, SFPA, DORCAS, CHILDS RIGHTS SOCIETY, SYRIA MEDICAL SOCIETY, UNION OF CHARTITABLE ASSOCIATION, BASMA, AL SHAM FOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION, BUILDING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, RDC, YOUTH CHARITY, ICRC (OBSERVER), GAVI (OBSERVER), EU (OBSERVER), HEALTH SECTOR.

### **Introduction:**

Key points under the presentation included:

- Continued EQ public health impact
- Draft, Timeline, Earthquake Response, Health Sector Syria, 6 February – 6 April 2023
- EQ Health Sector Syria response, interactive dashboard
- Standard (national and sub-national) EQ operational indicators
- Health sector Syria support with reconstruction and rehabilitation of facilities
- Health sector Syria support with medical equipment
- A few of operational updates (Al Hol camp health sector coverage snapshot; NES EPI Bulletin and Al Hol camp mortality report; DoH Hassakeh follow up points; Measles and COVID-19 vaccination campaigns)
- Health sector Syria PSEA
- Update from SRH national sub-sector working group
- Update from MHPSS national sub-sector working group
- Update on resilience and recovery in health sector (update on SERNA, PHC Strategy)
- Updates by health sector partners
- AOB
- Health Information Materials, online links

### **Update from partners:**

**MEDIAIR:** Will stop providing 24/7 support to PHCs in Aleppo due to unforeseen circumstances. However, Medair is procuring acute medication for the PHCs. Medair is also referring people with chronic diseases to pharmacies, completely free of charge. Finally, Medair is planning on rehabilitating or providing medical equipment to 3 hospitals in Lattakia.

**GOPA-DERD:** Still providing support to those effected by the earthquake while also supporting mobile medical teams in rural Homs and providing cholera awareness sessions in affected areas.

**SSSD:** Supporting 9 health points in 7 governorates with UNHCR and UNFPA while also supporting measles campaign in Areesha camp.

**INTERSOS:** Currently have 3 mobile medical teams in Hama, 3 in rural Damascus, and 1 in Southern Idleb. However, Intersos are planning to bring in 3 more mobile medical teams in Southern Idleb as part of their new project proposals.

**UNFPA:** Continues the support to 14 NGOs in all Syrian governorates to ensure access to SRH services including EQ affected locations through more than 199 static clinics and mobile teams. In addition to ensure provision of the essential list of SRH medicines, Family planning methods and supplies. In collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA are in a process to handover Zahi Azrak hospital in Aleppo and to reactivate the services in this hospital UNFPA need all members contribution to provide health equipment and supplies. Furthermore, UNFPA are also rehabilitating in RD TWO PHCs in Hajar Aswad area for Quneitra and RD DOHs.

**Building Community Association for Development:** Still responding to the earthquake disaster in both Lattakia and Hama. Through three mobile teams, could reach and provide the first health care MHGAB and MHPSS in western and northern countryside's of Hama where 9 shelter centers exist. The reporting system of sexual abuse and exploitation and GBV cases monitor cases and enter them to the case management system of the association. In need of support

to start a project of enhancing GBV and RH sponsored by UNFPA in western countryside of Hama and northern countryside of Lattakia.

**UNOPS:** Planning to conduct technical assessments to PHCs in Hama in coordination with DOH Hama and health sub sector.

**RDC:** Supporting medical clinics in Aleppo and Lattakia as well as providing health services to 160 patients and having ongoing prosthetics workshops in Damascus since 2015 (soon to be expanded to other governates).

**WHO:** Updated partners on the Pandemic Fund.

**UNHCR:** In 10 days will finalize PoE additional 2 rooms to accommodate SARC. Disengagement from operational costs: 7 in 2022; another 3 in 2023. Pilot project with MoH: PHC directorate – inclusion and integration of refugees into PHC facilities.

AOB:

- Next meeting – TBC