

Health Cluster Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday Feb. 22nd 2018

Time: 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Venue: WHO Office – Gaza

Chair: Dr. Abednaser Soboh, Health Cluster Coordinator-Gaza

Participants: 29 participants representing 22 organizations (See Annex 1 for the complete List)

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening remarks *(5 mins)*
2. Health Humanitarian Update *(30 mins)*
MOH/HCC will provide an update on key issues in Gaza. This will be followed by a Q&A.
3. Health Cluster Coordination Update *(20 mins)*
The Health Cluster Team will update the partners on the: (1) website (2) drugs and disposables monitoring (DDM) (3) HeRAMS (4) 4Ws
4. Reporting 2017 HRP *(15 mins)*
Partners are required to produce reports on 2017 HRP; deadlines for reporting will be agreed during the meeting.
5. Partner Updates *(10 mins)*
Partners will have the opportunity to give brief updates to the Health Cluster about their response activities/ planned activities in Gaza.
6. AOB and dates of the next meeting *(5 mins)*

Meeting Highlights

1. Opening remarks

HCC started the meeting by welcoming and thanking all participants for attending the meeting, HCC pointed that this meeting is a regular monthly meeting. HCC distributed the meeting agenda among participants and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. Health Humanitarian Update

HCC and MoH provided an update on key issues in Gaza:

2.1. Energy and Fuel

- Available fuel stock for February was 315,000 Liter.
- MoH implemented strict contingency measures for fuel consumption.
- MoH temporarily partially closed three hospitals, Beit Hanoun Hospital, Durrat Hospital, and Psychiatric Hospital during the month of February.
- Qatar allocated \$ 500,000 to purchase 720,000 liters of fuel for MOH's hospitals.
- UAE allocated \$ 2 million to purchase 3.7 million liters of fuel for all service sectors in Gaza Strip, 48% for the health sector.
- The purchased amounts of fuel by Qatar and UAE donations estimated to last for 5 to 6 months.
- Gaza Electricity Distribution Company increased the amount of electricity provided to some hospitals, which helped in reducing the fuel consumption during February.
- MoH invested \$ 15 million in solar energy systems, but it only provide 2% of total energy needs for hospitals and primary health care centers.
- MoH proposed implementing solar energy systems in some hospitals in southern districts to cover their needs of electricity, in order for these systems to operate effectively, MoH asked Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority to provide these hospitals with sufficient grid current.
- MoH asks for additional support for solar energy and other energy related projects.

2.2. Drugs and medical disposables

- 45% of essential drugs and 26% of essential medical disposables were at zero stock in January.
- Qatar allocated \$ 2 million as a part of the emergency relief grant for critical drugs and medical disposables (52 drug items, 48 medical disposable items, and 25 Lab reagent Items).
- In 2017, MoH spent \$ 27 million on Drugs and medical disposables (\$ 5 million from MoH Ramallah and \$ 22 million from donations and MoF), whereas the actual needs exceeds \$ 40 million.

- 40% of patients' referrals are due the shortage of drugs.
- MoH benefits form 90% of drugs and medical disposables supplied by MoH Ramallah. The remaining 10% are unusable in Gaza hospitals.

2.3. Equipment and spare parts

- \$ 1.5 million needed for spare parts.
- \$ 3 million needed for new equipment.

2.4. Cleaning and catering services

- The continuation of cleaners' strike puts patients' health in danger of the spread of infection and communicable diseases.
- MoH used non-qualified volunteers to provide cleaning services for hospitals.
- Patients in Gaza and North Gaza hospitals rely on their families to provide them with food and drinking water.
- Until this moment, none of the donors or other agencies expresses interest in donation to the cleaning and catering services.

3. Health Cluster Coordination Update

- Health cluster will launch its new website in the first week of March.
- Health cluster is working on new tools for monitoring the status and availability of health services in oPt and the performance of partners:
 - Health Resources Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS): allows the assessment and monitoring of the status of health facilities and the availability of health services and resources in emergencies.
 - Drugs and disposables monitoring (DDM): allows assessment and monitoring of drugs and disposables purchases by partners and their pipelines.
 - Who is Doing What Where and When (4Ws): provides key information regarding which organizations (Who) are carrying out which activities (What) in which locations (Where) in Which period (When).
- Health cluster developed HeRAMS tools and contracted with a consultancy company for three months (January, February, and March 2018) to conduct the data collection and analysis for all MoH hospitals and primary health care centers.

Action point: Health cluster will invite interested partners to participate in 4Ws training session next week.

4. Reporting 2017 HRP

- Partners who received fund for their HRP projects 2017, have received an email from the Health Cluster to complete the sent forms for end of year reporting.
- Partners are encouraged to complete the forms and send it back to Health Cluster Team by COB March 1st, 2018.

5. Partner Updates

5.1.MAP

- MAP will sign contracts for 6 zero-stock items to be delivered to the CDS. Please note that MAP is no longer procuring (Atracurium besylate 10 mg/ml. 5 mL) as we were informed by CDS that Qatar will procure this item. We increased amounts for another item on the list.
- MAP is currently in process of technical evaluation of Blood Bank items and reagents with Shifa and contracts will be signed soon. However, campaigns are ongoing and 5 were conducted in January and 232 unit were collected.
- MAP is currently updating its prepositioned supplies for emergencies and has recently replaced 5 to-be-expired-soon items. More to come within 2018. Stock is ready for release anytime.
- MAP has recently finished the first Core Laparoscopic Surgical Skills (CSLS) training in association with RCS-England. Also, the second Basic Surgical Skills (BSS) was finished but this was delivered for the first time by local trainers who are accredited by RCS. Upon the ending of this project (Jan 2019) MoH will have a fully accredited centre from RCS to conduct CSLS and BSS courses alone.
- Late February there will be a Trauma mission. March: Limb Reconstruction (LR) mission and Neonatal Life Support (NLS) training mission.

5.2.PMRS

- The mobile clinic run by the PMRS stopped providing its services by the end of January 2018. When operating, the MC provides primary health care services to 12 locations in marginalized areas of Gaza Strip through its team. Service provided includes medical checkups, laboratory tests and medications. The catchment area of nearly 40000 people is now deprived of necessary service especially at a time the health care system is facing numerous challenges.
- PMRS has opened its second chronic disease center in Gaza. The center is now providing service through its new Chronic Disease Center in Tel el-Hawa area. In addition to providing all existing services that were originally provided at the CDC, the new center has added a number of new specialties, new diagnostic and laboratory equipment. The center is also expected to start providing dental services beginning in the second quarter of 2018.

Annex 1: Participants

No.	Name	Organization
1	Ashraf Abu Mhadi	MoH
2	Alaa Ghalayini	NDC and NORWAC
3	Amjad Shawa	PNGO
4	Yehia Aded	IMC
5	Mahmoud Shaker	UNRWA
6	Yousif Awasallah	UHCW
7	Suhail Flaifl	PCRF
8	Younis Awadallah	UNICEF
9	Saeb Zaaneen	Elwafa Hospital
10	Reham Shaheen	HI
11	Mahmoud Shalabi	MAP
12	Fikr Shalltoot	MAP
13	Asma Balawi	GVC Italia
14	Mariam Muhanna	MdM Spain
15	Hanaa Shehada	NCCR
16	Haneen ALGhazali	CBBC
17	Fidaa Fayad	PNGO
18	Jamal Elhawajri	RCS4GS
19	Bassam Zaqout	PMRS
20	Mohamed Mughaisib	MSF
22	Favila Escobio	MDM-F
23	Hiba Elsharif	MDM-F
24	Mahmoud Daher	WHO
25	Mohamed Lafi	WHO
26	Abdelnaser Shoboh	Health Cluster
27	Suhail Maarouf	Health Cluster
28	Sara Halimah	T/C Health Cluster
29	Noor Said	T/C Health Cluster