



Minutes of the West Bank Health Partners Meeting

Convened by: HCC

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Date: 19 April 2021  
Time: 1000-1100hrs

Venue: Virtual Microsoft Teams

**AGENDA**

Overview of the COVID-19 situation  
Partners' updates on operations and challenges  
AOB, action points and closing

**20 Participants from:** Care, UNFPA, MSF-Spain, MSF-France, HWC, UNRWA, PRCS, MdM France, PHR, UNICEF, PCPM, IFRC, WHO

**Key issues Raised**

**Overview of the COVID-19 situation (Refer to PowerPoint)**

- The situation remains concerning especially severity of disease
- The Health Cluster through the HCT is mobilizing for additional funding to support response to the upsurge in cases

**Partners' updates on operations and challenges**

**1. PMRS**

- Continuing to provide essential services through mobile and fixed clinics
- Conducting COVID-19 awareness on prevention and importance of vaccination in the communities
- Increased demand of mobile clinics services which had not been anticipated both in terms of supplies and additional locations
- The increased demand for mobile services in new locations has been raised with the Mobile Clinics Working Group
- Shortage of COVID-19 vaccines is affecting roll out of vaccination and quite several health workers are still waiting to get vaccinated

**2. MSF-France**

- Supporting MoH at the PRCS hospital in Nablus helping with severe cases management
- Have on the ground Specialist ICU Nurse, Specialist ICU Doctor, Emergency Physician and Physiotherapist
- With the decline in cases the organization is working to organize the hospital to strengthen IPC and secure the supply chain
- With the unpredictability of the outbreak, anticipate another upsurge consequently preparing to be better prepared
- Continuing to provide routine mental health services mainly remotely

**3. MSF-Spain**

- Supporting Dura Hospital in Hebron since March 2021
- Providing with technical support, hiring of 10 additional nurses
- Biggest challenge is in the implementation of IPC measures by staff
- Continuing with mobile clinic service delivery
- Upon the request of MoH, providing trainings on basic life support to different PHC facilities in preparation of the roll out of COVID-19 vaccination activities
- Supporting IPC training and capacity development

**4. Care**

- Working in partnership with PMRS and HWC in provision of mobile clinic services in 45 locations
- There has been an increase in patients mainly due to disruption of services either because of the COVID-19 outbreak or frequent strikes by health workers

- Planning to launch a social media campaign on COVID-19 vaccination supported by Facebook
- Conducting community trainings on first aid management

**5. MdM-France**

- Continuing with mental health service delivery
- In terms of COVID-19 response, supporting the response through supplies provision and community awareness
- People are struggling to access vaccines due to lack of access to health facilities especially in Area C
- Planning to train medical staff in COVID-19 mental health response

**6. HWC**

- Continuing with provision of PHC services at 11 centres including mobile clinics
- Challenges in accessing some mobile clinic locations in H2 area
- Community awareness is ongoing focusing on addressing issues related to adherence to public health measures and importance of vaccination

**7. PRCS**

- Inauguration of the field hospital in Al bireh and it is now operational and will only receive referrals from government hospitals
- Concerned about the increased demand for ambulance services related to COVID-19

**8. PHR**

- Continuing with specialist mobile clinic services in Areas C and B
- Due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the economic situation, there is increased demand for essential medications

**9. UNRWA**

- Continuing with essential PHC services delivery in 43 health facilities
- Running a COVID-19 awareness campaign and distribution of hygiene kits in all the camps
- Running 6 mobile clinics in 11 locations in Area C

**10. PCPM**

- Looking to propose new project to support the humanitarian health response in West Bank focusing on supporting mobile clinics and trainings

**Any other business**

- It is important to ensure continuous provision of essential services
- WFP request for proposals on behaviour change for nutrition, deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>

| Action Points  | Responsible                     |
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| Mobile Clinics Working Group to follow up on the gaps in mobile service delivery locations and new sites that have come up | UNFPA                           |
| Follow up on shortages of COVID-19 vaccines and what the MoH, WHO and UNICEF are doing to address the problem              | Health Cluster                  |
| Care International to reach out to RCCE Taskforce to discuss the Facebook supported social media campaign                  | Care International              |
| Follow up with WHO and MoH on repeating the sero-prevalence study  | Health Cluster                  |
| Follow up with MoH on the vaccination distribution at district level   | Health Cluster                  |
| Mobile clinics service providers to update the list of locations with UNFPA  | Mobile clinic service providers |