

This three-day training course aimed at building capacity in countries in the region in the use of the "Facilitator Guide on the Practical Orientation and Planning Workshop for IMCI Pre-service Education". It also served as an opportunity to finalize the Guide. It was attended by 19 participants, including senior teaching staff of 8 academic institutions of 5 countries in the Region (Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Sudan and Yemen), staff of ministries of health, UNICEF and WHO staff at HQ, Regional and country level. During the workshop, in addition to the Guide, other elements of the Regional package for IMCI pre-service education were used, such as the e-lectures on the "Management of the Sick Child Age 2 months up to 5 years", "Management of the Sick Young Infant up to 2 months" and "IMCI strategy", and the module on "IMCI Pre-service Education - Paediatric Teaching Sessions", describing in detail learning objectives and other elements of lesson plans. The training course was followed by a three-day "Practical Orientation and Planning Workshop for IMCI Pre-service Education" for 18 teaching staff of 5 medical schools of Egypt, for the facilitators to apply the skills learned during the training course. This national workshop brought to 20 the total number of medical schools in Egypt which have taken steps to introduce IMCI into their paediatric teaching programmes. All the above materials of the IMCI Pre-service Education package developed by the Regional Office, including also the "Guide on the Evaluation of IMCI Pre-service Education" and the "IMCI question Bank" for student assessment, are expected to be ready in their final format before the end of the year.

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