



26 April 2021 | Cairo – On 15 February 2021, a virtual workshop was held on health research prioritization in Jordan. Participants included senior staff representing different Ministry of Health technical and disease control programmes, senior faculty from academia, and representatives of sister UN agencies, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector, as well as WHO country and regional staff. The workshop is part of a collaboration between WHO Jordan, the Jordanian Ministry of Health and the Science, Information and Dissemination division at the Regional Office, based on recent WHO guidance on the use of a systematic approach for undertaking a research priority-setting exercise.

The main aim of the workshop was to develop a short list of research statements for 3 main research areas: 1) health systems and universal health coverage; 2) health services, digital health and migration health; and 3) COVID-19 response, including public health surveillance. In preparation for the workshop, some 100 research statements were developed by national experts.

During the workshop, participants worked in 3 breakout groups to prioritize and select a short list of research statements for the 3 areas. Consequently, 30 final statements were prioritized, which were endorsed by the workshop's national participants.

Future actions will include developing a time-bound action plan for implementing, publishing and disseminating the research priorities to different stakeholders using an efficient communication strategy, and developing a monitoring and evaluation plan to assess take-up and the utility of the outcomes of the exercise by academic, research and health care delivery institutions.

Related links

[Summary report on the national workshop for health research prioritization in Jordan](#)
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[A systematic approach for undertaking a research priority-setting exercise: guidance for WHO staff](#)

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