

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER | Jordan Country Office



Jordan







### New Year Note



#### Dear Colleagues and Partners,

As we bid farewell to a year marked by profound collaboration and achievements, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Jordan and our partners for their unwavering partnership in advancing healthcare. Together, we have made significant strides, positively impacting the well-being of communities across the nation.

Our hearts are heavy with the dire situation in Gaza, where countless lives, particularly those of women and children, have been tragically lost. Our thoughts and support go out to the healthcare workers and WHO and UN colleagues on the ground in Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territory. Their dedication in the face of immense challenges inspires us, and we stand in solidarity with them.

As we usher in 2024, let it be a year of safety, improved health, and unity. Let us collectively face challenges with resilience and determination, achieving even greater success alongside our partners in health and well-being for the people of Jordan.

Wishing you all a year filled with hope, compassion, and collaborative accomplishments.

Dr Jamela Al-Raiby WHO Representative to Jordan

#### 70<sup>th</sup> Session of WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean

A Glimpse of Jordan's participation in the recent RC70 in Cairo, Egypt. Representing Jordan was H.E Prof. Feras Hawari, Minister of Health and Dr Jamela Al-Raiby WHO Representative to Jordan. #United4Health





We renew our commitment to support the efforts to protect health, overcome health challenges, and advocate for equitable healthcare for all in Jordan

Join us on this journey towards #HealthForAll.





WHO Jordan remains committed to supporting the realization of the health and wellbeing agenda as instilled in Jordan's Economic Modernization Vision to ensure health for all people in Jordan

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Welcoming the new RD-Elect **Dr Hanan Balkhy as next WHO Regional Director** for the Eastern Mediterranean.

#### Under the royal patronage of princess Muna Al-Hussein, Jordan's National Action plan on Antimicrobial Resistance was launched.

Jordan's new 3-year national action plan to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been launched. The Ministry of Health, working with national stakeholders, developed the plan for 2023–2025 with the support of the WHO Country Office in Jordan. H.E Prof. Feras Hawari, Minister of Health, launched the plan on behalf of Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al-Hussein.



### Health System response to the obesity epidemic. Integrating Prevention and Management Services as part of UHC

The purpose of the workshop was to support countries in strengthening the health system response of the obesity epidemic through the integration of obesity prevention and management into universal health care packages.



### Jordan shared success stories on delivery for impact efforts relevant to obesity and tobacco

World Health Organization Delivery for Impact Team organized a two-day workshop on "Accelerating progress towards the Healthier Populations Billion: Learning from successful delivery & implementation models", which involved 6 countries from all over the world; to share their success stories on delivery for impact relevant to the healthier populations billion.



# Strengthening UNRWA's mental health services

In the spirit of strengthening the UN partnership in Jordan and as part of large-scale support to UNRWA Jordan Field office, mental health capacity building and procurement of essential psychotropics medicines were provided. Over 60 UNRWA health workers benefited from training on the mhGAP Humanitarian Intervention Guide, and Psychological First Aid PFA technical packages.



### Enhancing Trauma Management with MoH

Eight hospitals teamed up with WHO, Ministry of Health, and the University of Cambridge for intensive training on handling mass casualties. This collaboration, aimed at boosting trauma management, also sparked improvements in emergency room design. Participants discussed and improved their emergency rooms skills. These hospitals are now better prepared and leading the way in effective healthcare response.





## Boosting response to cardiovascular diseases at PHC

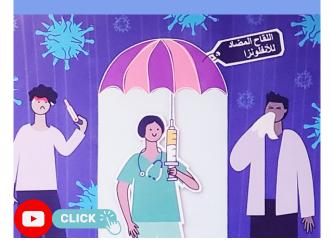
WHO team building capacities of health workforce on the implementation of WHO HEARTS flagship technical package, jointly delivered to Ministry of Health, UNRWA and Islamic Relief Organization. Standardizing practice across different Primary Health Care (PHC) providers, realizing the differences and discussing alternatives for better PHC service delivery.



# Vaccination is the best protection from the flu

In preparation for this year's flu season, WHO Jordan and Ministry of Health developed an **awareness campaign video** with call to action encouraging frontline healthcare workers to take the seasonal Influenza vaccine.

WHO urges the integration of seasonal influenza prevention into broader public health efforts, safeguarding the vulnerable and bolstering pandemic readiness.

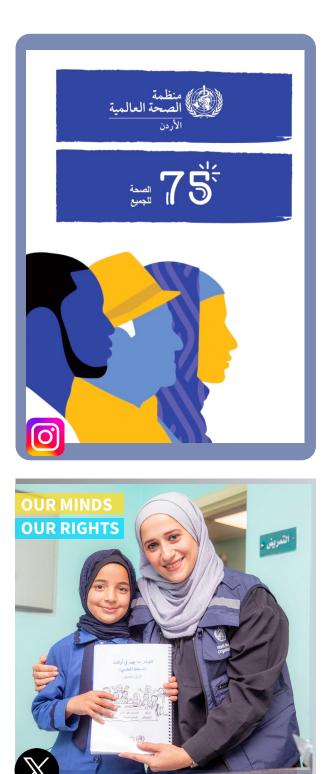




#### Under 2023 theme,

#### "OUR MINDS, OUR RIGHTS"

The WHO Jordan team celebrated World Mental Health Day with the community at Ma'an's Hospital renovated psychiatry ward and gave quick messages of hope and empowerment to take care of their mental health.



# Since 7 October, Jordan's population have been mentally attached and affected.

At WHO Jordan we utilized our social media platforms to disseminate and spread messages of hope and guidance to mitigate and overcome stress and anxiety.





Dima Abdullatif Mohammed Alhaj

> WHO staff member killed in Gaza



#### WITH HEAVY HEARTS, WHO MOURNS THE DEATH OF ONE OF OUR STAFF THIS YEAR IN GAZA, IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY.

Dima was killed when her parents' house in southern Gaza—where she had evacuated to from Gaza City—was bombed. She was tragically killed alongside her husband, their six-month old baby boy, and her two brothers. Reportedly, over 50 family and community members sheltering in the same house also died.

Dima Abdullatif Mohammed Alhaj, 29 years old, had been with WHO since December 2019. Dima worked as a patient administrator at the Limb Reconstruction Centre, a critical part of the WHO Trauma and Emergency Team.