



Since its launching on 7 April 2005 on occasion of the World Health Day “Make every mother and child count”, the website has expanded to include more information on child health activities in the Region and respond to users’ needs. A French version of the news has also been added.

The CAH website aims at sharing information on the work on the health and psychosocial development of children under-5 carried out by the Regional Office, and related activities and initiatives promoted and carried out in countries in the Region. It is intended for public health and programme managers, academia, civil organizations and nongovernmental organizations, students and anyone interested in public child health issues, with special focus on the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

The CAH website provides detailed information on the coverage of child health activities at different levels in countries in the Region—especially the implementation of the Integrated Management of Child Health (IMCI) strategy—, the systematic approach followed in countries during implementation, the technical guidelines specifically adapted to each country, the tools developed and used at regional and country levels to plan, collect information, supervise and evaluate, and data on outcomes from structured follow-up visits and surveys. Specific sections describe the evolution of IMCI over the years in the Region and its relationship with primary health care, IMCI in pre-service education, health systems issues, the process and guidelines to develop national child health policies, the child health-related Millennium Development Goals, research work, and advocacy initiatives. A library of resources which have resulted from CAH work in the Region, including reports and documents, is also provided.

A set of publications on IMCI pre-service education – a major undertaking by this Regional Office – is expected to be posted on the website soon. “Stay tuned!”

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