



H.E Minister of Health speaking in the World Immunization Week celebration 30 April 2015 – The Ministry of Health of Jordan, World Health Organization and UNICEF launched World Immunization Week with a celebration event on Sunday 26 April 2015 under the theme of “Closing the Immunization Gap: Vaccination for All”.

H.E. Minister of Health Dr Ali Hyasat spoke at the event and stated that vaccination against communicable diseases was one of the main priorities of the Ministry of Health. The Minister noted achievements in the national vaccination programme to date and highlighted the importance of routine and supplementary immunization in protecting families against debilitating and sometimes fatal diseases.

H.E. Dr Hyasat thanked WHO and UNICEF for their efforts in boosting immunization coverage in Jordan, particularly in response to outbreaks of polio in the region in 2013 and 2014, and mass population influxes into the country. The Minister also took the opportunity to reveal that the Ministry of Health had introduced a new vaccine which safeguards against rotavirus, an illness causing severe diarrhoea and dehydration in infants and children.

World Health Organization Representative to Jordan Dr Maria Cristina Profili and UNICEF Representative in Jordan Mr Robert Jenkins also spoke at the event, congratulating the Ministry and health partners on successes in the immunization programme and stressing the need for continued vigilance and collaboration in order to maintain optimal vaccination coverage in Jordan.

“World Immunization Week offers WHO, governments and other health partners the chance to raise awareness around



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