

Amman, Jordan 13 February 2018 – The Ministry of Health and key partners carried out a one day SIMEX exercise at the Ministry's Public Health Emergency Operations Centre, under the guidance of the Crisis Management Unit, to assess the Ministry's Emergency Response Plan and associated Standard Operating Procedures responding to health emergencies.

His Excellency Minister of Health Dr Mahmoud Al-Sheyyab said that this exercise is very important as it provides an opportunity to test and evaluate the readiness of the ministry and the authorities concerned to ensure better efficiency and effectiveness in the response to a significant outbreak that may occur.

Dr Maria Cristina Profili, World Health Organization Representative to Jordan thanked H.E and the Ministry for the strong commitment on health preparedness activities in ensuring appropriate response in case of crises to save the lives of people in Jordan.

It was the first time that newly developed health emergency plan and procedures to respond rapidly to a new disease have been tested.

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