



WHO expert explaining the different WHO platforms for reporting data on influenza and other respiratory viruses (Photo: WHO/A. Aman)

Jordan, 17 January 2023 – Experts from the Infectious Hazard Prevention and Preparedness (IHP) programme at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean conducted a mission to Jordan in December 2022 to participate in national training for sentinel site teams and staff of the National Influenza Centre. Participants from sentinel sites, the National Influenza Centre and the Ministry of Health were also trained on using EMFLU-2 to support the transition from paper-based to electronic timely reporting from sentinel sites.

Timely collection, management and data analysis to assist policy-makers in implementing efficient and timely response measures is crucial to outbreak control. However, timely and standardized collection and rapid sharing of epidemiological data from sentinel surveillance systems to WHO have remained a major challenge.

In 2016, the IHP programme established the EMFLU electronic platform designed to collect sentinel data from countries of the Region in a standardized manner, at individual or aggregate levels. An upgraded version of this platform (EMFLU-2) is currently in the process of being rolled out.

During the training, experts provided technical support to the Ministry of Health, highlighting the importance of abiding by the national protocol beginning with case enrolment following WHO standardized case definitions to specimen collection, testing and feedback results.



[Strain has low similarity to circulating influenza A/H3N2 viruses in the Region](#)