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Egypt



45
students

trained on family
development and health
literacy campaigning



25
health officials

from Egypt Healthcare
Authority trained on
gender-based violence and
violence against children



84
representatives

from the ministries of health
and education trained on
Health-Promoting Schools
standards



35
obstetricians
and gynecologists trained on
standardizing intrapartum
care



6
field visits
conducted in schools
to monitor the
implementation of
the Health-Promoting
Schools Initiative
standards

Partnering with KSrelief to provide life-saving care to Sudanese refugees

WHO Egypt a US\$ 3.6 million agreement with King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center to provide lifesaving care for Sudanese arrivals in Egypt who fled the war in Sudan. The project will support more than 1000 patients suffering from renal failure, ensuring they receive the critical treatment they need.



Facilitating medical evacuation from Gaza

Under the leadership of the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population and the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, WHO facilitated the medical evacuation of 10 patients, along with 17 companions, from Gaza to Greece, via Egypt, to receive specialized treatment. The operation was coordinated with the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

WHO estimates that 12,000 – 14,000 people, including 4,500 children, still require medical evacuation.

Visiting AlArish General Hospital with a delegation from the UK Embassy



As part of WHO's efforts to support the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) in delivering quality healthcare services to patients from Gaza, a delegation from WHO Egypt, headed by WHO Representative to Egypt Dr Nima Abid, joined a delegation from the UK Embassy in Egypt headed by the British Ambassador to Egypt Gareth Bayely visited Al-Arish General Hospital.

The visit included meetings with patients from Gaza, discussions with healthcare staff, and an assessment of the hospital's needs. The delegation also met with MoHP officials to explore further cooperation in strengthening medical support.

Celebrating the graduation of the first cohort of the One Health Field Epidemiology Training Programme

The Ministry of Health and Population and WHO Egypt celebrated the graduation of the first cohort of the One Health Field Epidemiology Training Program.

Through this first-of-its-kind program in the Middle East and North Africa, participants underwent 6 months of intensive training and fieldwork, enhancing their ability to analyze data and make informed decisions to respond to public health threats.

The program follows a One Health approach bringing together stakeholders from the human, animal and environmental health sectors



including the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Environment, FAO, the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network, the National Food Safety Authority and the Egyptian Drug Authority.

In parallel, WHO Egypt joined the Ministry of Health and Population and international partners such as CDC and EMPHNET in a meeting to analyse and evaluate the implementation of the Field Epidemiology Training Programmes, including the One Health Field Training Programme, and make recommendations for improvement accordingly.

Improving the detection of vector-borne diseases

WHO Egypt, in coordination with the Central Public Health Laboratories (CPHL) of the Ministry of Health and Population, conducted a training on mosquito preservation methods for detecting pathogens using molecular tools. The training aims to improve coordination between field and laboratory teams for identifying vector-borne diseases—an important part of Egypt’s early warning and surveillance system. It also supports WHO’s efforts to establish a national reference lab for vector-borne diseases, strengthening Egypt’s ability to diagnose and respond to outbreaks.

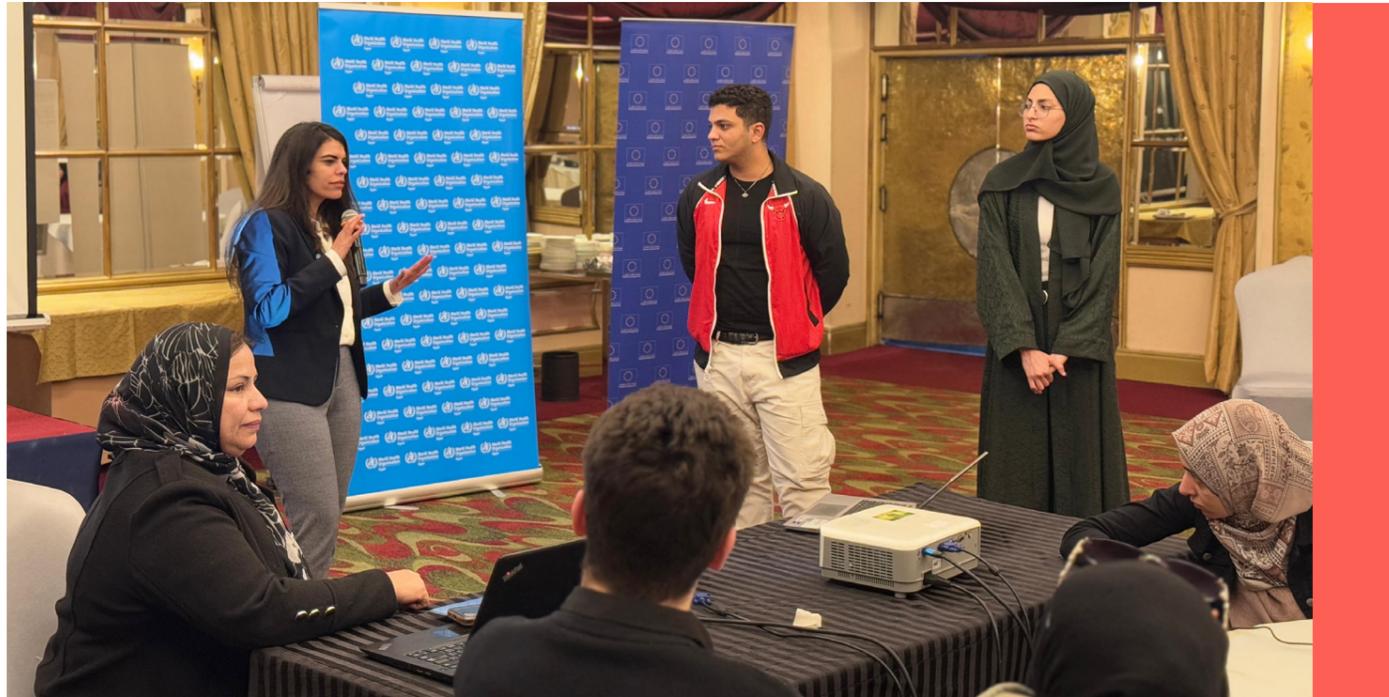


A multisectoral workshop to strengthen AMR surveillance

WHO Egypt in collaboration with FAO conducted a workshop on combating multi-drug-resistant organisms utilizing the One Health approach. The workshop brought together representatives from the ministries of health, agriculture and environment in addition to other relevant partners. The workshop aimed to conduct a comprehensive mapping of AMR surveillance systems across key sectors using a standardized assessment tool, while fostering multisectoral collaboration under the One Health framework to enhance data sharing, inform policy development, and strengthen coordinated responses to antimicrobial resistance.



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Developing the National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitute and the Mother and Baby-friendly Healthcare Facilities Standards

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Population, and with support from WHO Egypt and partners, the National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and the Mother and Baby-Friendly Healthcare Facilities Standards were launched. These initiatives aim to create an enabling environment that promotes breastfeeding while providing optimal care for mothers and babies in and beyond healthcare facilities.

Engaging with students: training on family development and health literacy

With the support of EU, WHO Egypt conducted a training workshop for 45 Egyptian and Sudanese medical, pharmacy, and nursing students to raise their capacities in conducting awareness campaigns, to highlight the health needs of migrants and refugees, with a focus on family development and health literacy.

Attended by Deputy Minister of Health and Population Dr Abla El Alfy, and WHO Representative to Egypt Dr Nima Abid, this workshop was conducted as part of a wider training covering topics such as positive parenting, effective communication and campaigning, growth and development assessment, premarital counselling



the Ministry of Health and Population

Training for health managers on health response to gender-based violence and violence against children



With support from the European Union, WHO Egypt trained 25 health officers from Egypt Healthcare Authority on strengthening health response to violence against women and children. The training focused on essential health managers skills necessary for improving survivor care, enhancing referral pathways, and ensuring the continuity of essential services.



Promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities

WHO provided a training to service providers and wheelchair users, in collaboration with the Egyptian Ministry of Defense. The training spanned 40 hours as part of ongoing efforts to implement the presidential initiative to establish a comprehensive Egyptian industrial complex for prosthetics, orthotics, and assistive devices. These efforts aim to promote the inclusion of persons

with disabilities in society and ensure they have the necessary tools for a healthy and dignified life, in line with the policies of both WHO and the Egyptian government.

The trainees with mobility impairments received customized wheelchairs from WHO, designed to suit their individual conditions and needs.

Standardizing intrapartum care to reduce unnecessary C-sections in Egypt

A training on standardizing intrapartum care to reduce unnecessary caesarean sections (C-sections) was conducted for 35 obstetricians and gynecologists from the Ministry of Health and Population, as well as university hospitals across

five governorates in Upper Egypt. This training marks the initial phase of a nationwide capacity-building programme targeting all 27 governorates in Egypt. By promoting standardized intrapartum care, the initiative aims to monitor and ultimately reduce the rates of unnecessary C-sections.

The workshop featured theoretical sessions, interactive discussions, and hands-on exercises focused on the use and interpretation of labor care tools. It also included components on family planning methods and counselling, supporting a comprehensive approach to improving maternal health services.



Promoting health and inclusion in schools



In parallel, WHO conducted field visits to six schools in Aswan Governorate to monitor the implementation of the Health-Promoting Schools Initiative standards. These visits targeted schools with significant numbers of migrant and refugee students, supporting efforts to enhance social cohesion and address the needs of vulnerable groups. WHO also held a meeting with the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education to review key findings from the visits, as well as a separate meeting with local educational authorities and school representatives to discuss implementation progress, achievements, challenges, and recommendations for integrating and sustaining the initiative within the education system.

As part of WHO's global initiative to make every school a health-promoting school, WHO Egypt—with support from the European Union and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education (MOETE) and the Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP)—conducted two training cycles for 84 staff members from both ministries. The participants serve 21 schools in Cairo and Giza with high concentrations of migrants and refugees. The training aimed to promote student well-being and social cohesion among students, teachers, and the broader community, with a focus on mental health, the effects of bullying, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), environmental health, and the health and educational rights of migrants and refugees.

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A high-level WHO delegation visits Egypt to support medical products regulation

A high-level delegation from WHO, led by Dr Yukiko Nakatani, Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines and Health Products, visited Egypt to strengthen collaboration on medical products regulation and local manufacturing capacities.

During the visit, the delegation met with the Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA) to discuss the next steps in EDA's efforts towards becoming a WHO-Listed Authority—a recognition granted to national regulatory bodies that meet international standards for quality, safety, and efficacy. The delegation also toured EDA's laboratories.

As part of the mission, the WHO delegation also visited BioGeneric Pharma, following

Egypt's selection—among other five other African countries—as one of the first recipients of mRNA technology through WHO's global technology transfer hub. This initiative aims to build sustainable and scale up global vaccine manufacturing capacity in low- and middle-income countries.

This visit reflects WHO's continued commitment to supporting Egypt's leadership in regulatory capacity and local vaccine production as part of broader efforts to promote equitable access to medical products across the region.



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