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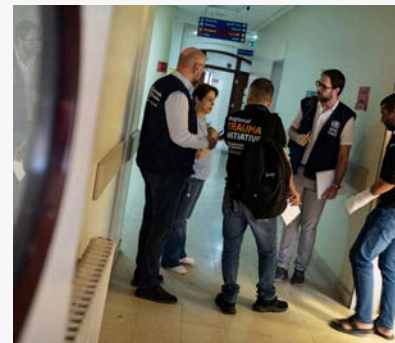
Eastern Mediterranean Region

News updates

WHO supports countries to strengthen emergency medical teams

15 June – A three-day workshop was recently held in Cairo to strengthen national Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs), supporting countries to develop roadmaps aligned with the EMT 2030 Strategy.

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WHO and Sudan Federal Ministry of Health launch five-year health recovery plan (2026–2030)

12 June – Sudan's five-year health recovery plan (2026–2030) focuses on restoring primary health care, rehabilitating health facilities, strengthening the health workforce and improving access to essential services.

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Lebanon launches health guide to protect displaced communities

8 June – Lebanon has launched a health guide to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases among internally displaced communities. The guide provides practical advice on hygiene and disease prevention to reduce outbreak risks in shelters.

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WHO and KSrelief help deliver nearly half a million health consultations in Syria

4 June – With support from KSrelief, WHO provided nearly 475,000 medical consultations and other essential health services across four Syrian governorates, helping conflict-affected populations access lifesaving care.

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Another chance at childhood: Razan’s journey back to hope in Yemen

3 June – A severe illness left young Razan too weak to eat, drink or breastfeed. Her family struggled to find care. At a WHO-supported Therapeutic Feeding Centre, she received seven days of lifesaving treatment.

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US\$ 2 million emergency intervention to sustain essential health services Iran

3 June – WHO, with CERF support and in coordination with Iran’s Ministry of Health and Medical Education, launched a US\$ 2 million emergency project to prevent disease outbreaks and maintain essential health services in southern Iran.

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In Yemen, mobile health teams are bringing lifesaving care directly to displaced families

3 June – Mobile health teams are bringing lifesaving care directly to displaced families, where malaria and other infectious diseases spread easily.

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[WHO coordinated the deployment of an international emergency medical team in Port Sudan.](#)




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Media interviews

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Devex , 2 June – “Earmarked funding is useful as it feeds into specific programmes and initiatives that support overall health, but it cannot be easily redirected to support emergency response when the need arises.”

— Dr Hanan Balkhy, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

[Jalali, WHO chief discuss strengthening health programs](#)

Epinews, 5 June– Afghanistan’s Minister of Public Health and WHO discussed strengthening health programmes, including polio laboratory operations and new initiatives.

[Lebanon hospital attacks](#)

UN Newsroom, 2 June– “The attacks caused significant damage to the emergency department and intensive care unit. Six hospitals have not yet resumed maternity delivery services.”

— Dr Abdinasir Abubakar, WHO Representative in Lebanon

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