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# Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we begin 2026, I would like to reflect on a year that tested resilience, deepened partnerships, and reaffirmed our shared commitment to advancing health in Jordan. Throughout 2025, I had the privilege of engaging with the Royal Family and partners across government, non-government, the diplomatic, donor community, and the United Nations. These exchanges reinforced a common understanding: that sustained collaboration and trust are essential to navigating complex health challenges and delivering lasting impact.

Together with our partners, WHO Jordan worked to translate the vision of Health for All into concrete progress, supporting national health priorities, strengthening resilient and equitable health systems, and ensuring that people remain at the center of our collective efforts across Jordan. The progress achieved this year reflects not only technical expertise, but also the solidarity, professionalism, and shared purpose that underpin our partnerships.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all our partners and teams for their continued collaboration and confidence throughout 2025. As we look ahead, WHO Jordan remains fully committed to supporting national efforts in 2026 through evidence-based guidance, technical expertise, and strong partnerships—working together to advance health, equity, and well-being for all in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

With appreciation and best wishes,

*Iman Shankiti*



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## Health systems strengthening and Universal Health Coverage: Throughout 2025, WHO Jordan supported reforms to strengthen health systems, expand UHC, and build resilience through workforce, digitalization, quality, and governance.

The first Amman Health Finance Exchange concluded today after two days of rich discussions and knowledge sharing among policymakers and experts from across the region. Hosted by Jordan under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Bdour, Minister of Health, and in collaboration with WHO Jordan, the World Bank, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and the Global Fund, the forum highlighted innovative approaches to advancing Universal Health Coverage.

Participants emphasized the critical role of investing in primary health care as the foundation for resilient, sustainable, and people-centered health systems, underscoring Jordan's leadership in placing primary health care at the heart of UHC reforms.

Our sincere thanks to all partners, organizers, and participants for making this milestone event a success.



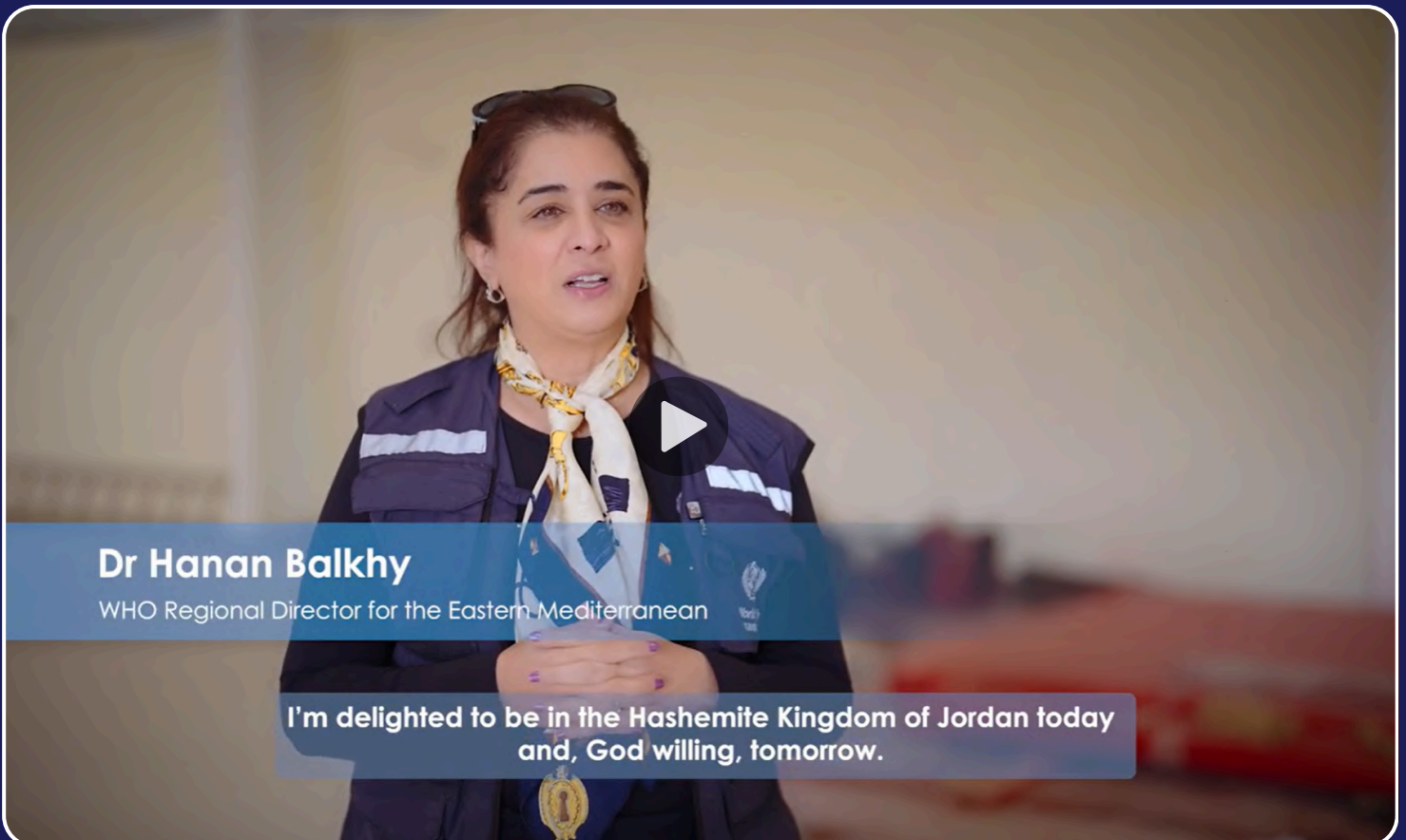
## Strengthening medical supply infrastructure - Warehouse highlights 2025

In 2025, WHO Jordan supported the strengthening of the national medical supply chain through the opening and operationalization of key medicine and vaccine warehouses across the country. Implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the generous support of the European Union, these facilities enhanced safe storage, efficient distribution, and equitable access to essential medicines and vaccines, reinforcing Jordan's health system readiness and resilience.



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**Dr Hanan Balkhy**

WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

I'm delighted to be in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan today and, God willing, tomorrow.



## Promoting positive parenting and grandparenting in 2025

In 2025, WHO Jordan continued to promote positive parenting and grandparenting practices as a cornerstone of child health, development, and well-being. Through advocacy, awareness campaigns, and collaboration with national partners, WHO emphasized nurturing care, mental well-being, and positive discipline, while highlighting the vital role parents and grandparents play in shaping healthy, resilient future generations. These efforts supported families with evidence-based guidance, strengthened intergenerational bonds, and reinforced Jordan's commitment to creating safe, supportive environments where children can thrive.



## Jordan launches national protocols for Asthma and COPD Care

On World COPD Day, WHO Jordan joined the Ministry of Health and national partners to mark the launch of the National Clinical Protocols for the prevention and management of asthma and COPD at the primary health care level. These protocols aim to standardize evidence-based care, strengthen early detection and management, and improve quality of services, contributing to better outcomes and progress toward Universal Health Coverage. WHO Jordan thanks all partners, with appreciation to the European Union for its support.







## A shared commitment to quality mental health and cancer care for every patient

A productive meeting with HRH Princess Ghida Talal, Chairperson of the King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF) and Center (KHCC), underscored our shared mission: better cancer care, stronger mental health support, & equal access to treatment for every patient in Jordan.



Under the patronage of HRH Princess Ghida Talal, the King Hussein Cancer Foundation and Center organized the “Mental Health and Cancer Forum” in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization.

The forum brought together experts and decision-makers to discuss the importance of integrating mental health into cancer care — reaffirming that there is no health without mental health. This national gathering marked a step forward toward comprehensive care that ensures both physical and mental well-being for every patient.



## Faces Of Health: A hero from Jordan!

Meet Salwa Al-Zaban, the daughter of Umm Al-Amad community in East Amman who aims to make her community more resilient with vaccination efforts. Salwa and her team travelled to remote communities to give children access to vaccines at the comfort of their homes, making sure no child is left behind. Some children may miss a dose because it's challenging for their parents to reach distant health centres with expensive transport. Her journey is one of dedication and learning. Starting with earning a nursing degree, a Master's in Crisis and Disaster Management until completing training in field epidemiology to respond even faster in emergencies. Because of her persistence and compassion, more children in Eastern Amman are growing up healthy and protected. We thank Salwa for her tireless efforts and courage. And we thank all health workers, community workers and our partners working with us for healthier futures for all children.





## Medevac: WHO coordinates medical evacuations to deliver critical care in Jordan

Every life matters. During the last quarter of the year, WHO Jordan supported critical medical evacuation operations from Gaza to Jordan, ensuring patients in urgent need accessed life-saving specialized care. Facilitated by the Government of Jordan, these evacuations enabled the safe transfer of patients, alongside the provision of medical treatment and psychosocial support for patients and their families. This collective effort reflects Jordan's continued solidarity and WHO's commitment to protecting health and dignity in times of crisis.





## Ensuring health for all, even in challenging times

Amid funding shortages, WHO acted quickly to provide essential medicines and supplies to health partners across Jordan, supporting the most vulnerable communities. This work is part of the Regional Director's flagship initiative, "Accelerating access to essential medicines and health products," ensuring everyone can receive quality care as part of universal health coverage.



## Strengthening Jordan's Capacity for CBRN Emergency Preparedness

WHO Jordan, together with national partners, held a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) preparedness planning meeting to strengthen coordination and readiness for potential emergencies. This collaborative effort highlights WHO's commitment to supporting Jordan's health security and ensuring effective response to all hazards.





## World Mental Health Day: Mental health in humanitarian emergencies

In 2025, World Mental Health Day highlighted the urgent need to support the mental health and psychosocial well-being of people affected by humanitarian crises, from natural disasters to conflicts and public health emergencies. Supporting mental health during crises saves lives, helps people recover and rebuild, and strengthens the resilience of communities. Let's work together to make mental health a priority in every response, for health and well-being for all.





## WHO Jordan 2025: A year in review

Take a look at WHO Jordan's journey in 2025 – a year of resilience, innovation, and impact across health systems, emergency response, and public health initiatives. From strengthening national capacities to supporting communities, this video highlights our key achievements, partnerships, and stories that shaped the year.



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