

Minutes of COVID 19 Response Meeting, Aden - Yemen

Date: 24th February 2021 **Time:** 10:00AM

Venue: Primary Health Care Office, Mansura

Organization and Clusters Present	Organization and Clusters Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOPHP(Chair) - WHO(Co Chair) - Health Cluster(secretariat) - Human Access - NYCM - DEEM - YFCA - ADD - IOM - UK MED - INTERSOS - JSI - UNICEF - RI - IMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR - IRC - KS Relief - OCHA - ICRC - MSF – OCB - MSF – France - SCI - TYF - UNFPA - FHI360 - IDIF - UNOPS - SFCG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WASH Cluster - Samaritan Purse - OXFAM - ADRA - CARE - FMF - UNDP - Nutrion Cluster 	
<p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introduction - Review of Previous Action Points - Yemen Epidemiological Update - Regional and global update - COVID 19 Vaccine Update - AOB 	
<p>Welcome and introduction: The Chair – The Deputy Minister MoPHP (Dr. Ali Al Waleedi), welcomed members and a round table introduction was done.</p>	
Agenda	Action Points
<p>1 Review of Previous Action Points: Pending action point from previous meeting were reviewed.</p>	
<p>2 Yemen Epi Update: The MoPHP surveillance team provided, a comprehensive presentation on the COVID situation in the Southern governorates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2021 – a total of 433 suspected cases were reported in which 64 cases were confirmed positive with 10 mortality. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last week (Epi week 7), 59 suspected cases were reported across the country in which 16 cases were confirmed with 1 associated mortality - Most affected governorate is Hadramout followed by Aden. - Lab Positivity rate = 14.3% - In 2021 - a total of 28,751 tests were conducted for travellers in which on 54 individuals were positive and 2 cases were not tested. - The surveillance team also highlighted the following challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Traveller's positive cases are not isolated. Most cases are without any symptoms, and some of the individuals declined to engage with the Surveillance team. (majority of them from northern Governorates) b) Failure to receive test results from Shabwah Public laboratory c) Lab results not sharing with Governorates <p>For more information please find in the attached presentation</p>	
3	<p>Regional and global update: as 21st Feb 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Globally more than 110M case of COVID 19 with 2.45M associated deaths (CFR 2.2%) - Globally, in last 7 days 2.6M cases reported with 75,928 associated death - In last 6 weeks, a significant decline in global cases was noted - Most affected regions are Americas and Europe - In the last 3 weeks, a significant decline in global deaths trend was noted - In the EMRO region, 6.18M cases reported with 142,031 deaths (CFR 2.3%) <p>For more detailed information please find in PowerPoint presentation</p>	
4	<p>SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOC): as 21st Feb 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three new variants that arose independently were characterized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B.1.1.7 – UK variant ▪ B.1.3.5.1 – South African variant ▪ B.1.1.2.8 – Brazil variant - Out of 14 EMR countries that are reported to have conducted sequencing, 12 have reported Variant of Concern: Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, oPt, Pakistan, KSA, UAE - In the last one Iraq and Bahrain are the EMRO countries that reported VOC. - EMRO support member states that lacking capacity to do genome sequencing by coordinating with UAE (Khalifa University), Oman (CPHL) & Africa CDC <p>For more detailed information please find in PowerPoint presentation</p>	
5	<p>COVID 19 Vaccine Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 EMRO countries are started the C19 vaccine, some countries have bilateral agreement with manufactures - Yemen will receive 2.3M doses of AstraZeneca vaccine as first batch. - Micro plan was finalized - WHO has approved AstraZeneca vaccine for emergency use. WHO recommends AstraZeneca vaccine for adults above 18 years of age. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel's largest healthcare provider reported a 94% reduction in the rate of symptomatic infection and a 92% decrease in the rate of serious illness in 600,000 people who received two doses of the Pfizer's vaccine - An Oxford University study (Center for Evidence Based Medicine) has found that since a peak last month the case fatality rate (CFR) in those aged over 80 had dropped by more than 30% in England. - COVAX no-fault compensation (NFC) scheme for AMC Participating countries have put in place for person who develop Severe Adverse Effect (SAE). No-fault lump-sum compensation (full and final settlement) for persons with SAE after a COVID-19 vaccine from COVAX Facility <p>For more detailed information please find in PowerPoint presentation</p>	
6	AOB. - None.	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM - Next meeting – Wednesday 3rd March 2021 10am at Primary Health Care Office, Mansura, Aden 	
8	<p>Planned presentation/Agendas for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epidemiological Update - Regional and global update - After Action Review (AAR) Exercise 	