

# Minutes of National Health Cluster Coordination Meeting Sana'a, Yemen

Date: 24 February 2021

Venue: Zoom Program

Meeting Agenda	
1	<p><b>Welcome and introduction:</b></p> <p>Health Cluster Coordinator welcomed all partners to the regular virtual National bi-weekly Health Cluster Coordination meeting. The action points of the last meeting were discussed and the meeting minutes were endorsed.</p> <p>The meeting addressed the following agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction/Action Point follow up</li> <li>• Marib situation &amp; needs updates - MoPHP/WHO/Partners</li> <li>• HRP 2021-Health cluster Input; progress &amp; update- Cluster.</li> <li>• Epidemiological updates of Communicable Diseases: MOPHP/WHO.</li> <li>• COVID Update</li> <li>• Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring(CCPM) –Progress Updates</li> <li>• Updates of TWGs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MHPSS</li> <li>- Nutrition</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AOB</li> </ul> <p><b>*** Meeting PPT can be downloaded at:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/document/yemen-national-health-cluster-meeting-%E2%80%93meeting-minutes-24-february-2021">https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/document/yemen-national-health-cluster-meeting-%E2%80%93meeting-minutes-24-february-2021</a></p>
2	<p><b>Contingency Planning Process Yemen 2021:</b></p> <p>A Brief update on the latest contingency planning process for Yemen in 2021 was presented. The discussion included the following main points:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Timeline</li> <li>• Lessons Learned</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul> <p><b>2021 HRP Update:</b></p> <p>Partners were updated regarding the outcomes of the HRP Process and the next steps. Discussion included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRP TIMELINE</li> <li>• HRP RESPONSE PLANNING PROCESS</li> <li>• 2021 Cluster Objectives - Targets - Funding Request</li> <li>• Yemen Health Cluster Assessment Tool Mapping for HNO-HRP 2021.</li> </ul> <p>*** The HNO 2021 has been officially released and can be accessed at the following link:  <a href="https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/yemen-humanitarian-needs-overview-2021-february-2021">https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/yemen-humanitarian-needs-overview-2021-february-2021</a></p>
3	<p><b>Update on the Armed Conflict in Marib Governorate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health cluster presented an update on the armed conflict in Marib as of February 2021. The presentation discussed the Context of the conflict, the current location of new IDPs, the f origin of new IDPs, new frontlines and the Health Cluster response to the conflict, focusing on the outcomes of the Ad hoc meeting which took place in Aden to discuss partner’s interventions and identifying the urgent needs and challenges.</li> <li>• Needs and issues concerning some health facilities were discussed. Health Cluster will follow up on these matters.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Epidemiological updates of Communicable Diseases: MOPHP/WHO.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MoPHP will be presenting next meeting.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Updates on COVID-19 Outbreak in Southern &amp; Eastern governorates</b></p> <p>A brief update by WHO was presented focusing on the number of COVID-19 cases on a global level and in Yemen specially, showing the increase in numbers of suspected, confirmed and death rates in the last month. The update also showcased the number of cases by governorate, distribution of confirmed and death cases with CFR (%). Aden and Hadramout governorates recorded the highest number of cases in the southern governorates. The presentation also mentioned the circular issued by MoPHP in the south ordering all GHOs to prepare for the second wave.</p>

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	<p>The COVAX initiative regarding COVID-19 was also discussed and WHO briefed the partners on the current process and steps taken in that regard.</p> <p>Multiple questions regarding the COVAX initiative were raised by cluster partners including weather refugees were going to be included in the priority distribution list and the mechanism. Cluster coordinator replied that refugees and migrants are part of the vulnerable groups which are part of the priority list.</p>
6	<p><b>Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) - Cluster</b></p> <p>The Health Cluster updated the partner on the CCPM and thanked all the partners for the participation. Yemen Health Cluster is the first cluster to have %100 participation rate in the CPPM. Preliminary report was issued and the results will be discussed in the upcoming meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission: 22 NNGOs, 17 INGOs, 5 UN including OCHA &amp; 2 Government Agencies (South and North)</li> <li>• Last entry was completed on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</li> <li>• CCPM was closed on the same day.</li> <li>• Next HC meeting: Preliminary results will be presented.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Updates of TWGs (MHPSS, WASH in HFs, RHIWG, Nutrition, EPI/vaccination)</b></p> <p><b>EPI/Vaccination Updates:</b> No new Updates.</p> <p><b>MHPSS TWG Updates:</b> Mental Health Lead presented the latest updates on the activities of the MHPSS TWG which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4Ws – mapping tool: Follow up meeting held with Health Cluster Information Management. The tool is being reviewed so that partners will be able to access it online.</li> <li>• Capacity building:</li> <li>• Basic PSS skills (CoVID-19) scheduled to be delivered on Thursday, 25 Feb 2021.</li> <li>• MHPSS training package for 2021 by CP AoR (PSS home based care protocol, PFA CoVID-19 adapted, PM+ )</li> <li>• Individual Partners: YRCS,HI</li> <li>• mhGAP trainings will be resumed in Sana’a and Aden in March 2021. 104 healthcare workers already trained.</li> <li>• Services provision:</li> <li>• Limited service available for persons with severe condition in the IDP sites.</li> <li>• HRP 2021: the Health Cluster added two indicators suggested for MHPSS.</li> <li>• Information sharing: A page created under OCHA Humanitarian Response website:  <a href="https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/mental-health-and-psychosocial-support">https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/mental-health-and-psychosocial-support</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Nutrition Surveillance System –WHO/ Acute malnutrition hits record levels in Yemen with a devastating toll on children under five:</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on the acute malnutrition in Yemen , which hits record levels with a devastating toll on children under five with Over 2.25 million cases of children aged 0 to 59 months, and more than a million cases of pregnant and lactating women, are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition in the course of 2021 in Yemen.</li> <li>• 80% of the zones in IPC AMN Phase 3 or above during January – July 2020 With Critical levels of acute malnutrition, Taiz Lowland and Hajjah Lowland were in IPC AMN Phase 4 during the period of January to July 2020</li> <li>• The update also presented the mapping of Phase classification based on WHZ, Phase classification based on MUAC and the number of zones in IPC AMN Phase 4 expected to increase to 13 explaining the contributing factors as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High prevalence of communicable diseases</li> <li>- Elevated levels of acute food insecurity</li> <li>- Poor Infant and Young Child Feeding practices</li> <li>- Poor access to nutrition and health services</li> <li>- Poor water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services are a major concern in all zones. Additionally, the direct and indirect effect of COVID-19 (e.g. reduction in remittances, reduced access to markets, difficulty maintaining employment, etc.), and economic shocks, such as delayed salary payments and conflict, have a compounding effect on acute malnutrition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Health Cluster Website</b></p> <p>Partners were informed that the Health Cluster website was moved to its new page at the Humanitarian Response website. The new page will have all the data, documents and tools which were on the previous website and all stakeholders can access them at any time.</p> <p>The new link is as follows:  (<a href="https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/health">https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/health</a> )</p>
7	<p><b>Health Cluster Achievements – 2020 &amp; Partner’s Presence:</b></p> <p>Partners were briefed regarding the operational coordination structure and health cluster achievements during 2020. The presentation included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• presence in health facilities per governorate include the Reproductive health care</li> <li>• 3WsTFCs supported by WHO, UNICEF and other partners</li> <li>• Graphic distribution of diarrhea treatment centers</li> <li>• Graphic distribution of oral rehydration corners</li> <li>• Services Utilization 2020 vs 2019</li> <li>• 45 Partners reporting status by Months</li> <li>• YHF first standard allocation 2020</li> </ul>

Next National Health Cluster meeting →

10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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