

Implementation Research Services for the Integrated Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)- Humanitarian Response Project

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Center of Excellence for Applied Epidemiology
- ◆ Unit: Research and Policy

SCOPE OF WORK

The overall goal of this project is to “advance the knowledge of implementation and the generalizability of the Jordan Integrated NCD Humanitarian Response project beyond its proposed setting”. The specific objectives include advancing the efficiency of project implementation, identifying existing gaps or challenges, and contributing to the integration of the project activities and learnings into the health strategies and policies that will be developed and/or revised by Jordan MoH and involved partners.

REGIONS OF WORK

This project will be implemented across multiple governorates in Jordan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Implementation Research (IR) for the “Jordan Integrated NCD–Humanitarian Response” project aims to advance knowledge of implementation and generalizability beyond the proposed setting. It will monitor the project's inputs, process, outputs, outcomes, and impact. It will also assess the project's progress, effectiveness, and any gaps or challenges between the planned targets and achieved results.

The IR process will be focused on answering questions about the project's activities and functions at three levels: clinic, school, and youth and community outreach. When available, indicators will be used to measure baseline and overall performance.

The IR will look at the provided services, the beneficiaries and their reach, the used resources, new problems and solutions, and/or changes to the plan. On the other hand, it will provide evidence on the intended change in patients' clinical outcomes and their KAP, as well as evidence on the improvement in the MoH primary health centers' (and UNHCR mandated clinics) capacity to manage NCDs' care services for refugees and Jordanians. It will ensure that interim data are continuously disseminated, and that evidence generated is shared with policymakers and stakeholders through planned advocacy events, EMPHNET's networks, partnerships, electronic platforms, and activities. In this project, the MoH will be responsible for approving findings and integrating them into MoH systems, as well as, contributing to the development and/or revision of health strategies and policies by the MoH and its partners.

BENEFICIARIES

School children, youth volunteers, teachers, Primary Healthcare Centers (PHC) staff, Core NCDs Ministry of Health (MoH) Teams (focal points), UNHCR Mandated Clinic staff, Community Based Organizations focal persons, patients (refugees and Jordanian host population).

PROJECT PHASES

The Implementation Research involves two phases:

Phase I – Preparations: Design questionnaire to assess Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) pre and post trainings and/or the awareness sessions across all campaign levels of the project.

Phase II – Reporting: Data entry, data analysis, reporting of results and finding, and synthesizing recommendations based on the results.

Project Start and End Date	November 22, 2021 – November 22, 2022
Partner Organizations	Jordan Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Education (MoE)
Funded by	Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS)
Collaborators	Caritas Jordan, Institute of Family Health (IFH)

Currently . . .

In Jordan, NCDs are the first cause of death and morbidity, accounting for 78% of all deaths in 2016. The existing NCDs surveillance system in Jordan is compromised in terms of robustness, comprehensiveness, and continuity, thus creating a wide gap in the information available on the prevalence of NCDs and their risk factors. The latest national survey of NCDs risk factors took place in 2019. Fruit and vegetable consumption is considered low in Jordan, where 84% consumed less than five portions per day, as recommended by the WHO. One-third of the population always adds salt to their food, while 25% do insufficient physical activity, and 60% are overweight.

What's next . . .

To understand how the “Jordan Integrated NCDs–Humanitarian Response” project is effectively and efficiently being implemented, EMPHENT and RHAS have signed an agreement to conduct IR. This will contribute to identifying the gaps or challenges between the planned targets and accomplished outcomes and developing health strategies and policies in this field.

The activities of the project will be targeting three community levels, the primary care clinics level, the school's level, and the youth and community outreach level.

OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

Assessment of Healthy School Program (target 110 schools)

- 110 youth volunteers' trainers
- 220 teachers from 110 schools
- 1000 students from a sample of (30) schools

Assessment of the Health Community Clinics (HCC) (target 140)

- 28 MoH NCDs focal points from 14 health directorates
- 100 PHC staff
- Patients at 100 PHC centers

Assessment for the online training and videos on Edrak platform and the National Awareness Campaign

- 5 online courses on the HCC model
- 12 awareness videos on health topics

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