

Establishing a harmonized Reproductive Health Registry (hRHR) in Jordan to Improve Maternal and Child Health

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Research and Policy

OBJECTIVES

The ultimate goal of *hRHR* is to introduce sustainable intervention that will influence access to and use of reproductive health data in order to facilitate program planning, policy development, and decision making at every level of the health system. It will allow personalized care information throughout pregnancy and childbirth to be accessed during antenatal visits, labor, delivery, and postnatal visits. *hRHR* aims to promote equity, accessibility, data confidentiality, and consistency in collaborative health data systems.

REGIONS OF WORK

hRHR will be implemented in Mafrqa Governorate.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

hRHR will serve as a pilot to be implemented in Mafrqa governate initially, with the aim to be generalized in all governates of Jordan. It aims to improve availability and accessibility of maternal and child health (MCH) data to ensure a responsive health care system. After assessing the current registration and referral methods as well as the data flow processes, EMPHNET will collaborate with Electronic Health Solutions (EHS) /Hakeem to establish a health registry with tools for support planning and decision making. *hRHR* will facilitate consistent data flow through different levels of the health care system, institutionalize protocols for data confidentiality, and determine equity in service accessibility. Finally, the implementers will make recommendations to improve the uptake of reproductive health information generated by *hRHR* and to maximize use by decision makers.

BENEFICIARIES

The *hRHR* beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Mafrqa Governorate seeking sexual and reproductive health services.

PROJECT PHASES

hRHR involves three phases, each of which will last for one year.

Phase I – Preparations (completed): situation analysis, resource development, and establishing committees and sub-committees.

Phase II - Implementation (in progress): collaborating with partners and stakeholders to establish the *hRHR* system and conducting workshops with the committees.

Phase III – Documentation: data system launch, training workshops, and maintenance.

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Collaborators	Electronic Health Solutions (EHS) - Hakeem



Currently. . .

Currently, women in Mafraq have their medical reports scattered between hospitals and MCH centers. The *hRHR* aims to bridge the gap in data accessibility for beneficiaries and health service providers. The system will improve the quality of SRH services and give women more involvement in the processes of their health care to foster a sense of autonomy and responsibility. Ultimately, *hRHR* serves as a mechanism to ensure equity in reproductive health services.

What's next. . .

After developing the Web Application by EHS, launching will take place in Mafraq. The project's team will provide technical assistance for the system users in seven targeted Primary Health Care centers and will conduct training workshops for FETP residents with the aim to establish a core technical team that can maintain and administer the *hRHR*. Once the system is in place, implementers will conduct a system evaluation to analyze its success and constrains.

ABOUT MAFRAQ GOVERNORATE

Mafraq hosts 24.4% of all Syrian refugees in Jordan, the largest Syrian refugee community in the country.

According to the Demographic Health Survey, Mafraq has a comparatively high fertility rate but low levels of education and employment among women.

There are six hospitals and forty-eight Maternal & Child health centers in Mafraq that are distributed unevenly.

By the Numbers

88

Total health facilities

70

Health facilities provide SRH services

85-90%

Health facilities provide antenatal and postnatal care, vaccinations, and family planning

60-70%

Health facilities do not provide ultrasound or GBV counseling services

60%

Health facilities lack computers

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