



Global Health
Development

Strengthen the Functionality of the National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAG).

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Polio and Immunization

SCOPE OF WORK

The main objective of this project is:

1-The National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAG) serves to empower the national authorities and policy makers to make evidence-based decisions to strengthen public health systems.

2-Utilize Epishares as a virtual platform to facilitate effective communication among Public Health experts in addition to sharing all the NITAG related documents at the regional and global level.

BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are NITAG Members and Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Teams

REGIONS OF WORK

This project was targeted eight countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Tunisia

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Priority countries in the region's situation, were assessed through light situation analysis, the assessment was designed to evaluate NITAG functionality, transparency, and decision-making roles. The assessment results presented in a regional workshop conducted to present the assessment results, address the major gaps, and draft improvement plan for each country. Targeted countries were followed up and provided technical assistance to implement the developed improvement plans, to mobilize the implementation of development plans a monitoring matrix was developed in which the role of each partner was clearly identified, in addition to the development of a networking guidelines.

Countries are encouraged by GHD to use Epishares as a virtual platform to facilitate effective communication among experts. Also, all the NITAG related documents at the regional and global level were shared to the targeted countries through Epishares. All the countries that are using the Epishares received feedbacks and assessed to implement the NITAG improvement plan.

* Epishare is a platform powered by GHD|EMPHNET and designed to join public health professionals and experts in a space for sharing information and experiences.

Project Start and End Date	October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021
Partner Organizations	-
Funded by	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Collaborators	National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAG), Network for Education and Support in Immunisation (NESI), and Ministries of Health in the eight targeted countries.



PROJECT Phases

The project involves two main phases:

Phase I: Assessment: A light situation analysis to evaluate NITAG functionality, transparency, and decision-making roles was done. Based on the assessment results major gaps were identified and improvement plans were drafted for implementation.

Phase II: Providing Technical assistance and Follow-Up: Countries have been provided with technical support and follow up to implement the improvement plans. Supported with networking guidelines.

Currently . . .

GHD assessed priority countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region's (EMR) situation on NITAG functionality, transparency, and decision-making roles. The assessment identified major gaps and drafted improvement plan for each country to strengthen the public health system.

What is next . . .

Under this project, GHD will provide technical support and networking guidelines on using EpiShare Platform to the selected countries to facilitate the implement of the drafted improvement plans. GHD will also assess the changes that had been made to the NITAG functionality and the impact of the implemented improvement plans on immunization-related policy and program decision making. This action will in return strengthen the public health system in the EMR region.

OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

8 improvement plans were developed.

3 countries (Afghanistan, Iraq, and Tunisia) were supported technically to implement improvement plans.

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