



Strengthening the governance and functionality of NITAG in the targeted countries

Project Information

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

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is to continue providing technical support to the NITAG of the countries that prepared their improvements plans and assess their plans' implementation and impact. GHD will also extend the support and assess the role of NITAG in the second group of low- and middle-income countries in the EMR and identify areas in which NITAG may need further help to improve their functionality and potential barriers to global investment.

BENEFICIARIES

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

REGIONS OF WORK

This project was targeted nine countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco, Egypt, and Sudan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD will provide technical assistance to the same countries that they developed their improvement plan, in order to assess the impact of improvement plan that had been drafted previously. In addition to analyze and document the NITAG activities properly, GHD will provide logistical support to the NITAG secretarial to six targeted countries' NITAG. This office assistants will follow up on the improvement plan activities, properly document the NITAG activities and achievements, analyze the challenges and share it with the stakeholders. GHD will monitor the functionality of NITAG in targeted countries, and for this monitoring, GHD will use the updated maturity model assessment tool to monitor and assess each country NITAG and identify gaps for improvement.

Furthermore, GHD will conduct a five-day training on evidence-based decision-making process targeting 18 participants. These participants will be invited from five countries. GHD is working with the nine counties NITAG in the region (Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco, Egypt, and Sudan) and will select five of them based on their willingness and commitment.

Project Start and End Date	October 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022
Partner Organizations	-
Funded by	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Collaborators	National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAG), Ministries of Health in the nine targeted countries.



PROJECT Phases

The project involves two main phases:

Phase I: Preparations: contracting the needed human resources in the project.

Phase II: Providing Technical assistance and Follow-Up: Countries will be provided with technical support and follow up to implement the improvement plans and monitor the functionality of the NITAG in the targeted countries.

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 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

+ 20 NITAG chairs and members as well as the NITAG technical secretariat (National EPI) will be trained on evidence-based decision-making process

Nine countries will be supported technically to implement improvement plans

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