



IRAN Action plan

7th Mena Influenza Stakeholders Meeting

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Reminder of COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

- Increasing Influenza Vaccine Coverage Rate
- Increasing general population awareness on yearly Flu vaccination
- Increasing HCWs (physicians, nurses, etc) awareness on yearly Flu vaccination
- Increasing awareness for high risk target groups (HIV pts, RF cases, pregnant women, diabetic patients,...)
- Conducting researches related to vaccination (demand, barriers, ...)



COMPONENTS	Q1	Challenges
SURVEILLANCE	Surveillance system is well established, since 2004. (Hospital based, Lab based and sentinel) Reestablishment of sentineled sites	Insufficient skilled human resource due to Budget limitation at national influenza lab (who CC)
VACCINATION	Encourage insurance coverage and reimbursement for flu vaccine by Medical associations' support (Gynecologists, diabetes cardiologists,)	 Lack of budget
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	 Periodic messages on flu and flu vaccinating by social media and sending group SMS to target population Developing promotional material on flu and vaccination 	NA
ADVOCACY & POLICY	 Expansion of high risk group list for free flu vaccination by National immunization committee 	Policy is usually established by governmental policy makers and stakeholders

COMPONENTS	Q2	Challenges
SURVEILLANCE	 Q1 action plan will be continued Communication with WHO country office for nomination of a focal point for permanent attendance in IPWI meetings to communicate MENA ISN recommendations with MOH Developing ILI reporting guideline for private sector Involvement a group of physicians in private sector who are interested on flu surveillance 	NA
VACCINATION	 Increasing vaccine availability in public and private sectors (large number of high risk group which are not covered) Promotion vaccination on WHO Vaccination day on May 	 Lack of budget Lack of tracking system for the immunized/non- immunized individuals in the target groups
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	 Annual international pediatric congress in May Continue on providing Pamphlet and brochures on flu vaccination 	NA
ADVOCACY & POLICY	 Communication with Medical associations and scientific committee of Influenza 	Policy is usually established by governmental policy makers and stakeholders

COMPONENTS	Q3	Challenges
SURVEILLANCE	 Regular meeting with private sector nominee for Involvement in Surveillance sys. Expansion of private sector involvement in reporting of any ILI Involvement of medical associations for strengthening surveillance sys 	No trust between private sectors and MOH
VACCINATION	 Promotion of flu vaccination by social media 	Anti vaccine activities by Social media (safety and efficacy)
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	 Awareness campaign :: IPWI annual meeting , New members in IPWI from MOH, National influenza lab, Gynecology and pulmonology association Awareness campaign for pharmacist on right timing of flu vaccination in pharmacy congress on Sept 	NA
ADVOCACY & POLICY	 Providing data on flu burden at country level for national flu committee to endorse and more support for flu vaccination program 	MOH members are not allowed to participate in Company sponsored meetings

COMPONENTS	Q4	Challenges
SURVEILLANCE	 Surveillance Data Sharing with private sector, enhancement of IT system to increase awareness in this regard 	Budget issue
VACCINATION	 Increasing awareness on vaccination and right timing for high risk groups through related medical associations (pregnant women, diabetic pts, elderly,) Promotion of vaccination on Flu vaccination day on 30th of Nov 	No follow up program to evaluate the VCR
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	Awareness campaign in : Annual National Influenza symposium in Oct	NA
ADVOCACY & POLICY	Involvement of one governmental member from MOH in MENA ISN	MOH members are not allowed to participate in Company sponsored meetings