



# Influenza in (IRAN)

6th Mena Influenza Stakeholders Meeting  
6-7 April 2017, Prague



## COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

- Improvement of influenza surveillance system
- Increase coverage rate to prevent vaccine preventable disease mortality
- Expanding the list of high risk influenza vaccine eligible for free of charge vaccine including pregnant women, elderly, health care providers

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

- Start and end dates of influenza epidemics:
  - 41st week of 2016 and end on 7th weeks of 2017
  - Circulating viruses: Influenza A
  - Subtypes / lineages : H3N2
  - Severity of the epidemics:
- Morbidity : Not significant  
Mortality : as usual death

## KEY ACTION PLAN COMPONENTS / ACTIONS

Actions	Progress achieved since the beginning of MENA INS?	2017 - 2018 Future actions to attain (to be completed in September)	Challenges
<b>1) SURVEILLANCE</b>	Approved by Technical influenza committee Waiting for financial resource IT issue seems to be better by sending not all but most of patients PCR requests for Influenza detection by IT system		Most of existing surveillance site are not IT oriented
<b>2) VACCINATION</b>	Coverage in special host have been increased		Budget limitation
<b>3) SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION AWARENESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was done in Annual influenza seminar in Oct 2016</li> <li>• Seminar in Shahid Beheshti medical university for increasing influenza coverage in Nov 2016</li> <li>• Expertise evaluation on elderly high risk patients on Influenza in Atherosclerosis society with attendance of 10 expertise → the proposal presented to MOH and sponsors</li> <li>• Promotional materials by Sanofi Pasteur are provided and distributed in field</li> </ul>		Budget limitation
<b>4) ADVOCACY &amp; POLICY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with decision makers at MOH level is Ongoing negotiation with decision makers related to multiple factors. Eg: budget, human resources, HCWs, General population</li> <li>• New members in IPWI from MOH &amp; National influenza lab</li> <li>• Communication with expert societies is done with Infectious disease of Shahid Beheshti, ISCMID, Atherosclerosis societies, Diabetes association, Pediatric infectious disease research center, Endovascular research center</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrong current believe of vaccine safety and efficacy</li> <li>• Lack of statistical data on Indirect cost</li> </ul>