



Influenza in (LEBANON)

6th Mena Influenza Stakeholders Meeting
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COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

1. Generate sufficient data reflecting the burden of disease of influenza in all age group in order to support implementation of influenza vaccination in high-risk patients and high-risk age groups
2. Improve awareness and education
3. Establish recommendations

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics: start: 01/11/2016 - end: 31/03/2017
2. Circulating viruses: A/H3N2, A /H1N1pdm09, B/Yamagata, B/Victoria
3. Subtypes / lineages:
4. Severity of the epidemics:
 - a) Morbidity (No of reported cases): unknown
 - b) Mortality (No of reported deaths): unknown

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
1) SURVEILLANCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing SARI Surveillance 2. Sentinel surveillance 	Analyze data	Obtaining correct primers Continue/expand funding
2) VACCINATION	Increase of VCR to 4.5% in total pop Increase to 6% in children	Further increase in total population to 6% and 7% in children with QIV use in this age group	
3) SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION AWARENESS	Workshops for various target groups: army – companies – Diabetes – OBGYN - New vaccination channels creation	Unknown	Lack of time Lack of funding Lack of dedicated body
4) ADVOCACY & POLICY	Partnering with LPS for recommendation publishing for vaccination of risk groups	MOH issuing reco for immunization and endorsing vaccination campaigns through new channels	Recommendations by other relevant societies