



# Influenza in (LYBIA)

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



## COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

- To build up our laboratory ( NIC) and epidemiological capacities in surveillance.
- To contribute to the global vaccine development through sharing of virus isolates and sequences.
- To increase use of seasonal influenza vaccine to cover all risky groups.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics: start: 10/12/2016- end: Still going as scattered cases
2. Circulating viruses: Not performed
3. Subtypes / lineages: No data
4. Severity of the epidemics:
  - a) Morbidity (No of reported cases): Not released yet
  - b) Mortality (No of reported deaths): No mortality

## 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   |
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| <b>1) SURVEILLANCE</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National influenza sentinel surveillance for ILI &amp; SARI at primary health care &amp; hospitals established .</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To expand the flu surveillance network nationwide.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The ongoing armed conflict &amp; political instability hindered the flu surveillance to be nationwide.</li> </ul> |
| <b>2) VACCINATION</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flu vaccination program has been strengthened and gradually upgraded to include more risky groups &amp; the coverage rate has been dramatically increased.</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To expand the flu vaccination program to include more risky groups</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provision of enough funding to meet all of the needs.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>3) SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION AWARENESS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Awareness campaigns have been regularly performed in form of seminars and workshops , in addition to immunization &amp; promotion week for HCW &amp; general public especially risky groups).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To involve more stakeholders., community leader and religious people.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Political instability &amp; security situation</li> </ul>   |
| <b>4) ADVOCACY &amp; POLICY</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Libyan Advisory Committee on Influenza Control "LACIC" has been created and has released its recommendations &amp; guidelines for flu vaccination which upgraded periodically.</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To Include more health focused (NGOs), government officials, researchers, health providers, private business people, religious leaders &amp; community members.</li> <li>▪ To continue providing educational intervention which is the preferred policy venue to increase vaccination rates.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Political instability &amp; security situation</li> </ul>   |