



Influenza Morocco

6th Mena Influenza Stakeholders Meeting

6-7 April 2017, Prague



COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

Strengthening influenza surveillance and disease burden estimation
Strengthening pandemic preparedness and response capacities;
Promotion of prevention;
Reduce morbidity and mortality due to seasonal influenza;
Operational research;

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics: start: first week of September 2016 – last week of February 2017
2. Circulating viruses : A(H3N2); B
3. Severity of the epidemics:
 - a) Morbidity (No of reported cases): ND
 - b) Mortality (No of reported deaths): ND

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	ND	Strengthening regional laboratory capacities for influenza diagnosis Implementation of an Event-based Surveillance for Influenza Produce evidence on burden disease by risk group: Structuring one sentinel university site Establishment of exhaustive SARI surveillance in hospitals (including UH) Establish an enhanced SARI surveillance at national level Establish a global estimates of influenza-associated mortality and hospital burden	Financial barriers Staff Training
2) VACCINATION	ND	Produce evidence on acceptability in target groups Finish the focus group study targeting all risk groups in local area Develop KAP study for PW at national level Consolidate the vaccination program for elderly and people with chronic diseases (diabetics) Develop a partnership plan with NGOs Elaborate a funding plan Set up of the monitoring plan Implementation of pilot vaccination campaign for PW Set up a NITAG meeting Develop a communication strategy Carry out cost assessment studies Develop training activities Implementation of pilot vaccination campaign for children under 5 years Convincing policy-makers to develop and expand national influenza vaccination policies.	Vaccine acceptability Lake of national data on the seasonal flu: Epidemiological data Burden of disease Vaccine safety Vaccine effectiveness Cost-Benefit Coverage other risk groups Financial barriers Lack of communication strategy about flu vaccine
3) SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION AWARENESS	ND	Improving knowledge of influenza and its transmission; Conduct a strong media campaign Implementing IEC activities A better knowledge of the possibilities offered by health care facilities to prevent and control influenza The promotion of behavioral change in relation to Risks of infection.	Spread of rumors Lack of communication plan
4) ADVOCACY & POLICY	ND	Mobilize and support intersectoral participation Involving NGOs and scientific societies in the decision-making process	Resistance of stakeholders Conflicts of Interest