



Influenza in (TUNISIA)

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



COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

Maintain reference lab activities
Increase SARI Surveillance with GIHSN partnership
Analyse Burden of Flu annually as from 2016
Priorize Flu Vaccination in the national plan to reduce antimicrobial resistance (2017-2020)

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics: first week january/ fall february
2. Circulating viruses: 60% A/H3 40% B
3. Subtypes / lineages: Sequencing in course
4. Severity of the epidemics:
 - a) Morbidity (No of reported cases): 220,000 to date (24 th march 2017)
 - b) Mortality (No of reported deaths): 3 SARI cases (all not vaccinated)

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	-success to maintain lab activities - Partnership with GIHSN started in 2017	-Regional lab (sousse and sfax) functional from october 2017 -More accurate Burden of the Flu expected	-advocacy for budget
2) VACCINATION	-success to maintain vaccination budget but no increase to date (still 300,000 doses)	- Advocacy for prioritize flu vaccine in antimicrobial resistance plan	-advocacy for budget
3) SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION AWARENESS	-continue press radio TV mobilization for vaccination of high risk groups	- Vaccinate children from 2-5 years as potential reservoir of transmission to elderly	-advocacy to pediatrics
4) ADVOCACY & POLICY	- Try to introduce flu as obligatory vaccine in certain High risk groups	Sentitize Ministry of finances	-advocacy for budget