



# Influenza in (TURKEY)

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

Implementation of increasing VCR strategy in elderly  
Preparation and implementation of a national adult vaccination programme with a life-long immunization approach including:  
Adult vaccination calendar (There is one recommended by a group of associations with the participation of MoH representatives)  
Setting targets for elderly and risk groups  
Recording and follow-up of vaccinations  
A better surveillance programme including hospital-based surveillance  
Increase public awareness in public  
Bridging effective communication among stakeholders  
Communicate current data and relevant actions with HCP  
Communicate surveillance data with HCP and policy makers  
Current VCR is 6%, target VCR is 60% in selected areas  
To increase awareness among 30 Internal Medicine Specialist from 30 different State Hospitals  
To increase awareness through scenarios within health literacy training programmes for 40.000 family medicine center staff

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics: start: 03/10/2016 - end: Positivity is ongoing
2. Circulating viruses: Influenza A H3N2, Influenza B
3. Subtypes / lineages: Pending
4. Severity of the epidemics:
  - a) 758 positive/2833 samples
  - b) NA

## 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>	Sentinel surveillance for Influenza is improved	ILI surveillance within the national surveillance system will be strengthened	Measuring real efficacy of vaccine
<b>2) VACCINATION</b>	Inclusion of pregnant women in the risk groups and prescription based funding of the vaccination through social security system	Efforts to set the national adult vaccination programme documenting the disease burden through hospital-based surveillance	Lack of a programme to track the immunized/non-immunized individuals in the target groups
<b>3) SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION AWARENESS</b>	Turkish Society of Internal Medicine Specialists conducted HCP awareness activities in 10 provinces Include the topic in the health literacy training of trainers programmes conducted by Gazi University in cooperation with MoH for family physicians and family health center nurses	The Health Literacy trainings including scenarios on Influenza and adult vaccination will start to be conducted to HCPs Turkish Society of Internal Medicine Specialists conducted HCP awareness activities will go on in 11 new provinces	Limited Support of MoH Including FM practitioners into the programme
<b>4) ADVOCACY &amp; POLICY</b>	The participation of MoH into updating the Adult Vaccination Guide Circular for pregnant women and risk group vaccination for influenza is sent by MoH to the health-care staff	Communicate the policy makers and HCPs to have an adult vaccination programme	Convincing of policy makers to establish an adult vaccination programme including FM practitioners Attitude of Obst. and Gynecologists (More prone to use anti-virals instead of vaccination)