



ALGERIA (country presentation template)

6th Mena Influenza Stakeholders Meeting

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MENA ISN OBJECTIVES

(for reference purposes)



1. Improve Surveillance and Disease Burden Data

- Support the WHO initiative in building laboratory capacity and surveillance in the MENA region and urge the governments to give high priority to the establishment and continued support for influenza surveillance systems.
- Identify the needs of countries for establishing or improving existing surveillance networks
- Disseminate surveillance and disease burden data through publications.

2. Increase the Evidence-based Communication on Influenza Burden and Benefits of Vaccination

- Bring together key stakeholders to in local country identify and discuss common concerns and challenges in communicating the importance and benefits of seasonal influenza vaccination, addressing misinformation
- Be the active advocate for acceptance of vaccinationby health professionals and the public
- Identify effective communication tools

3. Increase the Number of Countries with Flu Vaccination in Their National Immunization Programs

- Provide/increase official recommendations for influenza vaccination
- Provide /increase funding for vaccination by governments

1. Improve the Monitoring of Influenza Coverage Rates to Increase the Rates

- Define barriers and drivers among lay public, Health Care Staff and Health Authorities
- Set official «vaccination coverage rate targets» customized to the countries
- Develop actions to increase vaccination coverage rates in pregnant women, people at risk, elderly and children (vaccination campaigns)

COUNTRY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

- Estimate severity of influenza (SARI surveillance)
- Influenza Laboratory Network
- Estimate the incidence of Influenza In high risk populations :
 Diabetics, Pregnant , Infants
- Estimate vaccination rate among at risk groups

COUNTRY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

(please provide the following data specifics for your country)

1. influenza epidemics

21/11/2016 - 19/03/2017

1. Circulating viruses

influenza B the main virus detected (53%) influenza A : 47 %

1. Subtypes / lineages

A/H3N2 and B (Both lineages Y&V co-circulated)

- 1. Severity of the epidemics:
 - Morbidity : 250 cases
 - Mortality: /

ACTION PLAN COMPONENTS UPDATE

COMPONENTS / Actions	Progress achieved since the beginning of MENA INS?	2017 – 2018- Future actions to attain (to be completed in September)	Challenges
SURVEILLANCE	 New high risk populations targeted (pregnant women, Diabetics) 	Hospital Based Surveillance (SARI) Extent of ARI surveillance network ICEBErG(InfluEnza Burd En,Global)	BudgetMOH endorsement
VACCINATION	-Press conference for Influenza Vaccine campaign - MoH involvement	 Vaccination coverage Increase vaccination rates for HCw 	-Estimate vaccination rate among at risk groups
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	 Influenza agenda in National communication plan Identified Person for official media 	 Recommendations on Flu prevention from Medical societies engagement (Cardiology, Pneumology, Pediatrics) 	- Influenza Surveillance Website
ADVOCACY & POLICY	- Media Interventions	 National Influenza Laboratory Network WHO/ National Influenza surveillance course (October 2017) 	- Official designations .

CONCLUSIONS / HIGHLIGHTS

- Data on burden/Severity of Influenza +
- Benefits of Flu vaccination ++
- Health Care Worker (strategy = Key player)
- New generation of vaccines