



## KSA

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### KSA OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING 3 YEARS

- To reach 30% VCR among whole population
- To have a WHO certified labs included in the global report for strains recommendation
- To have a tracker to define the VCR among each target group
- To raise the educational level of HCPs to reach 85% VCR among HCWs
- To raise the public awareness level to reach the targeted VCR.

## KSA EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

- 1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics
- 2. Circulating viruses (A-H1N1)
- 3. Subtypes / lineages
- 4. Severity of the epidemics:
  - Morbidity (No of reported cases)
  - Mortality (No of reported deaths)

## **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
VACCINATION	<ul> <li>HCWs</li> <li>Pregnant women</li> <li>Chronic Patients</li> <li>Young Children</li> <li>Elderly</li> <li>Pilgrims</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Link Hajj permission to the vaccination certificate</li> <li>Start to track the VCR through digital tool</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increasing the VCR</li> <li>Lack of tracking system</li> <li>Public awareness level still relatively low</li> </ul>
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	<ul> <li>Public awareness level raised</li> <li>Educational level of HCPs raised</li> <li>Improve Vaccination channels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Launch a mega public awareness campaign</li> <li>Conduct a series of educational meetings for HCPs</li> <li>Launch In Pharmacies vaccination</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vaccine hesitancy</li> <li>Legalization change for In Pharmacies vaccination</li> </ul>

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SURVEILLANCE	<ul> <li>Started in Jan 2017 in 5 regional labs; 6 regions (hospital and PHC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enhance the performance of the labs by enrich the practitioner with the required data &amp; trainings</li> </ul>	Lack of experience

### **CONCLUSIONS / HIGHLIGHTS**

- KSA has an ambitious plan for Influenza vaccination to reach 30% VCR in just 3 years
- KSA started the surveillance system that will support the plan by generating local epidemiological data
- KSA had a strong recommendation for certain target groups aligned with WHO recommendations
- Saudi MOH is funding the vaccination in its facilities
- Still gap in (Public awareness level, HCPs educational level & The vaccine accessibility)

Thank you