



Influenza in (Egypt)

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

- Improve surveillance and disease burden data
- Improve evidence-based communication on Influenza burden and benefits of vaccination.
- Inclusion of Influenza vaccination in National Vaccination program and in National disease guidelines for high risk population.
- Vaccination of HCPs
- Increased Influenza vaccine coverage rates to achieve protection of high risk groups.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE

1. Start and end dates of influenza epidemics: start: DD/MM/YEAR - end: DD/MM/YEAR
2. Circulating viruses: Influenza A 66% B 34%
3. Subtypes / lineages: H3N2, B, H1N1¹- Concerns about avian flu
4. Severity of the epidemics:
 - a) Morbidity (Mild to Moderate activity):
 - b) Mortality (figures not available):

COMPONENTS / Actions	Progress achieved since the beginning of MENA INS?	2017 – 2018- Future actions to attain (to be completed in September)	Challenges
SURVEILLANCE	Improved through MoH and NAMRU		New mutations/Avian influenza
VACCINATION	Increased from 800 000 to 1 400 000 this year	Improve coverage rates particularly high risk groups & HCPs	- Under awareness of - - HCP and public Safety issues
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION / EDUCATION / AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical Societies meetings - TV programs - Media - Posters 	Influenza Advisory Board to include Medical Societies dealing with high risk groups , EMRO and MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority - Financial - Political issues
ADVOCACY & POLICY	Several Press conferences including MoH and decision and policy makers	Inclusion of vaccination in National guidelines and National vaccination programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority - Financial - Influenza literacy