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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to our Q4 newsletter as we reflect on an extraordinary year and look ahead to the opportunities of 2025.

As we close 2024, it's important to take a moment to celebrate the tremendous strides we've made in advancing public health and strengthening our partnerships. This year has brought both challenges and triumphs, but through it all, our shared commitment to improving health outcomes has remained unwavering. One of the highlights of the year was our successful collaboration with national and international partners, which led to significant improvements in healthcare accessibility across the region. Our team has been tireless in addressing emerging health needs, ensuring that vital services reach those who need them most. The compassion and dedication of every team member have been nothing short of inspiring.

Despite the complexities of the year, we also witnessed moments of hope and resilience, each one a reminder of the impact we can have when we work together. We must also acknowledge the power of innovation and adaptability in facing new challenges. This will continue to be key as we move into the new year.

As we look to 2025, I am filled with hope and optimism. Let's continue to move forward with determination and unity, striving for healthier and more peaceful times ahead. I am confident that, together, we will overcome any challenges that come our way and achieve even greater success in the year to come.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in making this year a success. I wish you all peace, good health, and continued success in the new year.

Jamela Al-Raiby



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WHO Representative to Jordan

Jordan's Ministry of Health Opens First Advanced Central Medicine Warehouse for the Public Sector



His Majesty King Abdullah II inaugurated Jordan's first advanced central warehouse for medicines and medical supplies. The warehouse was established by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office in Jordan, with generous funding from the European Union (EU).

Located in the Yajouz area of Zarqa Governorate, the warehouse covers 4,800 square meters and has a storage capacity of 2,150 cubic meters, which can be increased by 20% to meet emergency needs. With a cost of 1.8 million Jordanian dinars, it is the first of 14 warehouses that will be established and rehabilitated across the country.



This warehouse will help in advancing WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Hanan Balkhy's flagship initiative to expand equitable access to medical products, and reflects the importance of strong partnerships and concerted efforts to meet populations' needs and ensure access to essential medicines.

The new warehouse and supply chain improvement plan will play a critical role in enhancing health outcomes and protecting health and well-being for all.



Dr Balkhy in turn expressed her sincere appreciation to His Majesty King Abdullah II for his continued support and leadership in strengthening the health sector in the country.

“Under His Majesty’s patronage, the first state-of-the-art central warehouse for medicines and medical supplies was inaugurated in Jordan, with support from WHO and generous funding from the European Union,” said Dr Balkhy.



WHO Jordan highlights mental health challenges and opportunities at MSF conference

On World Mental Health Day, under the patronage of HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, the 'Restoring Hope: Mental Health in the Middle East' conference by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) featured discussions on mental health challenges and opportunities in the region, with contributions from Dr Jamela Al-Raiby, WHO Representative to Jordan.



Championing health equity for persons with disabilities at the Multi-Regional Global Disability Pre-Summit.

Multi-Regional Global Disability

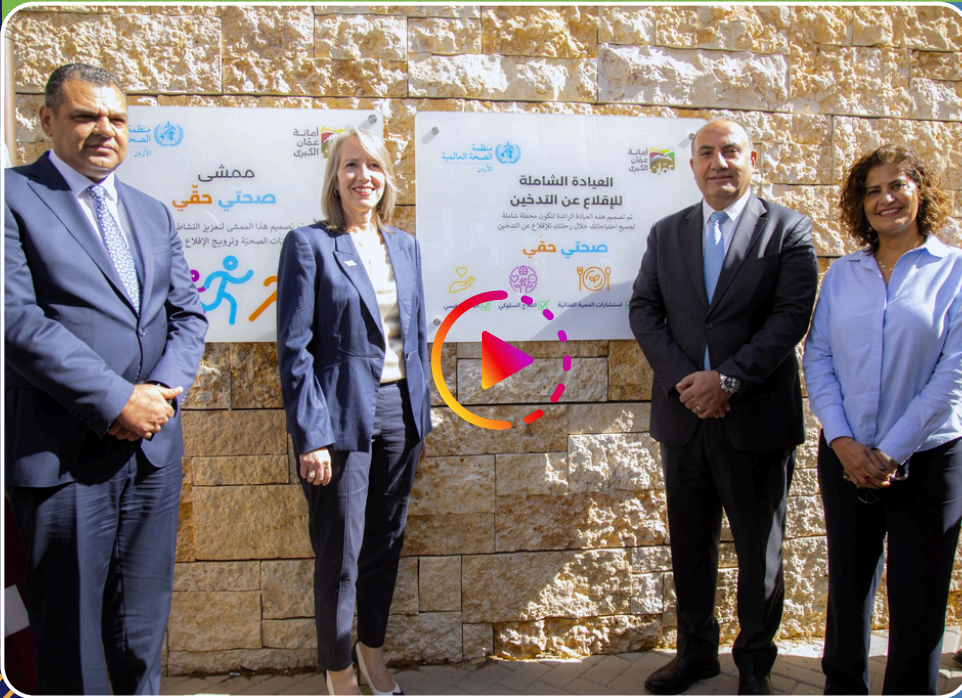
25th UN World Disability Conference 2024



With the aim of advocating for health equity for Persons with Disabilities, WHO regional and country offices participated in the Multi-Regional Global Disability Pre-Summit 2024.

During the event, WHO Jordan highlighted its role in ensuring accessibility in PHC facilities in Jordan.

Amman Opens Smoking Cessation Clinic and Physical Activity Area at King Abdullah II Park



The Greater Amman Municipality, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office in Jordan and with the presence of the UN Resident Coordinator, inaugurated a smoking cessation clinic, along with a dedicated walking track and outdoor gym specially designed to encourage physical activity for women at King Abdullah II Park.



This initiative aims to promote healthier lifestyles and combat smoking-related health risks among the estimated 66% of Jordanian men and 17% of women who smoke.

The clinic offers a wide range of support services, including consultations with smoking cessation specialists, tests to measure carbon monoxide levels, blood pressure and blood sugar, nutritional consultations and psychological support, and is in line with Jordan's National Tobacco Control Strategy 2024–2023 and Action Plan 2024–2026 which recommend multifaceted support to increase smoking cessation success.



United for Health: stakeholders in Jordan collaborate on community-centered emergency preparedness

Key stakeholders from national and local health authorities, civil society, and global partners have come together to define a shared vision for community-centered health emergency preparedness and response.

Together, we are strengthening our capacity to protect and empower communities in Jordan.



Assessing public health risks in Aqaba governorate with STAR method to strengthen emergency preparedness



WHO in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Jordan Center for Disease Control facilitated a workshop to evaluate public health risks & develop Aqaba's risk profile using the Strategic Tool for Assessing Risks (STAR) method.

STAR equips governments with an evidence-based approach to assess public health risks and prioritize health emergency preparedness.

Enhancing Mental Health Care in Jordan: WHO Supports Access to Essential Medications and Services



As part of the WHO Director-General Special Initiative for Mental Health activities which is being implemented in Jordan, that seeks to ensure universal health coverage involving access to quality and affordable care for mental health conditions, and in line with WHO Jordan efforts in prioritizing increased availability of mental health services at primary care, 19 psychotropic medications were procured for the International Medical Corps in coordination with MoH and shall be utilized in the International Medical Corps (IMC) mental health clinics operating at MOH PHC centers.

This procurement support is complementing ongoing efforts by WHO to strengthen the capacities of service provision teams and facilities and to expand the range of available mental health services in alignment with best evidence and practice, in line with the National Mental Health and Substance Use Action Plan 2022 - 2026.



Visit to Al Zaatari Camp: Strengthening Health Access and Quality for All



WHO Jordan's visit to Al Zaatari Camp provided important insights on the overall health status in the camp and healthcare accessibility, quality and coverage. This visit comes to reiterate WHO Jordan's commitment to supporting Health For All.

WHO Convenes Health Sector Working Group to Strengthen Support for Syrian Refugees



WHO Jordan convened the Health Sector Working Group to further coordinate the efforts of providing essential health services to Syrian refugees.

Participants discussed the strengthening of national capacities, knowledge, and resource sharing with the aim of achieving health for all.



Strengthening public health intelligence in Jordan: A milestone workshop and training

A successful one-day workshop brought together 22 participants from the Ministry of Health, Jordan CDC, and the Ministry of Agriculture to shape Jordan's national Public Health Intelligence (PHI) strategy. Organized by the RKI, WHO Pandemic Hub, WHO EMRO, and WHO Jordan Country Office, the workshop focused on mapping PHI capacities, addressing challenges, and co-creating a roadmap for strengthening PHI in the country.

This workshop followed a 4-day PHI Foundations Training with over 50 participants from key institutions, including the Jordan CDC, Ministry of Health, EMPHNET, and other health sectors. The training provided essential tools to enhance PHI capabilities across Jordan.

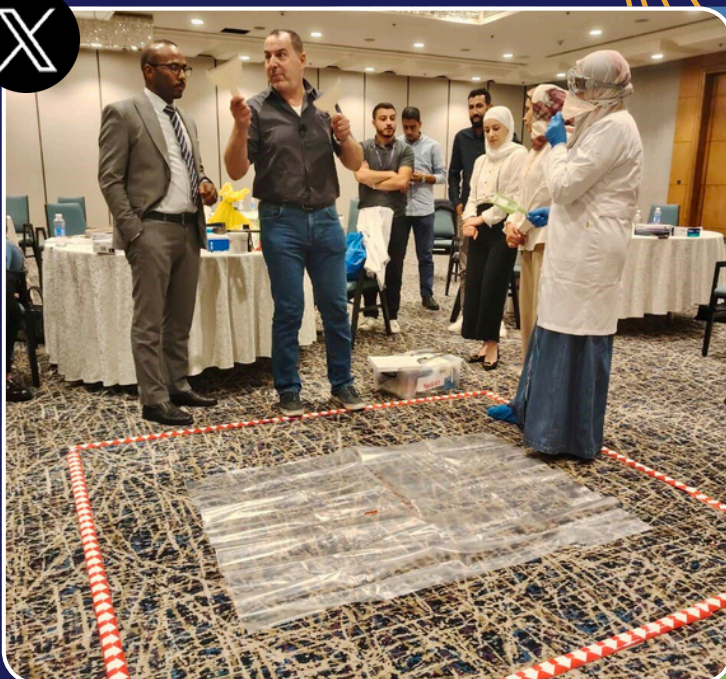


WHO HEARTS Initiative continues it's success in Jordan

Experts from WHO HQ, EMRO, and the Unit of Therapeutic Patient Education at University Hospitals of Geneva attend a training workshops on the WHO HEARTS technical package for the prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases risk factors at primary health care in Jordan.

Empowering Future Leaders: University of Jordan Students Tackle AMR with Innovative Solutions

WHO Jordan engaged students at the University of Jordan to address antimicrobial resistance this World Antimicrobial Awareness Week. Using design thinking, they developed innovative initiatives to promote responsible antimicrobial use.



Enhancing lab safety with intensive biosafety workshop for technicians

WHO Jordan and national partners held a 3-day workshop for lab technicians on the risk-based approach to biosafety using the new Laboratory Biosafety Manual 4. Through practical exercises, risk assessments skills were strengthened & lab safety protocols were improved.



WHO Jordan partners with UN and World Bank to validate disability inclusion profile

Partnering with UN agencies and the World Bank, WHO Jordan supported the facilitation of a focus group discussion with people with lived experience in mental health.

The session aimed at validating Jordan's Disability Inclusion Profile and ensure inclusive design of activities.

WHO Jordan trains RMS staff to strengthen polio detection and response

WHO Jordan conducted refresher trainings and awareness-raising activities to healthcare providers from the Royal Medical Services (RMS), ensuring that frontline medical staff are equipped with the latest information and skills to detect, manage and contain any polio threats in the region.



Empowering data collection for 2024 national survey on NCD risk factors

WHO Jordan convened a two-day training on data collection for the National Stepwise survey for noncommunicable diseases risk factors 2024.

The survey investigates trends relevant to smoking, diet, physical activity, as well as prevalence of hypertension, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, mental health conditions, among others.



Validating national parenting standards to strengthen evidence-based programs



WHO Jordan in collaboration with the National Center for Family Affairs (NCFA) and Ministry of Health held a workshop to validate the National Minimum Standards for Parenting Programs in Jordan.

This effort aims to enhance evidence-based parenting service & provide guidance to strengthen & scale up parenting programs nationwide.



Setting new standards to strengthen Primary Health Care services



WHO Jordan, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Health Care Accreditation Council, held a multi-stakeholder meeting to validate the PHC service package and standards.

This activity comes as part of developing minimum criteria and standards for establishing primary care facilities at MoH.

Taking bold steps in combating AMR with workshop for healthcare workers

In its efforts to scale up Antimicrobial Stewardship, WHO Jordan and national partners held a workshop participated by 38 healthcare workers.

The workshop was jointly facilitated by WHO, Ministry of Health, Jordan Center for Disease Control, University of Jordan Hospital and King Hussein Cancer Center, marking an important step in the fight against AMR.



Commemorations



International Day for Older Persons



With so much of the day spent at work, it's crucial that work promotes and protects mental health.



World Mental Health Day

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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World Diabetes Day



World AMR Awareness Week



ANTIBIOTICS ARE LOSING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS BECAUSE OF OVERUSE AND MISUSE

EDUCATE. ADVOCATE. ACT NOW.




1 OUT OF 3 WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



16 Days of Activism



International Day of Persons with Disabilities



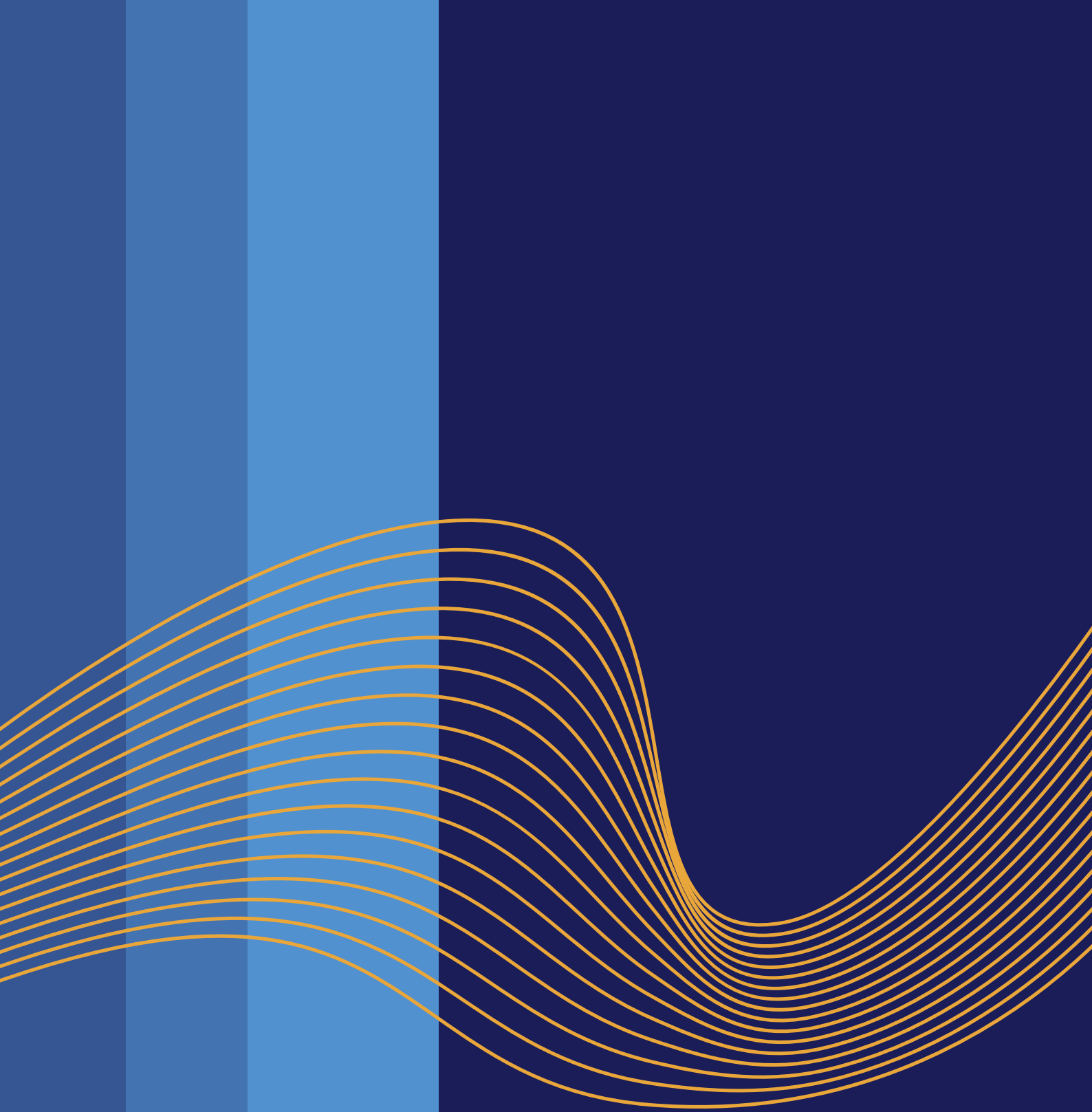
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HEALTH: IT'S ON THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT



Universal Health Coverage Day



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