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The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis
الصندوق الاستئماني الأوروبي 'مدد'

Project Factsheet

Securing access to essential medical commodities for the most vulnerable population in Lebanon

OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to improved access to quality, equitable and affordable health care for refugees and impacted local populations;
- Continue guaranteeing essential acute medicines and vaccine pipelines by the end of 2020, through the provision of needed supplies to the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and Primary Health Care Centres (PHCCs).

BUDGET
EUR 21.6 million

START DATE
28/04/2018

DURATION
56 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Quality vaccines to immunise children as per national standards are provided to the Ministry of Public Health.
- Medical supplies and essential acute medications to support consultations in primary health care centres, including supplies necessary to support mental health, are provided.
- An immunization financing case study is conducted.
- Capacity building for health care providers/focal points on the EPI registry platform (MERA) is provided.
- The cold chain is assessed, maintained and rehabilitated, and capacity building for sustainable cold chain management is provided.
- Effective Vaccine Management (EVM) assessment recommendations, comprehensive improvement planning and EVM training for the immunisation supply chain are implemented.
- A technical specialist/project manager is recruited to support the implementation of procurement and supply management and of systems strengthening activities.
- Support is provided to the Ministry of Public Health to develop and implement a robust stock monitoring and reporting approach, including key performance indicators.

DELIVERABLES

3,020,000
vaccine doses provided

94
different types of acute medications

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER



PROJECT LOCATIONS



LEBANON

Nationwide coverage through the Ministry of Public Health

OUR IMPACT



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Nabila, a Lebanese grandmother, has brought two of her grandchildren to the Primary health care center in the Bekaa town of Taalabaya and is continuing her family's tradition of routine vaccinations knowing that this is a commitment that will continue until they are 15 years old. *"Too many parents stop vaccinating their children at an early age. As a family, we've always completed full programs, and we're always advising others to do the same."*

UNICEF and the Ministry of Public Health are providing free vaccination to all children living in Lebanon. Through a combination of individually named vaccination cards and free vaccination vouchers, parents and caregivers receive timely reminders of where and when vaccinations should be given.

Fatma and **Arwa** are both Syrian mothers. They arrived with six children and are regularly in attendance at the

Primary health care center. Arwa has also brought one of her neighbor's children along for his routine vaccination.

"We know how important it is to have our children vaccinated", they both agree, "and in particular that we do it regularly and on time. We do it for our children, and we are sharing our knowledge and experiences with friends, family and others with children in our neighborhood."

It is a simple and irrefutable fact that vaccines keep children alive and healthy by protecting them against diseases. Yet, globally, 1 in 7 children miss out on routine vaccinations, and one-quarter of deaths among children under 5 are from preventable diseases, including measles, that could have largely been prevented by vaccines. The vaccines, procured by UNICEF and certified by WHO, are funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund.



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