



Network Working Area

Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries

Submission Date: 20 January 2010 at: 10:36

Questionnaire about Institutions partners

SECTION 1

Official name¹

¹ Provide the name of the organization such as the Ministry of Health or Public Health Institute to which your unit belongs.

Ministry Of Health, Primary Health Care and Public Health Services, Palestine.

Unit²

² Department/Unit within the institutions involved in the Network, in charge of the surveillance of communicable diseases (especially in early warning and response system, vaccine preventable diseases and zoonotic infections).

Epidemiological Unit, PHC Directorate. Ramallah, Palestine

Phone

+972 (0) 22 988 034

Fax

+972 (0) 22 988 033

E-mail address

Ramlawi_asad@hotmail.com

Website address

www.moh.ps

EpiSouth Focal Points:

a) Institution

Salfeet PHC department

E-mail

bssmmadi@yahoo.com

b) Institution

Ramallah PHC department

E-mail

bassrmy@hotmail.com

c) Institution

E-mail

SECTION 2

Mandate³ as described in the regulation enacting your organization
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

The main functions of our organization is prevention of illness, screening activities, health education, and managing outbreaks; also we do provide school health services and environmental inspection and mental

³ *The mandate defines the main functions of an organization and derives from outside and above an organization.*

SECTION 3

Describe your unit position within the organizational chart (organigram)⁴ of the larger institution you belong to
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

⁴ *An organizational chart for a whole organization shows the units who make up such organization and the relationships between them. Relationships refer to authority and communication lines.*

Upload a file for further informations:

SECTION 4

Describe your unit's organizational chart (organigram)⁵

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

⁵ *An organizational chart for a unit shows the managers and main professional roles who make up such unit and the relationships between them.*

SECTION 5

Illustrate the main roles and activities carried out by your organization in the field of infectious diseases prevention and control, specifically in the following areas:

a) Surveillance of infectious diseases

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

b) Epidemic Intelligence⁶

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

⁶ *Please, see: C. Paquet, D. Coulombier, R. Kaiser, M. Ciotti, Epidemic Intelligence: a new framework for strengthening disease surveillance in Europe in Eurosurveillance, 2006; 11 (12): 212–4.*

c) Monitoring of services delivery, including immunization of migrant populations

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

d) Zoonosis

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

e) Diagnostic services

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

f) Emergency preparedness

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

health services. One of our major activities is seeking high vaccine coverage for children below two years old. We need not to forget many other activities like licensing medical stores and participating in national safety and nutritional supplements. MCH services are a cornerstone of our activities.

We are one directory out of 11 directories in West bank all belong to the major directory of PUBLIC health and PHC department in MoH. This major directory is directly in line of authority with deputy minister.

Director of PHC center in charge of 1– Nursing director. 2– Director of medical affairs 3–Director of public health affairs 4– Financial and administration director 5– Director of paramedicals.

***Active and passive surveillance by reporting. *Testing immunity markers for CD * Regular sewage samples to locate polio virus. * Notifications are documented * Reporting is mandatory. * Adopting syndromic diagnosis to report STDs. * Regular water and food representative samples. * Investigating Outbreaks. * Raising awareness and health education role. * Recommending the vaccines for EPI * Participating in regional & international seminars * Monthly, quarterly and annual reporting. * Vaccination for all EPI and now a program of vaccination for AH1N1**

*** Coordinating with EpiSouth. * Regional coordination and preparedness for vertical programs like Novel H1N1 *Coordination with WHO.**

We have no influx of migrants only refugees of 1948 who are living in camps in West bank and Gaza, and they are rather integrated in the Palestinian community residing in those areas. The main health service providers for those is UNRAWA

The big burden is brucellosis and we collaborate activities with Ministry of agriculture and veterinary department in it to prevent zoonosis transmission. Also we are vaccinating drastically against rabies for those bitten by stray animals particularly dogs.

Ranging from simple lab tests up to PCR examination and culture for enterovirus. We get many times the support of WHO and Israel to confirm.

Awareness for this topic is rising and the Ministry is working on it; we have preparedness for avian flue pandemic but not optimal.

g) Training and education
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

h) Research
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

SECTION 6

Describe the alert procedure adopted by your organization and the conditions to which applies paying special attention to infectious diseases.
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

SECTION 7

Provide a brief account of your unit's professional staff mix⁷
⁷ *The categories are mutually exclusive: please, assign only one profile to each unit's professional staff.*

Staff mix	Senior	Junior	Total
Epidemiologists	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
Infectious diseases specialists	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Statisticians	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Microbiologists	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Biologists	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Laboratory technicians	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>8</i>
Information Technology Managers	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Others (please, specify)
this applies to the local center only and not the main epidemiological department in Ministry

SECTION 8

Describe the content of and time span covered by the databases related to infectious diseases your organization manages.
Please select the number of databases you want to describe, insert their descriptions, and leave the drop-down menu with the number of databases you have compiled.

Number of databases: *0*

SECTION 9

Exemplify the main publications produced by your organization during the last three years.
Please select the number of publications you want to describe, insert their descriptions, and leave the drop-down menu with the number of publications you have compiled.

Number of newsletters: *0*

Number of bulletins: *0*

Training in this field locally and abroad is a continuous procedure.

No active reasearch is done only for seroconversion for testing vaccine effectiveness. One had been done on micro nutrient deficiencies. Recently researches has been done for testing seroconversion on polio virus and measles. A research is going on the use of uncontrolled pesticides in households.

Direct Communications for staff supervisors; media notifications; utilizing religious forums. The process starts with MoH statements to press.

Number of reports:

1

Title

Frequency (Yearly, monthly, etc.)

Web link (if available)

Annual PHC report

yearly

www.moh.ps

Number of research:

0

Others:

0

SECTION 10

Identify your main collaborating partners in each area.

Number of partners:

3

Partner name	Location	Surveillance of infectious diseases	Epidemic Intelligence	Monitoring of s. delivery	Zoonosis	Diagnostic Services	Emergency preparedness	Training and education	Research
<i>PRCS</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>PHWUC</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>PMRS</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>