

Expert Group Meeting
Assessment of SRH Integration in Selected Arab Countries

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Background

The global development agenda is currently focusing on poverty eradication, environmental protection, equity, social inclusion and social development with the shift towards the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in the post-2015 era. Within this larger agenda, health and healthcare related goals are part of the third, fifth, and tenth SDGs. Universal access to sexual and reproductive health services is emphasized globally, to ensure reduction in maternal mortality, improvement in the provision of family planning services, and integration of sexual and reproductive health into national and regional programs and policies.

The integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services in the Primary Health Care (PHC) system from the need to provide comprehensive services with lower cost and improved health outcomes. As a solution to problems created by fragmentation of care and vertical delivery systems, the provision of SRH within the PHC system, including family planning and HIV services, is a recommended strategy guiding the global agenda for Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Although several Arab countries have undertaken health system reforms, many challenges remain for the integration of SRH, FP and HIV packages within the existing PHC services especially within the considerations of the UHC agenda.

Context

Under a cooperation agreement with UNFPA/ASRO, the MENA Health Policy Forum has undertaken an assessment exercise to develop a comprehensive overview of the situation of SRH integration within PHC in selected Arab countries, namely: Egypt, Jordan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Morocco, Palestine and Sudan.

This exercise aims at providing an understanding of the current state of integration of SRH services within the health system in each country. It identifies challenges in the resources needed to achieve better provision of services and recommends suitable strategies for the region. This will ultimately serve to address the prioritization of SRH in health development and advocacy efforts in Arab States.

Objectives of the meeting

The expert meeting will serve as a forum for policy dialogue to present the findings from country studies and the regional report, to discuss the challenges identified in this exercise and to recommend strategies to address the gaps. This discussion will consider the contextual specificities in each country and the region as a whole and, the current health system capacities and deficiencies in order to recommend strategies for reaching the targeted SDGs.

The specific objectives are:

1. Present and discuss the adopted methodology and preliminary results of the assessments conducted in Egypt, Jordan, KSA, Morocco, Palestine and Sudan.
2. Discuss the conclusions and recommendations of the regional report.
3. Recommend future steps.

Participants

This expert meeting will convene researchers, health policy professionals, academics and SRH experts from the region.

09:30 - 10:30 | Session 1: Opening and Scene Setting

Moderator Raeda Al Quotob, MENA HPF
Maha El Rabbat, MENA HPF ED
Shible Sahbani, UNFPA/ASRO
Tamar Kabakian, AUB

10:30 – 12:00 | Session 2: Country reports

Moderator Magdy Khaled (SRH Expert)
Maha Saheb, Jordan country report
Nadira Sansour, Palestine country report
Nafissa Elbedri, Sudan country report

Open Discussion

12:00 -12:30 | Session 3: Country reports

Moderator Najla El Tigany (MENA HPF)
Atef El Shitany, Egypt country report
Safwane Mowafaq, Morocco country report
Fawzia Habib, KSA country report

Open Discussion

14:00 – 15:00 | Lunch break

15:00- 16:30 | Session 4: Regional report and Way Forward

Moderator Nabil Kronofol, MENA HPF
Regional results ,Tamar Kabakian

Discussants Salman Rawaf, Imperial College
Gamal Abu Elserour, SRH Professor
Shible Sahbani, UNFPA/ASRO

Open Discussion

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