

# Jordan

## Health Sector Needs Assessment

Iraqi refugees, with scarce resources and limited employment opportunities, have pressing health needs. Priorities include access to quality health services, including mental health care and treatment for chronic diseases and life-threatening conditions. There is a general lack of health information to guide decision making for health service providers and Iraqi refugees. In addition, an increasing proportion of Iraqi refugees live in peripheral areas which lack health outreach services.

UNICEF and WHO are conducting, together with Johns Hopkins University, a health needs assessment survey (quantitative and qualitative). The national survey covers areas where displaced Iraqis are known to reside, both inside and outside Amman. While smaller-scale studies have been conducted by various partners working in the field of health, this study will provide a comprehensive overview of the situation faced by Iraqi refugees.

Consultations with beneficiaries have highlighted the need for quality services, especially for chronic diseases and mental health, and for health awareness programmes. Some especially vulnerable groups need secondary and tertiary services (i.e. the disabled and people with life-threatening diseases that need programmed interventions).

## Health Sector Priorities for 2009

- Work with the MoH and other national partners to ensure access of Iraqis to quality health services, especially for chronic diseases, mental health, life-threatening diseases, child health and nutrition and reproductive health;
- Develop unified quality treatment protocols and working procedures between different NGOs and Ministry of Health;
- Monitor health card system for extremely vulnerable Iraqis, and evaluate the impact on the level of assistance provided to vulnerable groups;
- Establish harmonized and standardized health information system to improve decision making and monitoring, building upon WHO improvements related to UNDAF-funded activities;



- Strengthen coordination among health partners through health coordination meetings, harmonizing health programmes and activities, avoiding duplication and mobilizing resources;
- Coordinate with the Outreach Working Group to identify available clinical mental health services;
- Conduct training to facilitate better identification of mental health issues by primary health care providers in conjunction with the Psychosocial Working Group;
- Support the Ministry of Health through the bilateral procurement and provision of general and essential drugs;
- Raise awareness of and attain reliable information on reproductive health, including family planning, and STI/HIV/AIDS preventive treatment.

## WHO Proposed Projects in the CAP 2009

Project titles	Requested funds *	Implementing partners
Strengthening health information for evidence-based decision-making in the health sector <b>IRQ 09/H/20465/122</b>	329 560	MoH, Jordan Red Crescent, Caritas Jordan, Jordan Health Aid Society, private sector
Management of displaced Iraqis with life-threatening diseases (cancers, renal failure and thalassaemia) <b>IRQ 09/H/20466/122</b>	3 001 350	King Hussein Cancer Foundation/Centre, JAHT, MoH, private sector
Strengthening mental health care at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of care <b>IRQ 09/H/20467/122</b>	776 820	MoH
Practical approach to nutritional deficiencies among displaced Iraqi children <b>IRQ 09/H/20468/122</b>	235 400	Noor Al Hussein Foundation: Institute for Family Health
Development of community mental health centre to assist displaced Iraqi children <b>IRQ 09/H/20463/122</b>	423 720	MoH, national and international NGOs
Provision of drugs for chronic diseases <b>IRQ 09/H/20464/122</b>	1 765 000	MoH
Strengthen the stakeholders and their responsibilities to scale up services for displaced Iraqis suffering from mental disorders <b>IRQ 09/H/20441/122</b>	428 000	MoH, IRD, CARE, IMC, ICMC

\* Amounts given in US dollars.

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