



EMPHNET

The Eastern Mediterranean
Public Health Network

Establishment of Regional Multisectoral Coordination Professional Network for EMR countries

Project Information

◆ Department: Public Health Programs

OBJECTIVES

This project aims to institutionalize and strengthen multisectoral coordination (MSC) across Eastern Mediterranean Region countries by establishing a sustainable professional network and digital infrastructure that facilitates collaboration, peer learning, evidence-based action, and knowledge sharing in line with International Health Regulations IHR (2005), One Health principles, and regional health security priorities.

BENEFICIARIES

Multiple stakeholders from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan including ministries of Health, Agriculture, Environment, and other relevant national stakeholders

REGIONS OF WORK

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, and Pakistan

PROJECT PHASES

This project consists of four main phases:

Project Initiation and Planning: In close coordination, EMPHNET and UKHSA provided technical guidance and aligned regional priorities to establish the foundation of the Regional MSC network. This phase resulted in the development of the network roster, Terms of Reference, governance structure, and the design of digital platforms, alongside initial mapping of MSC capacities and gaps.

Project Implementation: EMPHNET and UKHSA jointly implemented operational activities, including technical support, facilitation of engagements, and coordination across countries. The MSC network was operationalized through online communication platforms, a regional MSC resource hub, a capacity and gaps assessment survey, and a face-to-face regional workshop in Amman, which supported peer learning and the development of a three-year MSC workplan.

Project Monitoring and Evaluation: EMPHNET and UKHSA monitored progress throughout implementation by tracking network engagement, platform utilization, survey findings, and participant feedback. Insights generated were used to inform implementation and strengthen overall network performance.

PROJECT PHASES

Project Closure: EMPHNET and UKHSA completed the handover of project outputs, ensuring sustainability and continued alignment with regional health security priorities. This included finalizing the three-year MSC workplan, documenting key achievements and lessons learned, and transitioning platform management to EMPHNET and national focal points to support ongoing collaboration.

Project Start and End Date	September 2025 – March 2026
Partner Organizations	Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Environment, and other relevant national stakeholders in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, and Pakistan.
Funded by	UKHSA

Currently . . .

EMPHNET, in coordination with UKHSA, has successfully established the Regional MSC Professional Network across the five countries, including the nomination of focal points, endorsement of the network's ToRs and roster, and recruitment of in-country consultants. Key milestones—such as the launch of communication platforms, initial engagement activities, and the regional workshop in Amman—were completed, resulting in a draft three-year MSC workplan.

What's next . . .

Post-project, EMPHNET and national focal points will sustain the network by maintaining engagement, utilizing the established platforms, and implementing the endorsed three-year MSC workplan to support continued multisectoral coordination across the region.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Initial phases of the UKHSA–EMPHNET collaboration highlighted fragmented multisectoral coordination (MSC) structures. This project addressed this gap by establishing a Regional MSC Professional Network, developing and endorsing a three-year workplan, and setting up sustainable platforms for collaboration and knowledge sharing, strengthening coordinated public health action across the region.

By the Numbers

20 national focal points from **Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, and Pakistan** participated in the regional 4-day workshop “From Multisector Coordination to Collaboration: Building an Eastern Mediterranean Community of Practice Network”

GHD|EMPHNET Information: Global Health Development (GHD) Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) works at achieving its mission by responding to public health needs with deliberate efforts that allow for health promotion and disease prevention.

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