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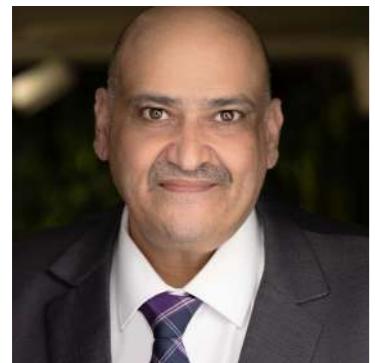




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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking back at year 2025, EMPHNET's journey has been defined by purposeful action, tangible achievements, and a firm commitment to advancing public health across the Eastern Mediterranean Region and beyond. Guided by clear goals, we focused on strengthening health systems, empowering the public health workforce, and transforming evidence into practical solutions.

Despite the pressures of conflict, displacement, and strained health systems across the region, EMPHNET turned challenges into opportunities. This year's progress was shaped by resilience; the resilience of countries working to rebuild, of public health professionals operating in fragile settings, and of communities striving to safeguard their well-being.

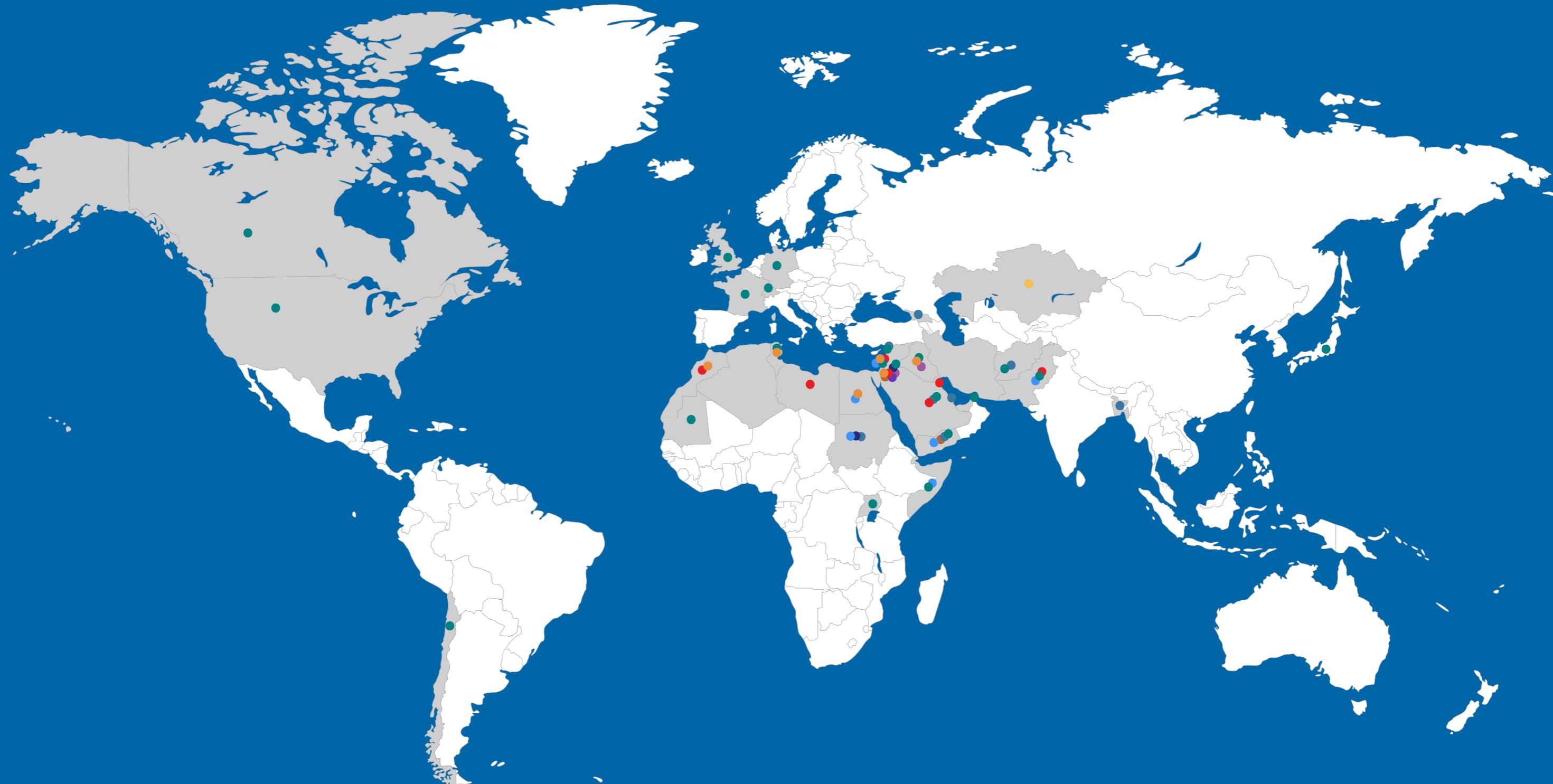
From advancing FETP sustainability and supporting vaccination scale-up to strengthening emergency preparedness, building community health networks, empowering youth, and promoting women's health, our work highlighted the strength of partnership and regional solidarity.

As we look ahead, EMPHNET remains committed to innovation, collaboration, capacity building, and strengthening its role as a leader in public health solutions driven by evidence that is contextualized and tailored to country realities, grounded in equity, and shaped by regional interconnectedness.

Dr. Mohannad Al Nsour
EMPHNET Executive Director



ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND PROJECTS



● Active Partnerships ● Public Health Emergency Management

● Workforce Development ● Biorisk Management

● One Health ● NCDs ● Women and Child Health

● Immunization ● Research ● Infectious Diseases

OUR 2025 FOOTPRINT

Advancing Applied Epidemiology & Evidence-Driven Action in the EMR



30

FETP cohorts completed



20

research papers published



4

customized three-month PHEPs launched in Lebanon, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan



1,250+

learners trained to date through IAPH, EMPHNET's training arm

Fostering Communication, Knowledge Exchange, and Networking



2,000+

participants engaged in **11** webinars



1,101+

candidates applied to join the Engage Internship Program



34

publications (area profiles, newsletters, and emergency bulletins)



4M+

social media views

Strengthening Public Health Programs



195+

members of RRT trained



700+

volunteers trained to strengthen health promotion, expand service delivery, boost vaccination uptake, and enhance disease surveillance



13,000+

children vaccinated as part of routine immunization across Somalia, Lebanon, Egypt, and Yemen

Enhancing Organizational Development, Sustainability and Performance



24

new signed MoUs



28

current partners and collaborators



— EMPHNET'S STRATEGY —

GOAL ONE

ADVANCING APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY & EVIDENCE- DRIVEN ACTION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

In 2025, EMPHNET strengthened its position as a regional leader in applied epidemiology by expanding high-quality training, advancing the sustainability of Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETP), and generating actionable

research that informs public health policy and practice. Our efforts focused on building resilient, context-specific epidemiological capacities and fostering cross-country learning across the EMR and beyond.

BUILDING A STRONGER, SUSTAINABLE, EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKFORCE

Advancing FETP Sustainability: From Dialogue to Action

FETPs remain central to strengthening national surveillance and outbreak response. While the region continues to benefit from highly skilled residents and graduates,

sustainability challenges persist due to limited institutionalization, insufficient political and financial commitment, narrow funding bases, and unclear career pathways.

To address these systemic challenges, EMPHNET advanced a regionally coordinated, evidence-driven sustainability agenda:

REGIONAL-LEVEL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Regional consultations across five countries to identify shared gaps in FETP governance, financing, mentorship, and institutionalization.
- A three-day regional dialogue, bringing together FETP directors, national public health institutes leaders, and decision-makers from **11** EMR countries to co-develop practical, country-specific sustainability plans.
- Strengthening regional partnership mapping and engagement frameworks to formalize FETP ownership and program continuity.

NATIONAL-LEVEL ACHIEVEMENTS

- EMPHNET led the institutionalization assessment for the Bangladesh Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians, including a detailed review of systems, governance, and transition pathways, which produced evidence-based recommendations now guiding national decisions, allocation of resources, and the program's sustainable transition under the Department of Livestock Services.



Expanding Knowledge Exchange and Collaborative Learning

Recognizing that applied epidemiology thrives on shared learning, EMPHNET strengthened mechanisms for regional exchange and professional development:

 **Exchange Missions across Egypt, Iraq, Yemen, and Jordan**, enabling cross-country learning, and hands-on best practice sharing.

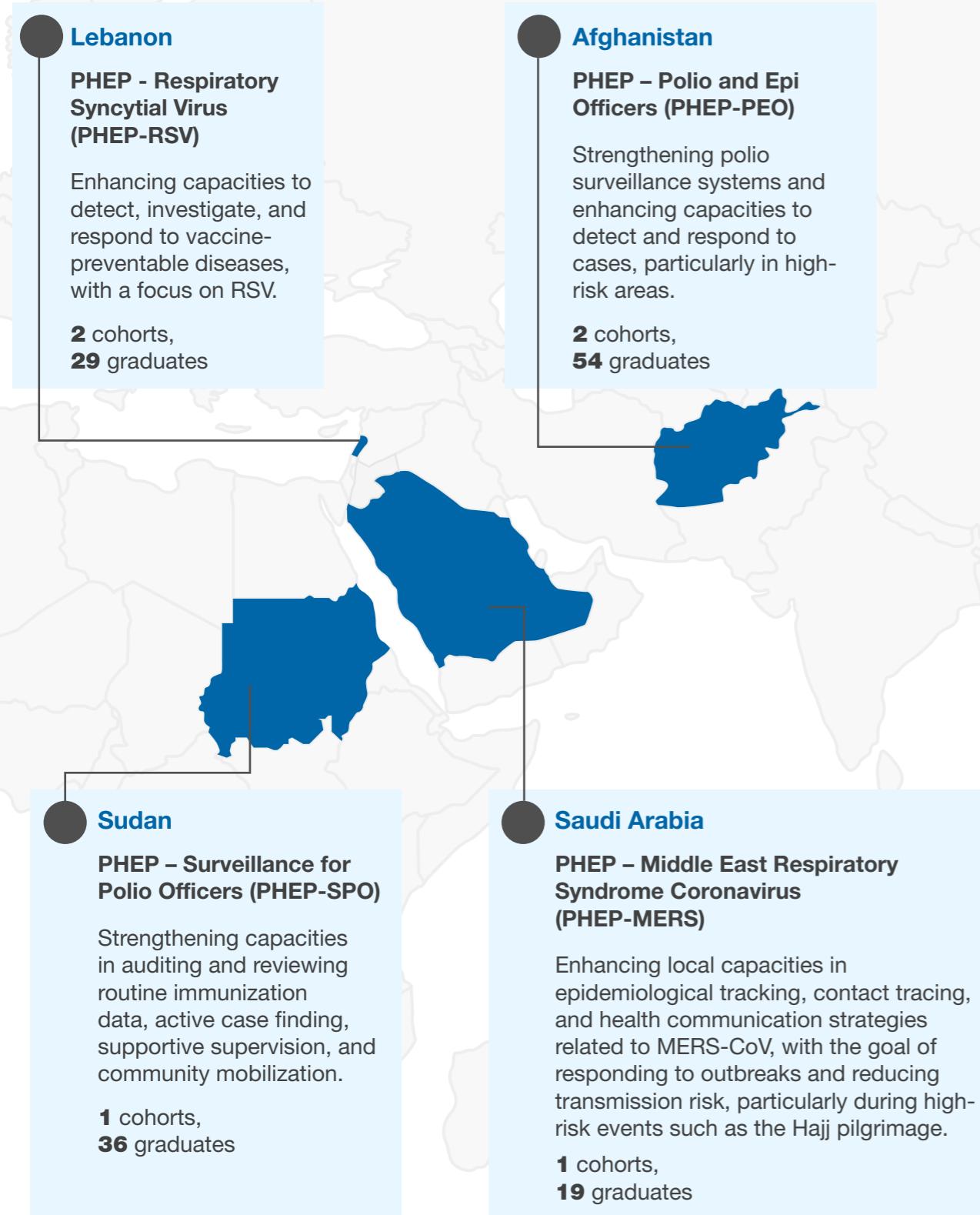
 **Conference participation** support for **seven FETP residents** to present their work at global scientific meetings, including the Third International Conference on Primary Care and Public Healthcare and the Second SAFETYNET Scientific Conference.

 **World Field Epidemiology Day** symposium, engaging **300+** participants, featuring **13** technical presentations and showcasing success stories from multiple countries.

 **FETP Projects and NCD Mini-Grant Initiatives Symposium**, attended by **300+** participants, featuring **12** technical presentations by FETP residents, graduates, and NCD mini-grant awardees, highlighting their innovative research efforts.

Tailoring Training to Align with Country-Specific Needs and Priorities

Effective capacity building in public health requires more than a one-size-fits-all approach. In 2025, EMPHNET expanded its contextualized three-month Public Health Empowerment Programs (PHEPs), aligning training to country priorities, disease burdens, and workforce needs.



Strengthening FETP Teaching Quality and Contextual Relevance

To enhance field-based learning across the region, EMPHNET:

- Held **6** case study development workshops across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) regions, strengthening participants' skills in developing locally relevant teaching case studies.
- Supported the development of **20+** new case studies for the Frontline, Intermediate, and Advanced FETP tiers, addressing key public health challenges in the region.
- Conducted continuous program evaluations, which in 2025 guided evidence-based improvements for the Bangladesh Intermediate FETP and Sudan's PHEP-SPO.

EVALUATION INSIGHTS

Bangladesh Intermediate FETP: Needs include centralized tracking, outbreak engagement, ongoing mentorship, and government integration.

Sudan PHEP-SPO: Needs include expanding trainee coverage, more practical training, blended training methods, mentorship, and collaboration with local health authorities.



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FETP Cohorts Launch and Completion in 2025

 Afghanistan 1st and 2nd PHEP-PEO cohorts completed	 Morocco 1st Advanced regional mental health cohort is under development
 Bangladesh 3rd and 4th Intermediate cohorts completed 2nd Advanced FETPV cohort completed	 Oman 3rd and 4th PHEP-BFE cohorts completed
 Pakistan 15th Advanced cohort completed 16th Advanced cohort launched 23rd and 24th Frontline cohorts completed, as well as 25th Frontline cohort launched	 Egypt 22nd Advanced cohort completed 1st PHEP- One Health cohort completed 1st PHEP-Vector cohort completed
 Iraq 4th Intermediate cohort completed 12th, 13th, and 14th PHEP-BFE cohorts completed	 Qatar 1st Intermediate cohort completed
 Jordan 20th and 21st Advanced cohorts completed 1st PHEP-BFE cohort completed	 Saudi Arabia 1st PHEP-MERS cohort completed New PHEP-BFE cohort launched
 Lebanon 4th PHEP-BFE cohort completed 5th and 6th PHEP- RSV cohorts completed	 Sudan 3rd PHEP-SPO cohort completed
 Tunisia 3rd PHEP-BFE cohort completed	 Yemen 3rd Intermediate cohort completed in Aden 3rd Intermediate cohort completed in Sana'a 7th Advanced cohort launched in Sana'a
 Libya 3rd PHEP-BFE cohort completed	

Driving Innovation in Public Health Education through Digital Learning

In alignment with its vision to expand access to flexible and engaging learning opportunities, EMPHNET continues to advance innovative e-learning initiatives designed to facilitate the uptake of knowledge in public health policy and practice, and strengthen the broader public health workforce capacities across the region and beyond.

EMPHNET's Learning Management System (LMS)

EMPHNET continuously launches open courses and digital toolkits, providing online support for internal teams as well as external entities.

 **2** new open courses launched

 **2000+** participants enrolled, **325** certified

EMPHNET's Electronic Library (EEL)

EEL continues to serve as a key platform that offers FETPs and public health professionals with resources and tools to advance research and practice.

 **800** users from the EMR

 **6,414+** logins to the platform

 **280** EMPHNET publications hosted

 **89** open-access resources available

International Academy of Public Health (IAPH)

In 2025, IAPH scaled its reach and credibility across the region and beyond by:

Delivering accredited hands-on professional courses.

Joining the CPD Certification Service.

Developing new curricula and technical modules with partners such as:

Juzaor for Health and Social Development

Training **60+** Palestinian health professionals on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) during public health emergencies, in **Ramallah, Nablus, and Hebron**.

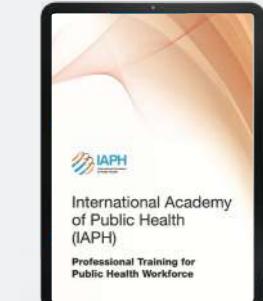
Training **20** Palestinian healthcare providers through a customized non-communicable Disease Program in Emergencies.

Training **13** Palestinian medical staff in Jordan on Diabetic Foot Prevention and Management.

Saudi Public Health Authority (PHA)

Customizing the **PHEP-BFE** to meet Saudi Arabia's specific needs and delivering it in a blended format.

Developing **12** courses; including **1** in-person, covering various public health areas.



Check out IAPH's Profile

World Health Organization (WHO)

Developing the Integrated Primary Health Care Training Program, a blended-learning diploma designed to meet the region's urgent need for skilled PHC providers, offering a **9-month curriculum** that equips physicians, pharmacists nurses, and public health professionals with the clinical, public health, and leadership skills needed for comprehensive, team-based care. *(Received official accreditation from both the Jordanian Medical Council and the Jordanian Nursing Council)*.

In Numbers

 **202** Participants Enrolled Across Seven Cohorts of the Executive Professional Master Program in Public Health Emergency Management

 **92** Participants Enrolled Across Five Cohorts of the Professional Diploma in Environmental Health

 **1,250+** Trained Learners

 **55** Courses and Programs

 **20+** MoUs

 **70+** Countries

GENERATING AND TRANSLATING RESEARCH FOR EVIDENCE-DRIVEN PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

Through its dedicated research efforts, EMPHNET continues to expand its research portfolio, generating timely, reliable, and context-appropriate evidence to inform stronger public

health interventions, policies, and dialogue across the EMR. It also builds the capacity of public health professionals to conduct research and apply evidence-based solutions.

Strengthening Research Capacity with AI

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) increasingly shapes public health research, EMPHNET is strengthening regional research capacity by promoting its responsible use for evidence-based interventions. Through collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB) Global Health Institute, EMPHNET:

- Led regional discussions on ethical and technical dimensions of AI in global public health.
- Promoted practical use cases for improved surveillance and decision support.

Contributing to Policies and Priority Setting

Shaped Climate Change and Health Research Agenda for Displaced Populations

In partnership with AUB, EMPHNET helped identify research priorities on climate change, displacement, and health in the MENA region. These priorities were guided by expert consultations and community focus groups to guide evidence-based policymaking.

Contributed to Jordan's Fifth Tobacco Industry Interference Index

In collaboration with the Global Alliance for Tobacco Control, EMPHNET partnered with anti-tobacco civil societies in Jordan to conduct the fifth National Tobacco Industry Interference Index monitoring, tracking how the tobacco industry influences public health policies. By participating in the report's development and presentation, EMPHNET helped identify opportunities to strengthen policy and governance for better public health protection.

Strengthened Evidence for Climate-Related Health Action in the EMR

EMPHNET, in collaboration with WHO, led an initiative to identify key research priorities on climate change and health in the EMR and to examine the ethical challenges of conducting such research. By engaging experts and stakeholders, the initiative provided evidence-based guidance to support policymakers and practitioners in developing effective, ethically sound interventions.

Setting the Foundation for a Vision on Global Health Reform

As global health challenges continue to evolve, EMPHNET is spearheading a regional initiative to reimagine and strengthen the global health architecture from a regional perspective. This effort is part of the Wellcome Trust's Global Health Reform initiative.



Research and Consultations

47 key informants interviews with policy makers, experts, and stakeholders, and 284 survey respondents.

Regional Dialogue

40 participants from the MECA, including representatives from policymaking bodies, international organizations, civil society, and academia.

Key Outcomes

A shared understanding of the region's top priorities for global health reform, aligning global support with national needs, strengthening regional governance, fostering collaboration, improving data systems, and reinforcing national leadership for integrated PHC health systems.

EMPHNET's Published Research in 2025



EMPHNET produced and contributed to 20 peer-reviewed publications. This expanding research footprint underscores EMPHNET's role in shaping regional evidence and elevating voices from the EMR in global scientific discourse.

Research Papers Developed from the Discussions and Outcomes of EMPHNET's Eighth Regional Conference

Multisectoral Coordination in Public health: Insights from the 8th EMPHNET regional conference

Pandemic Preparedness and Response in the EMR: Adapting Lessons learnt From pandemics for tomorrow

Public Health in Sudan: Priorities, Challenges, and Pathways to Resilience in Crisis

Collaborative Strategies for Implementing NCD "best buys" in the Eastern Mediterranean and Africa

Innovative and Sustainable Solutions for Reducing 'Zero-dose' Vaccination: How Can the Region Respond?

Leveraging Data and Policy Interventions to Strengthen Tobacco Control in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Optimizing Preparedness and Response for Circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus (cVDPV) Outbreaks in the EMR

The War on Gaza and its Impact on Public Health: Challenges and Pathways to Recovery

Advancing One Health Implementation in the EMR: Insights from the EMPHNET 8th Biennial Roundtable

Others Publications

The Role of Public Health Networks in Strengthening Public Health Systems: the Case of EMPHNET in the EMR

Public Health Workforce Strengthening in the EMR: EMPHNET's Strategic Contributions

Advancing Institutionalization and sustainability of Field Epidemiology Training Programs in the EMR

Burden of Pertussis in Infants in the EMR and the impact of Maternal Vaccination: a Systematic Review

Sustaining Immunization Under the Roar of Cannons: Lessons Learned from Sudan, June 2023 to December 2024

Implementation of the NCD Capacity Assessment and Planning Process in Iraq, Jordan, and Pakistan

Discover more Publications

— EMPHNET'S STRATEGY —

GOAL TWO

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND RESPONSES TO PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS IN THE EMR

The EMR continues to face diverse and complex public health challenges and emergencies, including recurrent disease outbreaks, humanitarian crises, fragile systems, and inequitable access to essential services. In 2025, EMPHNET reinforced national and

community-level capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to these challenges by advancing preparedness systems, expanding disease control efforts, strengthening immunization programs, and prioritizing the health of vulnerable populations.

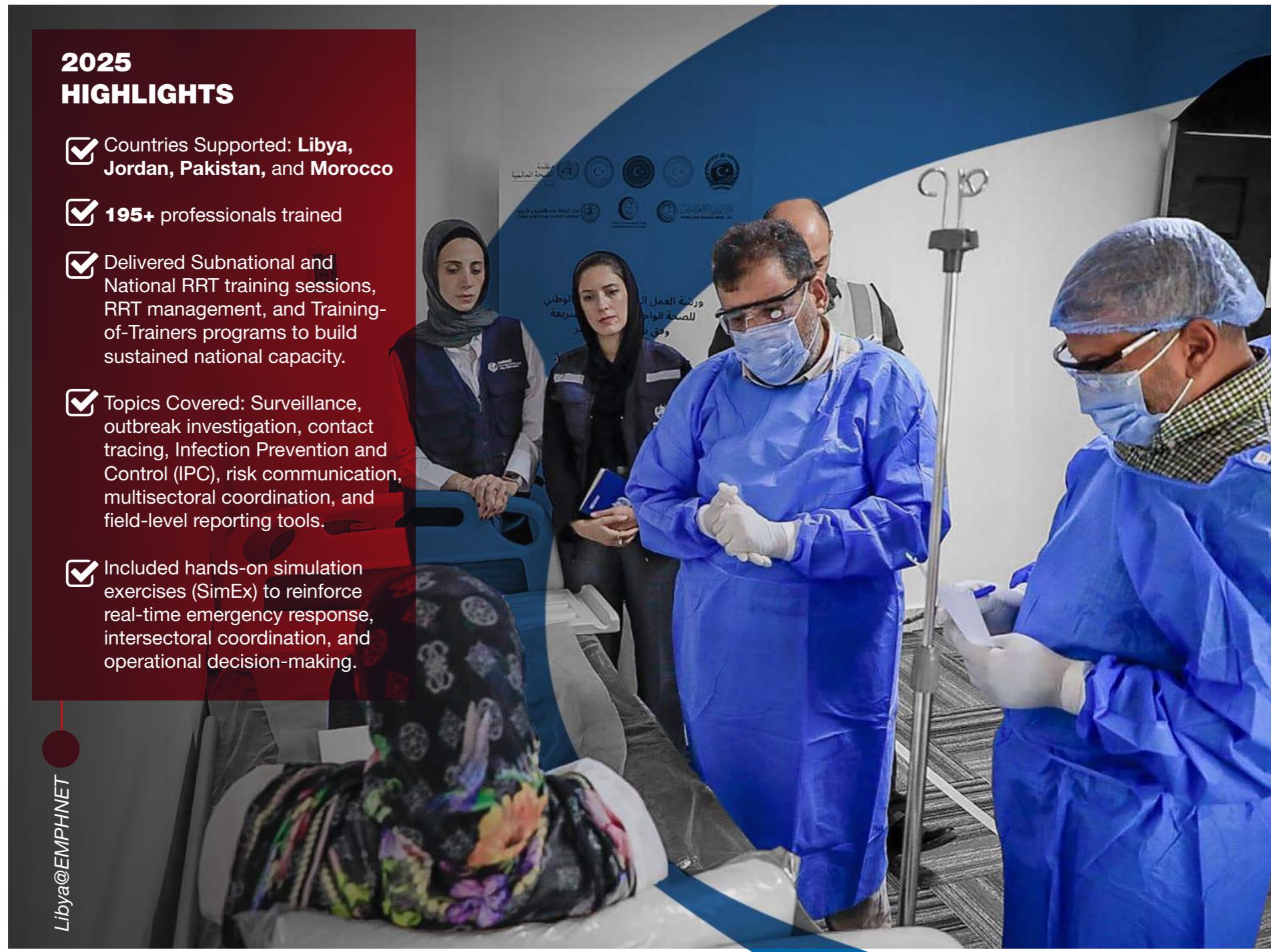


ENHANCING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPACITY

Enhancing Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies

Building Rapid and Coordinated National Response Mechanisms

Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) remain central to early outbreak containment. EMPHNET supported countries in strengthening their RRT architecture through tailored, competency-based training and system development.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Countries Supported: **Libya, Jordan, Pakistan, and Morocco**

195+ professionals trained

Delivered Subnational and National RRT training sessions, RRT management, and Training-of-Trainers programs to build sustained national capacity.

Topics Covered: Surveillance, outbreak investigation, contact tracing, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), risk communication, multisectoral coordination, and field-level reporting tools.

Included hands-on simulation exercises (SimEx) to reinforce real-time emergency response, intersectoral coordination, and operational decision-making.

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Support for RRT Capacity Building in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

This year, EMPHNET provided technical support to RRT capacity-building activities in both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. In Saudi Arabia, EMPHNET supported training programs organized by the PHA, with a focus on strengthening emergency preparedness during high-risk periods such as Hajj and Umrah. This included two Advanced RRT Training Programs in Madina and Taif; two RRT ToT programs in Jeddah and Taif; four simulation exercises on waterborne diseases, meningitis, rash, and acute respiratory cases across Makkah, Jeddah, Madina, and Taif; one Rapid Response Capacity Assessment Workshop; and one Rapid Response Management Training for managers from Makkah, Madina, Taif, and Jeddah. Simultaneously in Kuwait, EMPHNET, in collaboration with WHO, technically supported the MoH in three RRT activities, focusing on capacity assessment, development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and the establishment of a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) framework, thus contributing to strengthened national rapid response capabilities.

Strengthening Event-Based Surveillance (EBS)

To improve early detection, EMPHNET expanded community-based EBS capacities in Morocco, training **60** multisectoral professionals and integrating community-level reporting mechanisms across five regions, while engaging different stakeholders such as the Ministry of Interior and the National Office for Food Safety to improve coordination and system integration.

Advancing Multisectoral Preparedness

Multisectoral collaboration (MSC) is a critical pillar of public health preparedness, enabling timely and coordinated responses to emerging health threats and reinforcing overall health security. This year, through a partnership with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) under the International Health Regulations Strengthening Project (IHR-SP), EMPHNET convened regional dialogues and practical discussions that guided countries in operationalizing MSC effectively, especially during large-scale public health emergencies.

Participants	Focus Areas	Outcomes
11 mid- and high-level management professionals, representing MoHs, national institution, and other key sectors	Sharing country experiences implementing MSC during COVID-19	Development of country-specific action plans
From Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Pakistan, and Jordan	Exploring stakeholder mapping and strategies for operationalizing MSC across sectors	Enabling countries to take practical steps toward institutionalizing and operationalizing MSC mechanisms
	Discussing individual-level competencies required for effective MSC	

Bringing Public Health Response Closer to Communities

Community Health Response in Gaza

Amid severe humanitarian constraints, EMPHNET scaled a community-based public health action model in Gaza through its Community Health Champion Program (ChampNet). It established a network of **400+** trained community health workers and a medical point to deliver essential services and address urgent health needs in 2025.



Health Promotion Activities

Awareness sessions covering nutrition, communicable and non-communicable diseases management, personal hygiene, and mental health.



Service Delivery

Health screening and nutritional counselling, distribution of supplements to malnourished children, pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers, as well as provision of dignity and clean delivery kits.

Impact to Date

1,500+ outreach activities conducted

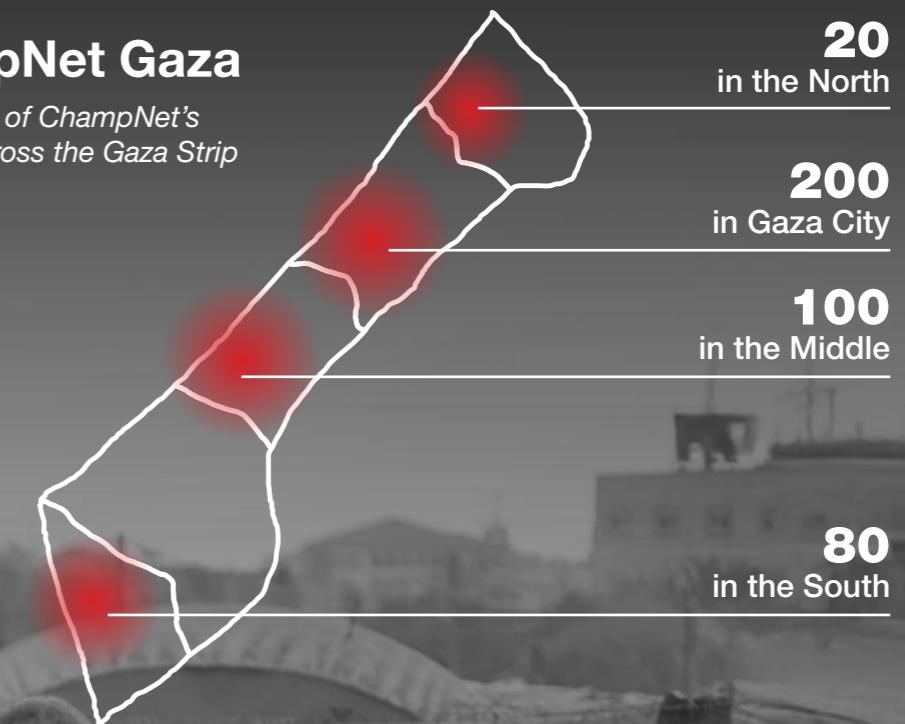
250,000+ people reached across Gaza

47,147 children screened for malnutrition



ChampNet Gaza

Distribution of ChampNet's network across the Gaza Strip



20

in the North

200

in Gaza City

100

in the Middle

80

in the South



Youth Leading the Way in Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

In collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Social Developmental Forum (SDF), EMPHNET launched a youth-driven initiative in Gaza: “Enhancing Youth Leadership in Promoting Knowledge and Awareness on Sexual and Reproductive Health Through Community Initiatives,” inspiring youth and adolescents to lead SRH community efforts, fostering awareness, knowledge, and positive attitudes toward SRH.

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COMBATING INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND ADVANCING ONE HEALTH

EMPHNET has continued to strengthen infectious disease prevention, detection, and control across the EMR and beyond. This year, the organization advanced its efforts by prioritizing the One

Health approach, leveraging the Meningitis and Septicemia Mapping Network (MenMap), and initiating support in the EMR for sustaining the Human Immunodeficiency Virus response.

Advancing One Health in Action

Recognizing the critical need for effective One Health implementation to address endemic and emerging health challenges in the EMR, in 2025, EMPHNET has been strengthening capacities in One Health and promoting community engagement to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

Building One Health Capacities

In 2025, EMPHNET strengthened capacities by integrating One Health components into FETPs and RRTs across the region. This included supporting the development of tailored One Health training modules in **Egypt** and **Lebanon**, and conducting One Health RRT training in **Libya**. EMPHNET further enhanced rabies control efforts by organizing **17** specialized training sessions on updated animal bite and rabies protocols across **Jordan** to strengthen national preparedness and response.

“Joining EMPHNET is a choice of heart and conviction: to learn, share, and act in the face of health and humanitarian emergencies through the One Health approach.”

Nisreen Abukashawa,
EMPHNET's Intern



Empowering Communities in Eliminating NTDs

In Yemen, EMPHNET continued its support to the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) in combating onchocerciasis, and it expanded community-led treatment efforts, actively implementing a one round of Mass Drug Administration of *Ivermectin* in Taiz governorate.

Key Figures

- 220,000+** residents treated (aged 5+, excluding pregnant women)
- 700** Community Drug Distributors (CDDs) mobilized
- 87** team leaders mobilized
- 70%** treatment coverage achieved



Fostering Knowledge Sharing on One Health

This year, as part of EMPHNET's WEBi series, the organization hosted a fruitful webinar titled: ***“Enhancing Public Health Resilience in the EMR and Beyond through One Health.”*** It explored how the One Health Approach can address climate impacts on health outcomes in the region, highlighted the importance of multisectoral collaboration in tackling climate-related health challenges, and showcased a regional case study demonstrating the real-world effects of climate change on public health. Attended by **319** participants, the webinar laid the foundation for actionable strategies using the One Health Approach to strengthen public health resilience in the EMR.

Scaling Regional Meningitis Surveillance and Control through the Multi-Country MenMap Initiative

In its second year, the MenMap initiative, established by EMPHNET in collaboration with Sanofi, continues to strengthen bacterial meningitis surveillance across the EMR by enhancing diagnostics, national systems, and local capacities. By uniting healthcare systems in Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq, MenMap provides reliable data to guide public health interventions and address critical gaps in meningitis control, further supporting infectious disease surveillance.

MenMap Surveillance Overview, as of November 2025

 Participating Countries:	 314 Confirmed Cases
 15 Sentinel Hospitals	 ~7.9% Cumulative Positivity Rate
 3,977 Suspected Cases Reported	

2025 Highlights

-  **100+** healthcare professionals, including physicians, epidemiologists, data clerks, and laboratory staff, received refresher training on surveillance and data management.
-  4 bulletins published, detailing case trends, training outcomes, and operational updates.
-  Conducted specialized PCR refresher training at Institut Pasteur for Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL) teams from all three countries, enhancing molecular detection and subtyping capabilities.
-  Supplied essential laboratory materials, including PCR reagents, extraction kits, and consumables, to ensure uninterrupted diagnostic operations across all three countries.
-  Developed and maintained interactive analytical dashboards to visualize suspected and confirmed cases, positivity rates, and sentinel site performance.

Special Initiative:

In collaboration with the Jordan Ministry of Health, EMPHNET implemented the Meningitis Conjugate Vaccine Awareness and Promotion Initiative nationwide. The initiative raised awareness among family health center providers on the importance of the ACWY vaccine for Hajj travelers, emphasizing their role in addressing vaccine hesitancy, communicating with travelers, and ensuring proper documentation, thereby strengthening frontline capacity and promoting meningitis prevention among pilgrims.



Driving Sustainable HIV Response in the MENA

This year, EMPHNET was selected as the regional Principal Recipient (PR) for the Multi-Country MENA Global Fund HIV Grant (MCMENA), marking the first time an institution from the Middle East and North Africa has assumed this role. The official third cycle of the grant was launched this year, with EMPHNET supporting Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia in sustaining HIV response efforts.

MCMENA III will focus on:

- Ensuring sustainable financing for HIV programs for key populations
- Reinforcing national HIV programs
- Strengthening integrated, sustainable HIV prevention and care
- Expanding community-led interventions
- Upholding dignity, equity, and human rights

Launch Event Highlights

Participants from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia, alongside national, regional, and international stakeholders, including officials from the Jordanian Ministry of Health, the MENA-H Coalition, and EMPHNET, attended the launch event.

Following the launch, the initiative entered its implementation phase with a four-day technical mission, featuring structured sessions focused on:

- Strengthening regional enablers, including communications, learning platforms, and rights-based approaches.
- Engaging stakeholders and aligning strategies with national HIV programs and the Middle East Response.
- Enhancing operational readiness and capacity, including M&E frameworks, financial accountability, and data quality.



Check out the launch event highlights 

DELIVERING AND SUSTAINING VACCINATION SERVICES AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS

EMPHNET has made significant strides in strengthening immunization services across the EMR and beyond, focusing on equitable service

delivery, eliminating polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs), capacity building, and enhancing community-based surveillance.

Strengthening Governance and Evidence-Based Decision Making

Advancing NITAG Capacity and Functioning

National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs) are crucial for evidence-based immunization policies and recommendations. EMPHNET continues to strengthen their capacity and governance, ensuring decisions are well-informed and accountable. EMPHNET's efforts this year included:

-  **Building Regional Capacity on Evidence-to-Recommendation (EtR) for RSV Vaccine Introduction:** Held a multi-country training for NITAG and Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) members from seven countries to evaluate evidence on the RSV vaccine, strengthen disease burden assessment, reinforce the adoption of an evidence-based approach for future vaccine recommendations, and develop context-appropriate immunization policies.

-  **Supporting NITAG Functionality During Conflict in Sudan:** Revised and updated the NITAG operational manual based on the maturity assessment findings, ensuring clearer roles, responsibilities, and processes that support sustained functionality and effective decision-making during emergencies.

-  **Enhancing NITAG Capacity and Secretariat Functioning in Yemen:** Conducted a maturity assessment of Yemen's NITAG, used the findings to develop an improvement plan, supported the expansion of the Secretariat from one to three members to improve efficiency, and delivered targeted training to strengthen roles and operations.

Supporting the development of HPV Vaccination Policy in Yemen

EMPHNET improved governance in Yemen by supporting evidence-based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination policy development through a comprehensive desk review of the cervical cancer burden, stakeholder mapping across key sectors, and a consultative workshop to validate findings and set priorities, which will guide the development of a formal policy brief to support HPV vaccine introduction and scale-up.

Strengthening Coordination in Sudan for Effective Decision-Making

In Sudan, EMPHNET strengthened collaboration among immunization stakeholders via its previously developed web-based coordination platform. Four review meetings this year ensured the platform's functionality, promoted effective information sharing, and enabled timely, informed decision-making and action by all stakeholders.



FOSTERING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This year, EMPHNET advanced efforts to empower communities by enhancing their role in disease surveillance, expanding access to immunization services, and boosting vaccine demand. Key milestones included the establishment and piloting of Community Health Volunteer Networks in Yemen and Sudan to support reaching zero-dose children and increasing vaccination coverage, reinforced by guidebooks and targeted training sessions, and resulting in notable progress over a three-month period.

Strengthening Disease Surveillance

Sudan: 1,174 Community-Based Surveillance (CBS) sites visited across 11 states, with 566 community informants contributing to reporting. A total of 1,551 VPDs were reported.

Somalia: 4,710 active Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) case-search visits were conducted to strengthen surveillance and early case detection.

Increasing Vaccine Demand and Interest

Somalia: 491 social mobilization activities engaged local leaders, caregivers, and mothers, targeting zero-dose children under five in nomadic and hard-to-reach populations.

Yemen: 3,008 community education and awareness sessions delivered through the Community Volunteer Network.

Sudan: 207 community education and awareness sessions delivered through the Community Health Promoter Network.

Advancing Service Delivery

Somalia: 4,609 children vaccinated, including 3,680 zero-dose children.

Yemen: 438 zero-dose and under-immunized children were vaccinated, and 912 were referred to health clinics for vaccination through the Community Health Volunteer Network.

Sudan: 985 zero-dose and under-immunized children were referred to health clinics for vaccinations through the Community Health Promoter Network.

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Advancing Communication and Health Promotion for Enhanced Immunization Uptake in Sudan

EMPHNET recognizes the critical role of communication in improving immunization outcomes. Its support in Sudan focused on a structured, stepwise approach:

Effective Communication Strategy Development

Collaborating with the Sudan Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) to develop an innovative communication strategy for the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), serving to increase public access to vaccine information and adapted for conflict-affected settings.



Sustaining Risk Communication Committees

12 national and state-level Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) committees were established, supported by targeted operational manuals, TORs, and M&E tools.

Supporting the Introduction and Scale-Up of the Malaria Immunization Program in Sudan

EMPHNET has played a central role in supporting Sudan as it becomes the first country in the region to introduce the malaria vaccine into its routine immunization program. Throughout the process, EMPHNET contributed across multiple phases, facilitating coordination, and integrating digital tools to guide planning and implementation. It also supported efforts to scale up the rollout by:

 **Equipping facility-level service providers:** trained **1,025** healthcare staff in Blue Nile and Gedaref States to ensure effective malaria vaccine delivery.

 **Generating evidence through research:** addressing barriers to malaria vaccine uptake, conducting a Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) study of caregivers on multiple injections, and documenting best practices to guide scale-up and replication.

 **Supporting RCCE plans development and implementation:** assisted the FMoH in developing targeted communication materials, including audio messages broadcast through radio and roving megaphones, as well as printed training resources to promote public confidence in the newly introduced malaria vaccine and raise community awareness.

 **Providing post-introduction support and evidence generation:** conducted a post-introduction evaluation study, recommending strengthened planning and coordination across all levels, enhanced training for vaccinators and service providers, improved cold chain and logistics management, standardized supervision and data systems, and expanded community engagement to support successful scale-up.

Enhancing Immunization Quality and Equity

EMPHNET improved immunization equity and quality by extending reach to vulnerable communities, using microplanning and digital tools to optimize immunization programs, and assessing population immunity to guide targeted, high-quality interventions.

Promoting Equity

Reaching Vulnerable and Hard-to-Reach Communities

 7,303 children vaccinated in Egypt.

 778 previously unvaccinated children vaccinated in Lebanon.

Assessing Immunity Levels Against Polio Among Children in Afghanistan

 Conducted ongoing serosurveys using Dried Blood Spot (DBS) testing to detect antibodies across Eastern and Southern Regions.

Ensuring Immunization Quality

EMPHNET has maintained ongoing support for the EPI in Sudan to enhance vaccination quality. This support is reflected through key actions, including:

 Organizing regular national review meetings, supporting annual EPI planning, and implementing supportive supervision visits to identify areas for improvement.

 Supporting microplanning through data-driven digital tools that streamline operations, and enable states to monitor implementation, generate accurate performance indicators, and track VPDs.

EMPHNET's Support in Action

Digitalized GIS Micro-planning Tool

- Mapping service delivery points
- Collecting geographic data
- Improving coverage analysis
- Strengthening planning and data-driven decision making

Digitalized M&E Tool

- Supporting the oversight and performance tracking of vaccination services across all administrative levels.

Capacity Building

- Development of operational guide and training material for effective digital tools' use and data entry
- Guidance on interpreting visualized data for decision-making

Concurrently, efforts are ongoing to support the transition to the digital microplanning system on the DHIS2 platform, the leading global open-source tool for national health information management.



PROTECTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR WOMEN, ADOLESCENTS, AND CHILDREN

This year, EMPHNET strengthened its focus on the health and well-being of women, children, and adolescents across the EMR, with a particular focus on mental health and psychosocial support.

The organization also continued addressing longstanding challenges, including high neonatal mortality rates, while also expanding its work on cancer prevention and care.

Women's Health

Advancing Postnatal Care Through Integrated Family Planning and Mental Health Services

With support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and in collaboration with the Jordan Ministry of Health (MoH), EMPHNET has been implementing the MARIA project on **“Integrating Family Planning and Mental Health Services into Postnatal Care for Migrant, Refugee, and Underserved Jordanian Women.”** The initiative centers on generating research evidence and laying a strong foundation for an integrated Family Planning–Mental Health (FP–MH) model within primary health care (PHC) in Jordan.

This year, EMPHNET completed formative research and literature reviews, conducted a Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) situational analysis, and developed a contextually relevant FP–MH integration framework in collaboration with stakeholders. As part of these efforts, EMPHNET also developed a new [policy brief](#) to translate the evidence into actionable guidance for integrating FP–MH services within PHC.

Key Recommendations

-  Integrate routine MH screening into FP/postnatal visits
-  Adopt a task-sharing model where midwives deliver brief counseling
-  Upgrade PHC infrastructure to support confidential MH-FP care

 Establish clear referral and follow-up pathways between PHC and MH specialists

 Mobilize community engagement to reduce stigma and support women

Strengthening Media Engagement to Advance Cervical Cancer Awareness and Elimination in Jordan

In partnership with MSD, EMPHNET contributed in Jordan to enhancing journalists' capacity to communicate effectively on cervical cancer prevention and the global and national elimination agenda by facilitating a fruitful discussion between the MoH, medical experts, and media stakeholders. This engagement helped journalists deliver clearer, more accurate messages on cervical cancer prevention and elimination, improving media reporting and reaching a wider audience with key public health information.



Raising Awareness to Accelerate the Elimination of Women's Cancer in Iraq

EMPHNET conducted a national campaign in Iraq to address the rising rates of breast and cervical cancer and to raise awareness by promoting early detection and reducing stigma. Through broad outreach, coordinated messaging, and strong alignment with Iraq's Ministry of Health priorities, EMPHNET helped elevate women's cancer prevention as a national public health priority and strengthened collective action toward reducing the burden of breast and cervical cancer across the country.

 **1,405,200** people reached through targeted social media campaign.

 **1,000+** university students and young advocates were mobilized to participate in awareness activities and share key messages, increasing their knowledge.

 **1** consultative workshop to strengthen communication and advocacy for women's cancer in Iraq, bringing together key stakeholders from Iraq's MoH, national institutions, and public health professionals.

Child and Adolescent Health

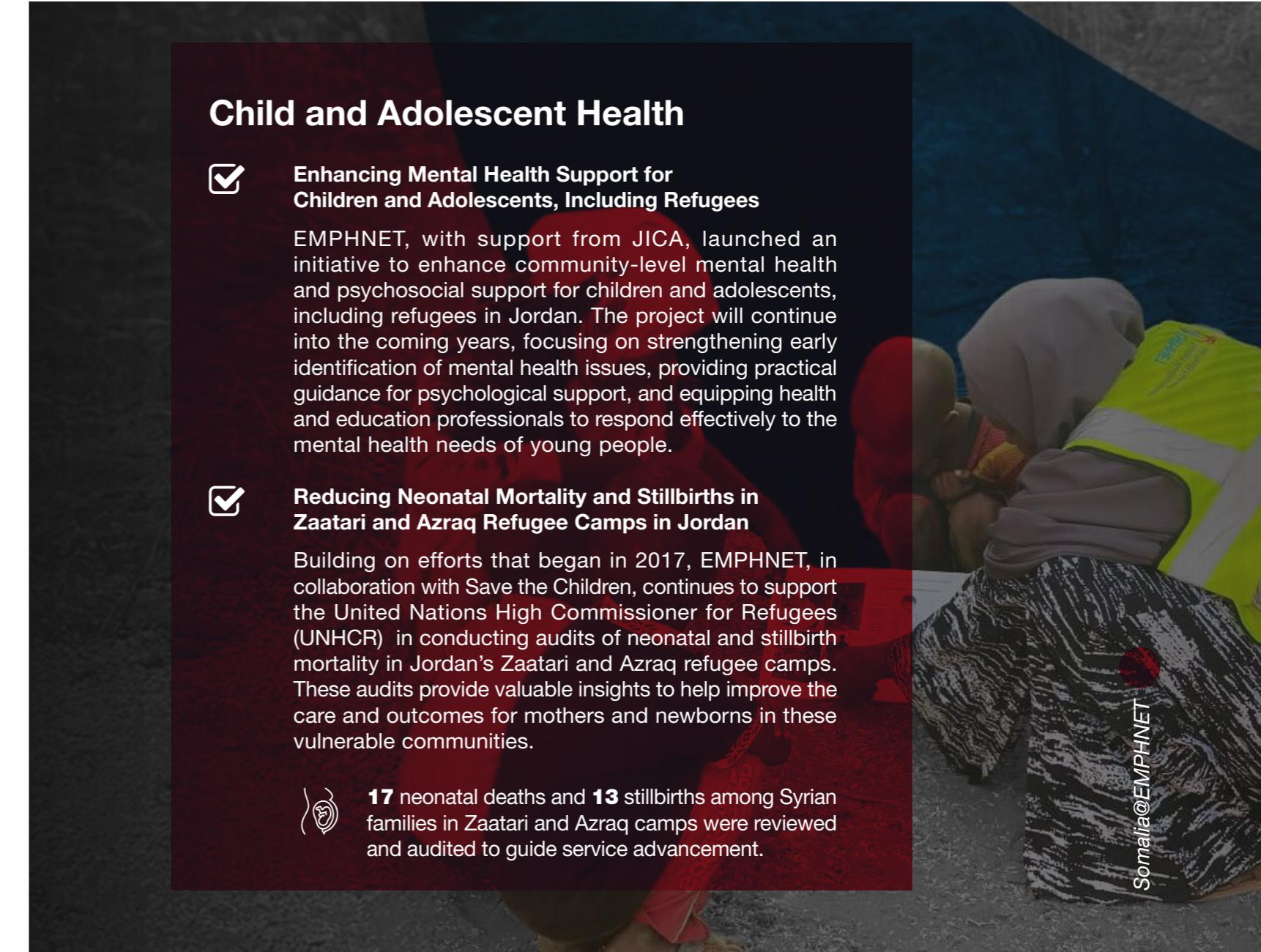
Enhancing Mental Health Support for Children and Adolescents, Including Refugees

EMPHNET, with support from JICA, launched an initiative to enhance community-level mental health and psychosocial support for children and adolescents, including refugees in Jordan. The project will continue into the coming years, focusing on strengthening early identification of mental health issues, providing practical guidance for psychological support, and equipping health and education professionals to respond effectively to the mental health needs of young people.

Reducing Neonatal Mortality and Stillbirths in Zaatri and Azraq Refugee Camps in Jordan

Building on efforts that began in 2017, EMPHNET, in collaboration with Save the Children, continues to support the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in conducting audits of neonatal and stillbirth mortality in Jordan's Zaatri and Azraq refugee camps. These audits provide valuable insights to help improve the care and outcomes for mothers and newborns in these vulnerable communities.

 **17** neonatal deaths and **13** stillbirths among Syrian families in Zaatri and Azraq camps were reviewed and audited to guide service advancement.





EMPHNET'S STRATEGY

GOAL THREE

FOSTERING COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE, AND NETWORKING

Effective communication, accessible knowledge, and strong regional networks are essential to advancing public health in the EMR. In 2025, EMPHNET strengthened its role as a convener, knowledge broker, and advocacy leader, amplifying regional voices, and expanding opportunities for collaboration and learning.

A major milestone this year was the establishment of the Center of Communication and Health Promotion (CCHP), enabling EMPHNET to scale its advocacy, visibility, community engagement, and knowledge-exchange efforts with greater coherence and institutional capacity.



Key Initiatives Driving Regional Knowledge Exchange

Community of Practice on Data Science for Epidemic Intelligence

Overview

Supporting the sustainability of EMPHNET's regional data science and digital epidemic intelligence efforts, convening participants from Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Tunisia, Pakistan, and global partners for quarterly virtual sessions focused on capacity building, knowledge exchange, and collaboration in data analysis, surveillance, and digital tools.

2025 Impact



4 virtual meetings



Focus areas included **advanced data analysis** using R program and Microsoft Power BI, **digital health tools** such as DHIS2, and **sharing of country experiences**.

Engage Internship Program

Overview

Accredited by the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA), EMPHNET's Engage Internship Program continued to provide young public health professionals and students with hands-on experience in real-world public health practices.

Throughout the year, interns contributed to real-world public health programs, including surveillance, humanitarian response, research, and health communication, strengthening regional workforce readiness.

2025 Impact



4 internship cycles



1,101+ applicants



29 interns accepted



24 interns completed

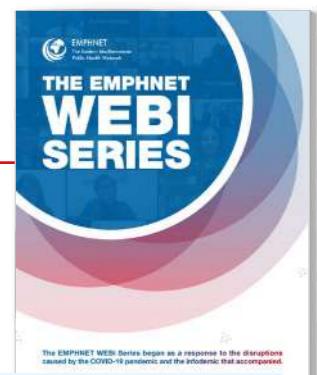


11 countries represented, including: **India, Jordan, United States, Sudan, Mexico, Egypt, Yemen, Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan.**



EMPHNET WEBi Series

A flagship knowledge-exchange platform connecting experts, practitioners, and institutions across the region. The series continues to evolve as a regional space for dialogue, evidence sharing, and agenda shaping.



Overview

Every month, EMPHNET's WEBi Series brings together public health professionals and experts to engage in dynamic discussions on current public health challenges, laying the groundwork for evidence-based recommendations that can inform advocacy and action.

Topics Covered

- Enhancing Public Health Resilience through **One Health**
- Showcasing FETP & **NCD-Focused Mini-grant** Initiatives
- The **State of Public Health** in the EMR
- Opportunities for **Professional Public Health and Humanitarian Education**
- Celebrating **EMPHNET's 15th anniversary**
- Advancing **Meningitis Surveillance** in the EMR
- World **Field Epidemiology Day** Symposium
- Advocating for the **7-1-7 Approach**
- Pre-Pandemic **Communication and Data Sharing**
- Public Health **Emergency Needs** in Sudan
- Strategies for Vaccines Introduction, Delivery, and Demand: **Example of RSV**

2025 Impact



11 webinars and special sessions were conducted



2,905 total attendees



38 total speakers

Campaigns and Health Promotion Initiatives

EMPHNET continues to leverage social media and other communication channels to target communities and raise public health awareness. Key initiatives in 2025 included:



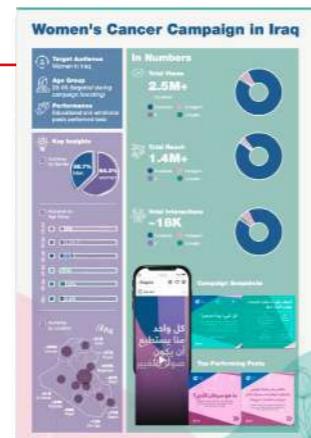
Increasing Women's Cancer Awareness in Iraq

Conducted a targeted social media campaign to educate the public on cancer prevention, early detection, and screening services.

2.5 M+ total views

1.5 M+ total reach

~18K total interactions



The campaign elevated early detection messaging, reduced stigma, and strengthened multi-stakeholder collaboration for women's cancers.



Celebrating EMPHNET's 15th Anniversary

Highlighted EMPHNET's achievements and milestones through engaging content shared across digital platforms (write about the partnerships)

12 campaigns

1.8 M+ views

1.3 M+ reach



Acknowledging Health Days

EMPHNET amplified global and regional public health observances, supporting community awareness, preventive practices, and alignment with national priorities.

Disseminating Public Health Knowledge and Enhancing Visibility

11 Area Profiles, covering EMPHNET's key areas of work, along with 3 additional promotional materials, highlighting Engage Internship Program, EMPHNET's regional Conference, Webinar Series, as well as 2 country profiles.

23 Newsletters, including: 1 "Insights" issue, 2 FETP Newsletters, 2 Engage Newsletters, 9 "Connect" issues, and 9 Public Health Emergency Bulletins.

14 press releases on various initiative, events, and public health topics.





EMPHNET'S STRATEGY

GOAL FOUR

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND PERFORMANCE

To sustain its regional mission and expand its contribution to public health systems, EMPHNET continued investing in institutional strengthening, organizational resilience, operational excellence, and strategic partnerships. In 2025, the

organization reinforced its internal capacities, governance structures, leadership diversity, and sustainability mechanisms, ensuring long-term effectiveness and accountability across the EMR and beyond.

Advancing Organizational Growth and Technical Capacity

Throughout 2025, EMPHNET continued to strengthen its organizational growth and technical capacity by expanding its regional presence and establishing specialized centers to support innovation, training, and evidence-based initiatives.

Expanding Regional Footprint



Establishing Specialized Technical Centers

EMPHNET advanced its technical capabilities by establishing two specialized centers:

- **Technology, AI, and e-Learning Solutions Center**
- **Center of Communication and Health Promotion**

Enhancing EMPHNET's ability to deliver innovation-driven programming, scalable training models, and evidence-based advocacy.

Fostering Diversity, Workforce Development, and Organizational Culture

EMPHNET continues to strengthen its organizational culture by fostering diversity, investing in its workforce, and promoting sustainable practices.

Promoting Inclusive Leadership

Women now hold **46% of senior management positions**, reinforcing EMPHNET's commitment to gender equity in leadership and decision-making roles.

Investing in Staff Growth and Engagement

EMPHNET continued implementation of structured career development pathways, staff satisfaction mechanisms, and learning opportunities to cultivate a skilled workforce.

Promoting a Green and Sustainable Work Environment

To advance operational efficiency and environmental responsibility, EMPHNET continued digitizing internal systems and processes, enabling faster operations and a reduced environmental footprint. Key transformations include:

- Expansion of the Data Management System (DMS) and Business Automation System
- Reduced reliance on paper-based workflows
- Streamlined documentation, reporting, and administrative procedures



Strengthening Institutional Systems, Quality, and Accountability

In 2025, EMPHNET's Quality Management Unit continued leading organization-wide improvement efforts, ensuring alignment with global standards and donor requirements.



Governance & Compliance

Advanced architecture through the issuance of governance documents and conducting internal audits.



Learning & Development

Integrating e-learning modules to enhance staff awareness, training and assessment.



Risk Oversight

Activating and monitoring risk framework to ensure organizational resilience.



Accreditation Support

Supported accreditation efforts to enhance credibility.



Digital Infrastructure

Rebuilding the internal e-portal to improve functionality and accessibility and introducing the AI-Chatbot.



Strategic Alignment

Aligned strategic M&E parameters to ensure strategic goals are met.

2025 Achievements

- 1 Achieved the highest "Full Capacity" rating by meeting the requirements of the United Nations Protocol on Allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, confirming full compliance with UN safeguarding standards and eligibility for expanded UN partnerships.
- 2 Development of **15 new organizational documents**, including policies and guidelines benchmarked against international standards.
- 3 Completed a **PwC-led capacity assessment for the Global Fund**, earning a highly positive outcome and designation as Primary Recipient of the MENA HIV Regional Grant.
- 4 Introduced **6 newly mandatory internal e-learning modules** focused on PSEA, child protection, whistleblowing, human rights, conflict of interest, and risk management.

Strengthening Ties: New Partnerships and Collaborations

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NEW MEMBERSHIPS

- **The 7-1-7 Alliance:** A global initiative strengthens the timeliness and effectiveness of outbreak detection and response by aiming to detect outbreaks within seven days, notify authorities within one day, and complete early response actions within seven days.
- **WHO Alliance for Food Safety for the 2025–2027 Term:** This alliance unites WHO Collaborating Centres and global partners to support the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety (2022–2030).

KEY STRATEGIC APPOINTMENT

This year marked EMPHNET's appointment as **Co-Chair of the North Africa Health Partners Coalition**, alongside the World Bank, with the IOM serving as Chair.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	Acute Flaccid Paralysis
CBS	Community-based Surveillance
ChampNet	Community Health Champion Program
CHVs	Community Health Volunteers
EBS	Event based Surveillance
EEL	EMPHNET's Electronic Library
EMR	Eastern Mediterranean Region
EPI	Expanded Program on Immunization
EtR	Evidence-to-Recommendation
FETP	Field Epidemiology Training Program
FETPV	Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
IAPH	International Academy of Public Health
IPC	Infection Prevention and Control
MenMap	Meningitis and Septicemia Mapping Network
NCD	Noncommunicable Disease
NITAG	National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups
NTD	Neglected Tropical Disease
PHC	Primary Healthcare
PHEP-MERS	Public Health Empowerment Program- Middle East
	Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus
PHEP-PEO	Public Health Empowerment Program-Polio and EPI Officers
PHEP-RSV	Public Health Empowerment Program -Respiratory Syncytial Virus
PHEP-SPO	Public Health Empowerment Program-Surveillance for Polio Officers
RR	Rapid Response Team
VPD	Vaccine Preventable Disease

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GHD|EMPHNET: Working Together for Better Health

The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) is a regional network that focuses on strengthening public health systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) and beyond. EMPHNET works in partnership with ministries of health, non-government organizations, international agencies, private sector, and relevant institutions from the region and the globe to promote public health and applied epidemiology. To advance the work of EMPHNET, Global Health Development (GHD) was initiated to build coordination mechanisms with partners and collaborators. Together, GHD|EMPHNET is dedicated to serving the region by supporting efforts to promote public health policies, strategic planning, sustainable financing, resource mobilization, public health programs, and other related areas.

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