Strengthening Multisectoral Coordination in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Project Information

- **Department: Public Health Programs and Public Health Emergency Management Center (PHEMC)**

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to strengthen regional health security by enhancing multisectoral coordination and advancing implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2024) through an operational Regional Community of Practice, with a focus on One Health and Points of Entry.

BENEFICIARIES

Government institutions and national authorities responsible for implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2024), including the Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Environment, National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs), Points of Entry (PoE) authorities, and other relevant multisectoral stakeholders from participating countries, as well as regional technical partners.

REGIONS OF WORK

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Syria and Palestine

PROJECT PHASES

This project consists of four main phases:

Project Initiation and Planning: GHD|EMPHNET and UKHSA will initiate the project by establishing implementation arrangements, recruiting country technical staff and focal points, orienting participating countries, and strengthening the governance and operational framework of the Regional Community of Practice to support implementation of the Community of Practice Roadmap.

Project Implementation: GHD|EMPHNET and UKHSA will implement regional activities and support implementation of in-country activities to operationalize the Community of Practice roadmap, including quarterly Community of Practice meetings, a regional workshop, country engagement activities, development and validation of coordination tools, implementation of country action plans, and enhancement of the MSC Digital Hub to facilitate continuous collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Project Monitoring and Evaluation: GHD|EMPHNET will monitor project implementation against the agreed workplan and deliverables, tracking progress against country action plans, Community of Practice engagement, implementation of coordination activities, utilization of the MSC Digital Hub, and lessons learned to inform continuous improvement throughout the project.

PROJECT PHASES

Project Closure: GHD|EMPHNET will document project achievements, lessons learned, and recommendations, consolidate implementation outcomes across participating countries, and identify sustainability actions to support the continued operation of the Regional Community of Practice beyond the project period.

Project Start and End Date	**1 September 2026 – 1 April 2027**
Partner Organizations	**United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Ministries of Health, Ministries of Agriculture, Ministries of Environment, National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs), Points of Entry (PoE) authorities, Civil Aviation Authorities, Port Authorities, Customs Authorities, Immigration Authorities, Border Security Authorities, and Civil Defense Authorities from participating countries**
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project strengthens multisectoral coordination for health security in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and supports implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2024), with a focus on One Health and Points of Entry. Through a regional Community of Practice, GHD|EMPHNET and UKHSA bring together national authorities from participating countries to share knowledge, develop and validate coordination tools, and implement country action plans.

Currently . . .

GHD|EMPHNET, in coordination with UKHSA, has established the Regional Multisectoral Coordination (MSC) Community of Practice, including its governance structure, Terms of Reference, membership roster, and MSC Digital Hub. Participating countries jointly developed the Community of Practice roadmap, providing a strategic framework to strengthen multisectoral coordination, support implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2024), and advance One Health and Points of Entry priorities across the region.

What's next . . .

GHD|EMPHNET, in coordination with UKHSA and participating countries, will operationalize the Community of Practice roadmap through regional and country-level implementation. This includes strengthening country engagement, implementing priority actions, developing and validating practical coordination tools, facilitating continuous knowledge exchange through the MSC Digital Hub, and sustaining regional collaboration to advance implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2024), with a focus on One Health and Points of Entry.

By the Numbers

28 representatives from Ministries of Health, Ministries of Agriculture, Ministries of Environment, National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs), and Points of Entry (PoE) authorities across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, and Syria will participate in the four-day Regional Community of Practice Workshop to strengthen multisectoral coordination and implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2024)

3 meetings will be conducted to enhance engagement and utilization of the MSC Digital Hub to support Community of Practice collaboration through shared resources

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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