Urgent: Can you put this newsletter to PDF please

Dear Colleagues,

This is a reminder to update the database of all UNFPA field offices in the Arab region with the required contact information. It is essential for effective communication and coordination. Please ensure that all field offices are registered and that their contact details are accurate.

Best regards,

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Message on behalf of Laura Stavros, UNFPA Regional Director, Arab States Regional Office (ARSEO)

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

I am pleased to share with you the June 2022 edition of the ARSEO Newsletter. The newsletter presents updates and highlights related to the work of UNFPA in the Arab region.

The newsletter highlights the important role of UNFPA in supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region. UNFPA’s focus on empowering women and girls, improving reproductive rights, and promoting gender equality is evident in the various projects and initiatives featured in the newsletter.

Please take a moment to read through the newsletter and learn about the impactful work that UNFPA is doing in the Arab region.

More information can be found on the UNFPA website at http://www.unfpa.org

Many thanks for your support and commitment to UNFPA’s work in the Arab region.

Best regards,

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#ThisIsNotNormal: A UNFPA campaign to disrupt the risks of gender-based violence becoming normal

UNFPA-ARSEO launched the #ThisIsNotNormal campaign at the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The campaign aims to disrupt the risks of gender-based violence by empowering women and girls to take action and fight against violence.

The campaign focuses on raising awareness and advocating for the protection and empowerment of women and girls. It encourages people to stand up against violence and supports initiatives that promote equal rights and gender equality.

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UNFPA in the Arab region: A regional campaign

UNFPA-ARSEO采取了区域性的宣传运动，旨在预防和消除因暴力而产生的不平等现象。该运动采取了多种措施，包括增强公众意识、倡导和促进平等权利。通过这些措施，UNFPA致力于打击暴力现象，保护妇女和女孩的权利。
innovation and technology

The Safe Delivery App, now in Arabic

UNFPA and WHO team organized a training webinar at the总部 of Arab on the Safe Delivery app. The webinar was attended by health providers and nurses who implemented the app to provide health services to women and pregnant women. The app is developed by UNFPA and WHO in collaboration with other organizations and is accessible to healthcare providers and women in need. It provides information on pregnancy, labor, and delivery, and offers guidance on how to ensure safe delivery. The app is available in Arabic and English.

Knowledge Hub

ASRO

Youth SRHR in the Arab Region - An overview

SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) is a human right that includes access to comprehensive, quality services, including safe abortion, informed consent, and information on reproductive health. UNFPA is committed to ensuring that young people have access to critical SRHR services in the Arab region.

Assessment of adolescent and youth-friendly health services in the Arab region

UNFPA, in partnership with the Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) and the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at Al-Ain University, conducted an assessment of adolescent and youth-friendly health services in the Arab region. The assessment aimed to identify gaps and recommend strategies to improve service delivery.

SRHR regulatory frameworks across the Arab states region

UNFPA, in partnership with the AEO, developed policy guidelines on SRHR in the Arab states. These guidelines seek to ensure a comprehensive and coherent coverage of SRHR services, including reproductive health services.

SOMALIA

Empowering youth

On 23 June, UNFPA, the Government of Somalia, and the Somali Ministry of Youth and Sports held an awards ceremony to recognize the successful implementation of youth-focused projects. The ceremony highlighted the achievements of youth-led initiatives and recognized the role of UNFPA in providing support and guidance to youth-led organizations.

GCC

Joint awareness campaign for youth

The campaign targets young people in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries to raise awareness about the importance of education, health, and social issues. The campaign aims to promote positive behavior and values among young people, encouraging them to make informed decisions and contribute to society.
LIBYA

Strengthening GBV prevention and response

On 16-17 June, UNFPA held a gender-based violence emergency preparedness workshop in Tripoli to sensitize the programme team and partners to the needs of women and girls at risk of GBV. The workshop covered a range of issues, including needs assessment, awareness raising, gender analysis, and engagement. It was attended by 35 participants, including one from the Ministry of Health, and aimed to enhance the capacity of the health system to respond to GBV.

Training healthcare providers on HIV prevention

UNFPA conducted two training sessions on HIV prevention, testing and counseling in Tripoli with the support of the Libyan Ministry of Health. The sessions included a workshop on HIV prevention and counseling, and a training on the use of antiretroviral drugs. The training aimed to increase the capacity of healthcare providers to deliver comprehensive HIV services.

Youth stepping up for a sustainable future

On 6 June, a youth-focused group was launched in the city of Zawiya targeting youth (15-25 years) to teach them the basics of programming initiation and budgetSMART boards. The initiative aims to empower young people to develop their skills and knowledge in planning and budgeting.

YEMEN

Study women’s status across all sectors

On 12 June, a team from the National Women Committee (NWC) visited several sites in Sana’a to conduct a study on the status of women in different sectors, including education, health, and labor. The study aimed to assess the impact of conflict on women’s rights and to identify best practices for their protection.

Saudi Arabia contributes US$ 2.5 million to support RH programmes

On 22 June, Saudi Arabia’s King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre (KSRelief) announced a contribution of US$ 2.5 million to support UNFPA in providing reproductive health services to the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen. The funding will support the delivery of reproductive health services to 350,000 beneficiaries in 10 governorates, covering a range of services, including maternal and child health care, family planning, and HIV prevention.

EGYPT

‘Everyone has the right to seek safety’ - A call on World Refugee Day

On 20 June, World Refugee Day, UNFPA called on all stakeholders to ensure that refugees have access to reproductive health services. The call highlighted the importance of reproductive health services in protecting the rights of women and girls, and promoting their well-being.

On 21 June, the Egyptian government announced a new initiative to support refugees in the country. The initiative includes the provision of reproductive health services, education, and social support.

On 23 June, the UNFPA’s Egypt Representative office provided a training to over 100 health workers on reproductive health services. The training aimed to enhance the capacity of health workers to provide quality reproductive health services to refugees and other vulnerable groups.
On 16 June, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Uganda Youth and Development Consultancy (UUC/ACDA) and the International Council of drinks (IAD), organized a workshop on making health care accessible and affordable. The event was held at the Uganda-supported health center in the Sheikh Zayed Youth Centre and included interactive activities. Among the activities of the event were music performances, an art therapy workshop, powerpoint sessions on gender-based violence and mental health for women and girls, and a dance and drama workshop, which included a performance for youth and an interactive theater performance. The event was held with the support of the Embassy of Sweden, the Swiss Government Embassies, and UNICEF Uganda.

Costed implementation plans to project contraceptive needs

The Ministry of Health and Population, in collaboration with UNFPA, are developing the National Costed Implementation Plan (CIP) for 2021-2023, which is expected to update the contraceptive needs of various levels of the health system. The CIP will provide an estimate of the cost of contraceptive services and will also project the contraceptive needs for the next three years. It will be used to guide the national strategy for contraceptive needs and to ensure that the necessary funding is secured.

Engaging youth in the climate action

UNFPA participated in the Nigeria Ministry for Reconciling Peace and Development’s youth dialogue on 21 June. The Empowering Young Girls for a Peaceful and Climate-Resilient Future in Nigeria discussed climate change and its impact on Africa, ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) that will take place in November in Bonn, Germany. In her remarks, UNFPA Representative in Nigeria, Rebecca Biao, called on the 2021 UN Security Council report on youth, peace and security (YPS) for increased support of programs that engage young people in decision-making, peace processes and climate action to ensure their meaningful participation.

On 13 June, UNFPA, in partnership with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, organized a workshop on increasing the uptake of HIV prevention with EU funding. The event brought together more than 70 young people and officials, including the UN Resident Coordinator, the Chief of Staff of the European Union Delegation and the UNFPA Representative. The workshop focused on sharing experiences among the young audience on the awareness of the HIV epidemic, and the need to be informed about the different strategies to help reach young audiences on social media and to increase the awareness of the challenges of the epidemic in East Africa.

Studying the prevalence of breast and cervical cancer and HPV

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