

SSSD Health Interventions in October

Hassakeh

Areeshah Camp

During the month of October, the health point at the Areeshah Camp Community Center implemented many health activities with the aim of promoting health in the region in cooperation with UNHCR. Some of the activities included the following:

1. Participation in the national vaccination campaign in the Arisha camp in coordination with the health sectors in the camp and the Health Directorate. The campaign's title was "In Your Hands... Prevention is in Your Hands."

It included providing field awareness messages about the most important vaccines available in the camp, the target age groups for each vaccine, sites for administering the vaccine in the camp, days of presence of the vaccine team, symptoms of digestive diseases and avoiding taking medications randomly, necessary procedures when suffering from watery diarrhea, side effects of vaccines, how the vaccine works and the importance of obtaining it and completing the vaccinations.



2. Implemented a community health initiative entitled “Oral Health,” which targeted the categories of children and adolescents in the Arisha camp who are in schools. The initiative included a theatrical performance for children about dental health, a free dental examination for children, the use of community health volunteers and the Child Protection Club to provide awareness messages about oral health in the community through systematic health education by changing negative health habits into positive habits daily to maintain the health of the teeth and gums, and distributing a toothbrush and toothpaste for children in schools



3. A health screening was carried out targeting a group of elderly males and females in the Arisha camp to measure their visual ability and learn about hyperopia, its causes and treatment methods.



4. Health education on several topics including leishmaniasis, cholera, and breast cancer.

Hassakeh City

1. Health education was implemented during the month of October, targeting all age groups and genders. Topics varies according to the needs in the area, and included tapeworm and pinworm, breast cancer awareness during the pink month, and hypertension.

2. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the health point carried out training within the newborn care program to teach women how to measure blood pressure in order to monitor the condition of pregnant women during their periodic visits. During the training session, the ladies' enthusiasm for learning and their attention to detail were noted



3. In order to monitor physical health and obtain a statistical study, the Syrian Society for Social Development team, in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, under the supervision of the Directorate of Social Affairs and Labor, carried out a health screening in which we measured the heights and weights of children in one of the shelter centers who were between the ages of 5-14 years. The children were happy with the new experience, as some of them expressed that it was the first experience to measure their weight, and those outside the age standard were eager to try it and competed to see who was the tallest.



Deir Ezzor

Health workers at the health point of the Fayd Center in Deir ez-Zor, in partnership with UNHCR, conducted health awareness and education sessions inside and outside the center via a mobile team on the occasion of the pink month for early detection of breast cancer, in addition to a health screening. Mammograms were conducted for women over the age of 40, and the number of beneficiaries reached 160.

Capacity building sessions were conducted for volunteers of the Home Newborn Care Program on hypertension and how to measure it in order to follow up on the blood pressure numbers of pregnant women during their home visits.

Hama

During the month of October, the health point at the Soran Community Center implemented many health activities with the aim of promoting health in the region in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Some of the activities included the following:

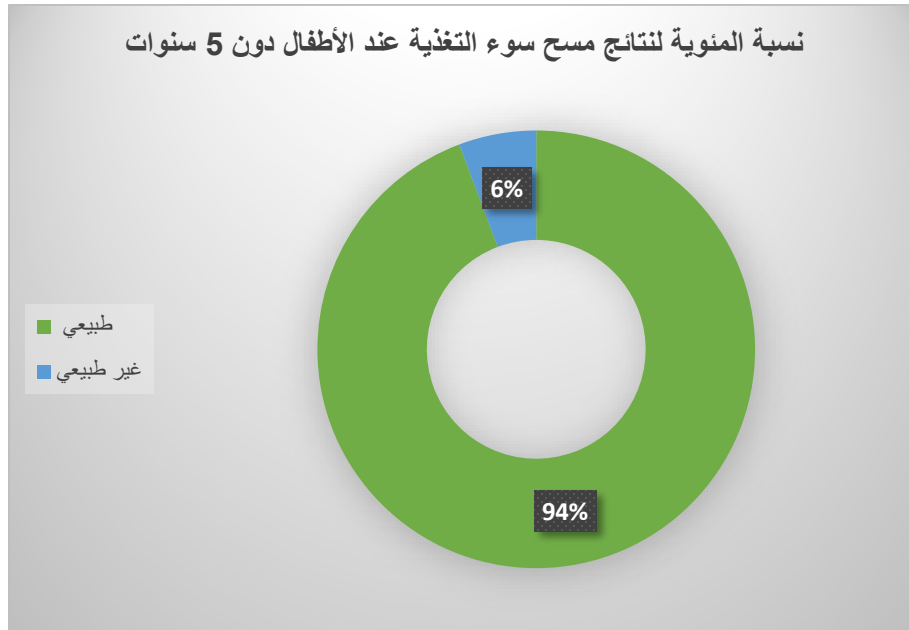
1. With the aim of raising health awareness, 13 health education sessions were implemented targeting approximately 240 beneficiaries. The target groups varied between males and females, and the age groups were children - adolescents - women and came from the Soran Community Center and outside it (Mork Mobile Team). Sessions included topics such as personal hygiene, infectious infections and methods of prevention especially at schools, lice and methods of transmission and prevention.

Furthermore, as October was the Breast Cancer Awareness month, 5 sessions focused on breast cancer for approximately 90 beneficiaries. The sessions aimed to raise health awareness about breast cancer, its symptoms, risk factors, the importance of early detection, and correcting some misconceptions about it. During the sessions, networking took place with the Aman Center affiliated with the SSSD and in partnership with UNFPA, where women were taught the skill of breast self-examination (a midwife and a gynecologist).

2. A health initiative (insecticide spraying initiative) was implemented in Morek, due to the large spread of leishmaniasis in the region and its being a return area. The initiative was implemented with the aim of reducing the spread of leishmaniasis and cutting the chain of infection, as the initiative is based on spraying insecticides in places that are hotspots for sand flies. (The insecticide was secured through networking with the health center in the Al-Nasr neighborhood in Hama, affiliated with the Health Directorate, which specializes in treating leishmaniasis). Spraying was carried out through coordination and networking with the Murek Municipal Council to secure the means of spraying. The spraying was carried out by volunteers from the local community, after securing means of personal protection. By In addition, SSSD conducted awareness sessions and campaigns

about leishmaniasis, in addition to sewing mosquito nets by a volunteer from the local community after securing the necessary supplies and materials to sew and distribute mosquito nets to beneficiaries in need, in coordination with the health center in Morek. The number of beneficiaries from the initiative was approximately 1,700 beneficiaries.

3. One health screening was carried out to detect malnutrition in children under 5 years old, by measuring the mid-upper arm circumference, for approximately 105 beneficiaries, of which 6% were detected with malnutrition. Furthermore, these children were referred to the health center in Suran (malnutrition treatment department).



4. Approximately 19 consultations were provided to approximately 22 beneficiaries. The consultations varied between family and individual consultations for acute and chronic health conditions and focused on high blood pressure, diabetes, severe pain, and alleviation of asthma attacks.

5. Nearly 200 medical consultations were provided for acute and chronic diseases, including digestive and respiratory complaints, changing bandages for wounds, burns, and immune diseases, and periodic monitoring of diabetes and blood pressure.