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HEALTH SERVICES QUALITY ACCELERATOR

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BACKGROUND

Jordan has made considerable progress in improving maternal and child health outcomes. For example, in recent decades, Jordan has achieved a 23 percent reduction in the total fertility rate and cut the under-five mortality rate by almost half. However, significant challenges remain and are exacerbated by a declining national health budget, a growing population, a large influx of refugees due to regional conflicts, ageing and overcrowded health facilities, and most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

To help Jordan overcome these challenges, the USAID Health Services Quality Accelerator is sustaining and advancing improvements in equitable reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) outcomes, specifically targeting disadvantaged segments of the population. The USAID Health Services Quality Accelerator is seeking new and innovative approaches to improve the quality of RMNCH services in the public and private sectors and strengthen the Ministry of Health's management capacity and leadership role towards quality care.

This Activity is part of USAID's shift to a long-term, more systematic approach to build Ministry of Health ownership and commitment by strengthening its leadership role towards quality assurance, in addition to being a service provider. USAID is also engaging the private sector to leverage long-term,

commercially viable gains. Through these approaches, the Activity will promote sustainability in health outcome gains and further self-reliance in the health sector.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Improve the quality of RMNCH services in an equitable manner and according to evidence-based protocols and guidelines.
- Strengthen the delivery of integrated and preventive health care services, particularly at the primary health care level, through the adaptation and testing of evidence-based models and by updating existing quality improvement systems.
- Contribute to reducing maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality. It is expected that the activity will contribute to the Government of Jordan's efforts in decreasing maternal mortality, currently estimated at 32.4 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, by strengthening the delivery of emergency obstetric care at the secondary care level. It will also contribute to the Government of Jordan's efforts of decreasing neonatal mortality, estimated at 12 per 1,000 live births in 2017, by strengthening essential newborn care.
- Promote further increases in contraceptive uptake, with a renewed focus on modern contraceptives.
- Increase private sector engagement to improve the quality and utilization of RMNCH services.
- Strengthen Ministry of Health data management capacity and leadership role towards quality care and sustainability.

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