

Share-Net Jordan

The Knowledge Platform on
Sexual and Reproductive Health
and Reproductive Rights



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■ Foreword :

Share-Net Jordan is pleased to issue the twenty-sixth issue of the periodical newsletter for the fourth quarter of 2022, which comes within the framework of its keenness to keep researchers, decision makers, policymakers, program developers, and research bodies informed regarding local and global developments in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights. Among the most important major achievements during this quarter were the launch by the Higher Population Council of the Reproductive Health knowledge platform for youth "Darby", the holding of a meeting of the members of the steering and technical committee of the National Strategy of the Reproductive and Sexual Health for the years (2020-2030), as well as participation in the 3rd local educational session within the model of improving projects using the participatory approach, (the Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM) and the annual business meeting of the global network, the implementation of the activities of the second phase of the project to empower Syrian refugee women in Jordan, and the holding of a training course for a group of media supporting demographic and development issues from various means the media is entitled : Practical applications for the employment of Media Arts in supporting demographic and developmental issues.

A scientific meeting was also held on the role of pharmacists in reproductive regulation services in Jordan, participation in the launch of the Global Youth Practitioners Committee Youth (ICoP), as well as the first meeting was held to form a youth Practitioners Committee in cooperation with the youth for Health Network – the Royal Society for health awareness, and the second meeting was held for the members of the steering committee of Share Net Jordan.

In addition to maintaining the knowledge platform for sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive (ARH & RR), by uploading (51) recent studies during the fourth quarter, the number of the members of Share-Net Jordan reached (261) members, including (236) individual memberships and (25) institutional memberships.

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■ First: Sexual and Reproductive Health:

• Studies, policy briefs, Fact Sheets, working papers, and reports :

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Preparation and design of the success story of the implementation of national standards for youth-friendly sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive services.

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Preparation of a study and policy brief entitled " Women's withdrawal from the labor market and Sexual and Reproductive Health in light of the repercussions of the covid-19 crisis".

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Project to improve information for parents and their adolescents on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights.

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Design and print two Facts Sheets.

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Study "motivation to end child marriage in Jordan: evidence of social impact".

- **Preparation and design of the success story of the implementation of national standards for youth-friendly sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive services**, where the success story dealt with how the Higher Population Council and the Institute for family health care / King Hussein Foundation cooperate to apply standards in the Centers (East Amman / Al-Qwaismah, Zarqa, Al-Karak,

Sweileh), which belong to the Institute, and the extent of success achieved based on the activities carried out by these centers in this field, in recognition of the importance of both teams of building a pioneering national model that provides youth-friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health services according to national standards and be an example to be emulated for the rest of the institutions, and based on that, the parties signed a cooperation agreement to apply standards.

To assess the extent of success, the board and the secretariat of share-Net Jordan developed seven evaluation tools, and then a pre-and post-evaluation of these centers was carried out.

The story pointed out that important achievements have been achieved in the field of applying national standards for Sexual and Reproductive Health services, through partnership with the Institute of family health care / King Hussein Foundation, in its affiliated centers, where the four centers (East Amman / Al- Qwaismah, Sweileh, Al-Karak, Zarqa) have achieved significant progress in the results of assessing the extent of application of national standards, and these centers were classified according to the post-assessment in the fourth category (A Center that meets national standards).



The story also included a case study of a number of young men and women who attend the East Amman / Al- Qwaismah center, and the study addressed the services related to Sexual and Reproductive Health that these young men and women receive at the center, and the extent to which the level of these services has improved and how well they meet their needs.



- Preparation of a study and policy brief entitled " Women's withdrawal from the labor market and Sexual and Reproductive Health in light of the repercussions of the covid-19 crisis", funded by the Share-Net International, and one of its main objectives is to study the demographic, social and economic characteristics of workers and those who withdraw from the labor market based on the data of the social security public institution of Social Security, familiarization with the causes

and characteristics The recipients of single-payment compensation and the gender gap based on the data of the public institution for Social Security, identify the experience of women withdrawing from the labor market with flexible work systems, identify the reasons for women's withdrawal from the labor market and their relationship to their sexual and reproductive health.

Among the achievements achieved in the field of preparing the study are the completion of a field survey of a sample of withdrawals from Social Security contributions and single-payer recipients, which aims to research the reasons for withdrawal, the characteristics of withdrawals and its relationship to sexual and reproductive health and the covid-19 crisis, the preparation of a draft chapter analyzing the characteristics of participants and withdrawals from the public institution for Social Security database, the preparation of a draft chapter reviewing legislation related to women's work and their withdrawal from the labor market, the preparation of a draft review of previous relevant studies, and the preparation of a chapter analyzing field survey data.



- Project to improve information for parents and their adolescents on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights:

Share-Net Jordan's work with the Share-Net International and within the project of applying the Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM) in the international network, which includes seven Country hubs (Jordan, the Netherlands, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia), made it possible to present Share-Net Jordan's priority in improving the information of parents and their teenagers about Sexual and Reproductive Health with in the application of the Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM) in the international .

Share-Net Jordan has formed a national team that included 23 members from the target group (Parents and adolescents) and local experts from various related disciplines, representatives of a number of national institutions to develop a change package to address the issue of improving the information of parents and their adolescents about Sexual and Reproductive Health, and translate their knowledge in this area to be used

to change practices related to raising awareness for fathers and mothers of the sexual and reproductive health information needed by their adolescents and enhancing communication between parents and their adolescents.

Three workshops were held for the formed local team, in which the main team from the SHIRIM Secretariat of Jordan conveyed the knowledge obtained through the global (SHIRIM) Sessions, reviewed the change package prepared by the main team from the SHIRIM Secretariat of Jordan, and participated in brainstorming sessions to identify the needs of adolescents from Sexual and Reproductive Health information, and identify appropriate knowledge products to bring about the required change in the main problem, and it was found from analyzing the responses of the local team that the preparation of a guidebook answering a set of adolescent questions is provided to fathers and mothers, with the aim of facilitating the participation of parents for Sexual and Reproductive Health information with their adolescent children, prepare A short film that aims to contribute to bridging the gap in communication between parents and their teenagers and motivating the children to ask and clarify and the parents to answer.



Among the achievements of the project, the Terms of Reference (ToR) were prepared for the preparation of a brochure entitled "Parents 'Guide to Sexual and Reproductive Health for their teenagers and Adolescent Girls" question and answer, and the terms of reference were prepared for the preparation of a short educational film on "stimulating dialogue between parents and their teenagers and adolescent girls in the field of their Sexual and Reproductive Health", the third educational session of the national team was held on 30/11/2022, the presentations made by the national team and the referral to start working on the preparation of knowledge producers, and the questionnaire addressed to teenagers and adolescent girls was started in cooperation between the national team and each of the national institutions "Institute of care Family health, Jordan Hashemite fund for Human Resources Development, Save The Children Foundation.



- Design and print two Facts Sheets :

- Role of media and communication in gaining support and raise awareness in the issues of Sexual and Reproductive Health.
- Sexual and Reproductive Health of the elderly in Jordan.

- Study "motivation to end child marriage in Jordan: evidence of social impact":

The technical report of the study "motivation to end child marriage in Jordan" was prepared, which aimed to produce quantitative evidence on the harmful effects of child marriage, and maternal Reproductive Health and mental health outcomes among married girls under the age of 18 were compared against married women as adults, with the aim of creating easily interpretable comparative evidence to directly respond to the identified evidence gaps needed to support change at the societal level.



• Events and activities that have been implemented and participated in:

01 The Higher Population Council launched the Reproductive Health knowledge platform for youth "Darby".

02 The Higher Population Council held a meeting of the members of the steering and technical committee of the national strategy for Reproductive and sexual health for the years (2020-2030).

03 The Higher Population Council held introductory meetings for students of universities (Yarmouk, Hashemite, Al AlBayt, Jordan University, Al-Zaitounah) and Princess Mona College of Nursing, on the electronic knowledge platform for Reproductive Health for young people-Darby.

04 Participation of Share-Net Jordan in the third educational session within the model of improving projects using the participatory approach (SHIRIM), and the annual business meeting of Share-Net International.

05 Share-Net Jordan held a meeting with a selected group of students of the Faculty of Nursing at the Hashemite University.

06 The Higher Population Council and the Pharmacists Syndicate held a scientific meeting with the participation of a number of pharmacists registered in the Pharmacists Syndicate from various governorates, on the role of pharmacists in reproductive regulation services in Jordan.

07 Share-Net Jordan participated in the launch of the global youth Practitioners Committee Youth ICoP.

08 Share-Net Jordan held the first meeting to form a committee of youth practitioners in cooperation with our youth for Health Network – the Royal Society for health awareness.

09 Share-Net Jordan participated in a session on the importance of talking and involving parents with their sons and daughters in conversations about the menstrual cycle.

10 Share-Net Jordan participated in a zoom meeting organized by Share-Net International on 6/12/2022, with the aim of discussing the annual reports and highlighting the changes implemented on both the annual reports form and IATI.

11 The meeting of the Secretary General of the Higher Population Council, Dr. Issa Al-Masarwah, the director of studies and policies at the council and the coordinator of Share-Net Jordan, Mr. Ali Al-Mutlaq, with the ambassador of the Netherlands in Amman, Mr. Harry Verweij, and Mrs. Rawan Daas / adviser on development cooperation policies in the field of human rights and gender.

12 The participation of the Secretary General of the Higher Population Council, Prof. Dr. Issa Al-Masarwah, director of studies and policies at the council, and the coordinator of the Share-Net Jordan, Mr. Ali Al-Mutlaq, in the third meeting of the members of the steering committee of Share-Net International .

13 The Second meeting of the members of the steering committee of Share-Net Jordan .

- The Higher Population Council launched the Reproductive Health knowledge platform for youth " Darby " during the ceremony held on 19/10/2022 with the participation of the relevant National authorities.

The platform, established by the Higher Population Council with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, aims to raise awareness among community members, especially young men and women, and improve their Reproductive Health, by providing an integrated package of information and data to enable them to make sound decisions regarding their Reproductive Health.

The platform is a major source for providing data and information on reproductive health and



presenting it in an attractive and creative manner that suits young men and women and all segments of society. The platform also allows the possibility of asking any question that one of the visitors' stops on topics related to Reproductive Health, and it is answered by a committee of experts with specialists, and then the answer is sent to the person concerned, so that these questions are dealt with confidentially without informing anyone.



- The Higher Population Council held a meeting of the members of the steering and technical committee of the national strategy for Reproductive and sexual health for the years (2020 - 2030), on 31/10/2022.

During the meeting, the performance reports of the national strategy for Reproductive and sexual health for the years (2020-2021) and the executive plan of the strategy for the years (2022-2024) were presented and discussed.



- The Higher Population Council held introductory meetings for students of universities (Yarmouk, Hashemite, Al AlBait, Jordan University, Al-Zaitounch) and Princess Mona College of Nursing, on the electronic knowledge platform for Reproductive Health for young people-Darby.

During the meetings, presentations were made



about the platform and its components, and a competition was held for students on the contents of the platform and population and development issues.



- Participation of Share-Net Jordan in the third educational session within the model of improving projects using the participatory approach (SHIRIM), and the annual business meeting of Share-Net International, during the period (9-19/10/2022).

This session is part of an 18-month series of educational sessions on the SHIRIM participatory approach model aimed at exploring, experimenting and sharing effective strategies with members in the seven countries of the global

network (Jordan, Netherlands, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia) to translate newly acquired knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health information and education.



- Share-Net Jordan held a meeting with a selected group of students of the Faculty of Nursing at the Hashemite University, with the aim of forming a Practitioners Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health issues, on 8/12/2022.



- The Higher Population Council and the Pharmacists Syndicate held a scientific meeting with the participation of a number of pharmacists registered in the Pharmacists Syndicate from various



governorates, on the role of pharmacists in reproductive regulation services in Jordan, on 14/12/2022.

This scientific meeting comes within the framework of seeking to strengthen the partnership between the public and private sector in Sexual and Reproductive Health services, especially on meeting the wishes of couples in the field of reproductive planning, as the meeting aimed to find participatory ways to enhance the role of pharmacists in the reproductive planning program in Jordan and increase the role of pharmaceutical advice in this regard.



- Share-Net Jordan participated in the launch of the global youth Practitioners Committee Youth ICoP, which was organized by Share-Net international with the participation of Country centers in (Jordan, The Netherlands, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ethio-

pia), and a presentation was made on the integration of youth in Share-Net Jordan in all dimensions.

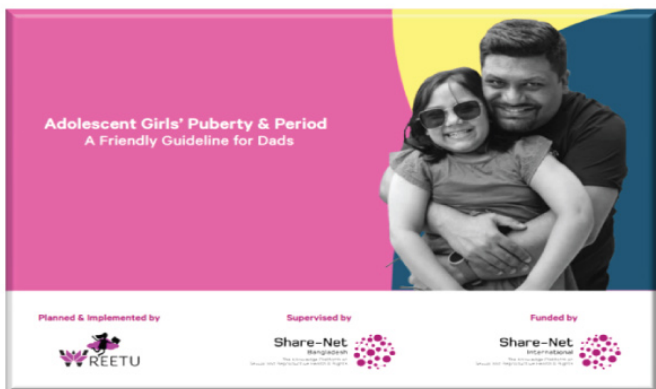


- Share-Net Jordan held the first meeting to form a committee of youth practitioners in cooperation with our youth for Health Network – the Royal Society for health awareness, via Zoom on 27/12/2022, where the committee was formed to discuss issues of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. During the meeting, Share-Net Jordan was introduced and clarified its vision, tasks and goals. It was also clarified what is expected from practitioners' committees focusing on an issue of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.





- Share-Net Jordan participated in a session on the importance of talking and involving parents with their sons and daughters in conversations about the menstrual cycle, on 24/11/2022, which was held by Share-Net International and Share-Net Bangladesh via Zoom, and during the meeting an experiment and the development of a comic book with parents on how to talk with their daughters about the menstrual cycle was presented.



- Share-Net Jordan participated in a zoom-meeting organized by Share-Net International on 6/12/2022, with the aim of discussing the annual reports and highlighting the changes implemented on both the annual reports form and IATI.



- The meeting of the Secretary General of the Higher Population Council, Dr. Issa Al-Masarwah, the director of studies and policies at the council and the coordinator of Share-Net Jordan, Mr. Ali Al-Mutlaq, with the ambassador of the Netherlands in Amman, Mr. Harry Verweij, and Mrs. Rawan Daas / adviser on development cooperation policies in the field of human rights and gender, on 8/12/2022.

During the meeting, aspects of cooperation and coordination between the Higher Population Council, Share-Net Jordan and the Dutch Embassy in Amman were discussed, and the coordinator of Share-Net Jordan presented the most important achievements of Share-Net Jordan and the annual plan of Share-Net Jordan for 2023, the work of Share-Net Jordan at the regional level, and the possibilities of working together more on the intersection of rights related to sexual and reproductive health / human rights.

- The participation of the Secretary General of the Higher Population Council, Prof. Dr. Issa Al-Masarwah, director of studies and policies at the council, and the coordinator of the Share-Net Jordan, Mr. Ali Al-Mutlaq, in the third meeting of the members of the steering committee of Share-Net International via Zoom which



was held on 15/12/2022, where the meeting approved the strategic plan of the Share-Net International for the years (2023-2027), the annual plan and budget of Share-Net International for the year 2023, and the structure of the board-committee Share Net International.

- The Second meeting of the members of the steering committee of Share-Net Jordan was held on 10/11/2022,

where the coordinator of Share-Net Jordan, Mr. Ali Al-Metleq, made a presentation on the most important achievements of Share-Net Jordan for the year 2022, the Share-Net Jordan plan and the budget for the year 2023, and the work of Share-Net Jordan at the regional level, and new members of the steering committee were added.

- **Maintaining the website of the electronic knowledge platform for sexual and reproductive health,** by uploading (51) recent studies during the fourth quarter, and the number of members of Share-Net Jordan reached (261) members, including (236) individual memberships and (25) institutional memberships, and the number of visitors to the platform during the fourth quarter of 2022 reached (249) visitors, including (116) females and (133) males.



■ Second: population and development :

- **Activities and events executed and participated there in :**

- The implementation by the Higher Population Council of the activities of the second phase of the project to empower Syrian refugee women in Jordan, which is related to promoting the spirit of responsibility, transformative leadership, self-confidence, awareness of human rights and empowerment of beneficiaries to enhance their personal capabilities, which helps them to prevent and prevent violence.

The project aims at the cognitive and economic empowerment of a number of Syrian refugee women and girls in Jordan in order to live a decent life through, enhancing their professional and cognitive abilities, contributing to the empowerment of women and girls benefiting



from the project, and developing the personal capabilities of the beneficiaries.

The project was implemented in all regions of the kingdom by the Higher Population Council and the Association of Islamic centers, funded by the kingdom of Saudi Arabia through the Saudi fund for development, and supervised by the Arab women's Center for training and research "Kawthar".



- The participation of the Higher Population Council represented by assistant Secretary General Rania Al-Abadi on 13/10/2022 in the celebration of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, which was organized by the Public Security Directorate, under the auspices of the director of Public Security.

During the celebration, Al-Abadi presented a presentation on the Sustainable Development

Goals and Disaster Reduction, through which she reviewed several topics, the most prominent of which are the Sustainable Development Goals related to disaster reduction, Jordan's position in the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals related to disasters, and relevant recommendations.



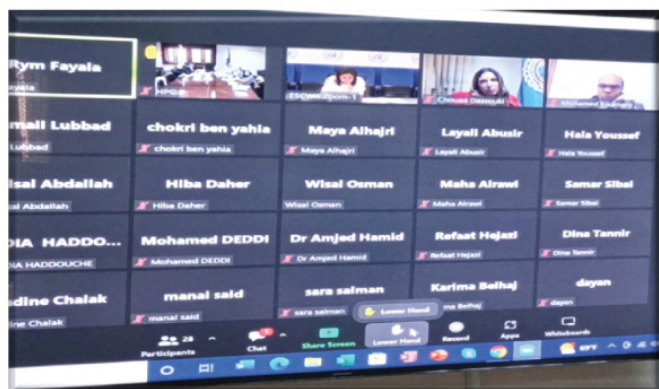
- The Higher Population Council held a meeting of the members of the steering committee of the national population strategy for the years (2021-2030), with the participation of members from relevant national institutions, on 8/11/2022.

During the meeting, a presentation was made on the demographic landscape in Jordan, the presentation of the national population strategy (2021-2030), in addition to reviewing the policy priorities contained in the executive plan of the strategy, discussing the executive plan and taking feedback from the participants.



- The participation of the Higher Population Council in a virtual workshop on the sixth revision of the program of action of the conference on population and development in the Arab region / ten years after the Cairo Declaration of 2013, organized by ESCWA, the league of Arab states and the United Nations Population Fund, via video communication, on 26/10/2022.

The form of the audit report was reviewed and discussed, which was sent to the Arab countries to fill it out, to be based on it in the preparation of the final Arab report.



- The Higher Population Council held a meeting in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund during the period (16-17/11/2022) a training course for a group of media professionals supporting demographic and developmental issues from various media outlets, entitled: practical applications for employing Media Arts in supporting demographic and developmental issues.

The two-day training course aimed at enhancing the efficiency and capabilities of media professionals in how to employ modern creative media arts in their work, discussing media materials prepared by media professionals, to identify achievements, challenges, gaps and the possibility of improvement in the media materials that have been implemented, and their role in raising the awareness of members of society and gaining the support of decision makers on these issues.





- The participation of the Higher Population Council in the fourth meeting of the advisory committee of the Arab Council for population and development, via zoom , which comes with in the framework of preparing for the implementation of the fourth regular session of the Arab Council, on 24/11/2022.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the proposed action plan of the Arab Council for population and development at its fourth regular session, in preparation for its approval at the meeting of the fourth session of the council, held on December 22, 2022 in Riyadh, which includes a number of items, including: Arab women and their role in the implementation of the ICPD program of action and the Sustainable Development Goals, challenges of comprehensive social protection systems in light of crises, epidemics and contemporary demographic transformation - the experience of Algeria, preparation and coordination of Arab positions to participate in the work of the 56th session of the United Nations Commission on population and development and its theme "population, education and sustainable development".



- The Higher Population Council presented a lecture to media professionals working at the Jordan News Agency/ Petra, on the current demographic situation in Jordan, the tasks and programs of the council, as well as a review of the reproductive health electronic knowledge platform "Darby", dated 7 /12 /2022.



- The Higher Population Council, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund, carried out a workshop to exchange experiences on the integration of the population and gender dimension in municipal plans, which lasted for two days during the period (9-10/12/2022).



The workshop was attended by the heads and managers of development units in a group of selected Jordanian municipalities (Al-Salt Greater Municipality, Al-Arda municipality, Jerash Greater municipality, Umm al-Jamal municipality, Maan Greater municipality, tafilah Greater Municipality, Al-quwaira municipality, and Aye /Al-Karak municipality).

The main objectives of the workshop were to exchange experiences and provide participants with practical skills to integrate the population and gender dimension into the plans of their municipalities, and link them to the Sustainable Development Goals and the commitments of the conference on population and development/ Cairo 1994, in order to achieve justice in providing services to members of society (the level of the enabling environment and the institutional level).



❖ Grants and projects :

- Share-Net Jordan has circulated the Share-Net International knowledge activation grants for 2023 to Share-Net Jordan members and followed up on them through the official website of Share-Net Jordan and social networking sites, where these grants aimed to activate knowledge of sexual and reproductive health, and support sexual and reproductive health projects and communities, which are often not a priority or have limited access to sexual and reproductive health financing, including young people, individuals with disabilities and marginalized groups.

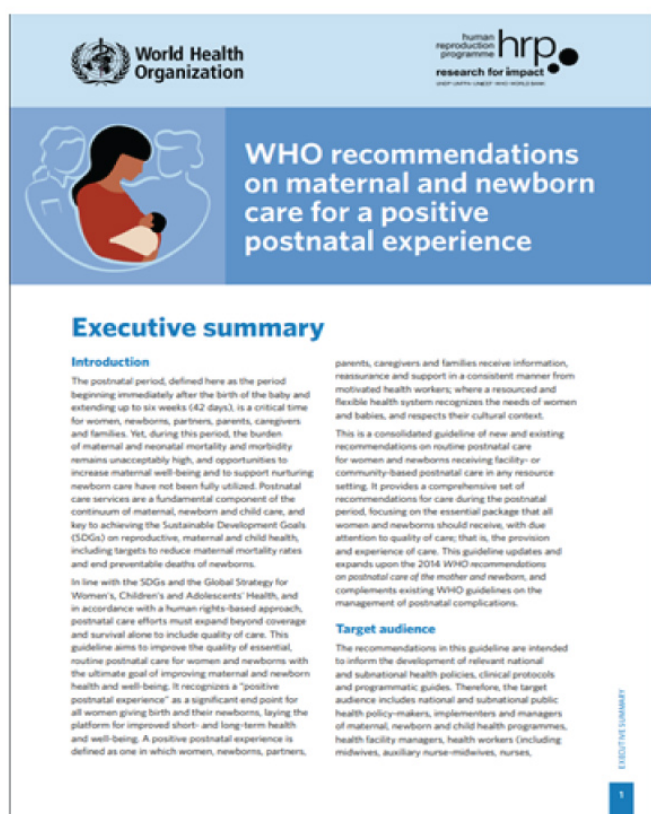
Share-Net Jordan has also formed a specialized committee of local experts in Jordan to evaluate the offers submitted to Share Net International from Jordan.

Two specialized workshops were held for these grants, attended by the formed committee for evaluation and the coordinator of Share-Net Jordan. the committee also evaluated Jordan's projects, and Jordan got two grants through voting.



■ Third : the latest local, regional, and international reports and publications related to population and development issues :

- WHO recommendations document on maternal and newborn care for a positive postpartum experience :



In 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued this document, which is aintegrated guideline incorporating the new and existing recommendations on routine postnatal care for women and newborns receiving postnatal care in health facilities or community facilities anywhere, regardless of its resources. These principles provide a comprehensive set of recommendations on postnatal care, focusing on the basic package of services that all women and newborns should receive, and paying due attention to the process of providing care and the quality of care provided and access to it.

The meetings of the guideline development group resulted in 63 recommendations aimed at improving the provision, use and experience of postpartum care, including 31 new recommendations developed by the group and 32 recommendations adapted from existing WHO guidelines, including, inter alia :

- Provide high-quality care in health facilities to all women and children for at least 24 hours after childbirth, with at least three additional medical examinations in the first six weeks after child birth.
- Take steps to identify and respond to danger signs that require urgent medical attention in a woman or child.



- Provide treatment, support and counseling to help recovery, and manage common health problems that women may face after childbirth, such as perineal pain and breast engorgement.
- Examination of all newborns for eye abnormalities and hearing impairment, as well as vaccination at birth.
- Advice on exclusive breast feeding, the availability of contraceptives after child birth, health promotion.
- Screening for depression and anxiety that affects mothers after child birth, with referral services and the therapeutic management provided when needed.

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