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■ Introduction :

Share-Net Jordan is pleased to publish the twenty-ninth issue of its periodic newsletter for the third quarter of 2023. This issue comes within the framework of Share-Net Jordan's keenness to keep researchers, decision-makers, policy setters, program developers, and research entities informed about the most recent updates with regard to local and global developments in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights (SRH&RR).

Among the most notable achievements during the third quarter were following :

- preparation of Share-Net Jordan's work report at the regional level.
- enactment of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the tender to prepare a fact sheet on Nuptiality and its trends in Jordan 2009-2022.
- preparation of the ToR for the policy briefs Reducing elective caesarean section operations that have no medical validations in Jordan.
- designing and uploading a study on Examining the role and added value of Share-Net expansion in the Arab region on the website of Share Net Jordan.

Moreover, other achievements also included the following:

- holding a meeting to launch a guide for parents and a children's awareness film on Sexual and Reproductive Health.

- announcing results of the media competition on components of Sexual and Reproductive Health.
- carrying out a series of awareness seminars for youth about Reproductive Health by HPC and in partnership with the Ministry of Youth under the umbrella of the Hussein Labour and Construction Camps 2023.
- holding meetings with members of university student practitioner committees / International Community of Practice CoPs.
- updating the Electronic Knowledge Platform for Reproductive Health for Youth, Drphy.

A meeting was also held to commemorate World Population Day, and another one was held for the Higher Population Council with members of the Parliamentary Education and Youth Committee and the Women and Family Affairs Parliamentary Committee.

- participation in the World Conference on Population, Health and Development
- participation in The Regional Conference for the Sixth Regional review of the work program of the Conference on Population and Development, ten years subsequent to the Cairo Declaration, 2013.

This is in addition to maintaining the research base on the Knowledge Platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health website during the third



quarter, by uploading recent studies in Arabic and English.

Two new members were registered during the third quarter, including (1) individual membership and (1) institutional membership. The total number of Share-Net Jordan's members amounted to (281) members, including (256) individual memberships and (25) institutional memberships.

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■ First: Sexual and Reproductive Health:

• Studies, Policy briefs, Work Papers and Reports :

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Proofreading the study and policy briefs of Women's Withdrawal from the Labour Market and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Light of the Repercussions of the COVID-19 Crisis and setting them up ready for design and printing.

02

Preparing the ToR for the tender to draft a fact sheet on 'Nuptiality' and its trends in Jordan (2009-2022).

03

Drafting the outlines of two fact sheets on Sexually transmitted diseases STD and AIDS in Jordan.

04

Working on preparing a fact sheet on the use of Sexual Stimulants in Jordan.

05

Preparing Share-Net Jordan's work report at the regional level.

06

Designing and uploading a study Examining the role and added value of Share-Net's expansion in the Arab region on the website of Share Net Jordan.

07

Outputs of the project improvement program model using the participatory approach (SHIRIM).

- Proofreading the study and policy briefs of Women's Withdrawal from the Labour Market and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Light of the Repercussions of the



COVID-19 Crisis and setting them up ready for design and printing.

- Preparing the ToR for the tender to draft a fact sheet on ‘Nuptiality’ and its trends in Jordan (2009-2022). The fact sheet was then referred to the fulfilling agency, and a committee of expert practitioners was formed from each of the Supreme Judge Department, the Civil Status and Passports Department, and the Department of Statistics, in addition to technicians from HPC. Following that, the committee then held its first meeting.

- Drafting the outlines of two fact sheets on Sexually transmitted diseases STD and AIDS in Jordan, and forming a committee of expert practitioners from the Ministry of Health, the Royal Jordanian Medical Services, the World Health Organization, Forearms of Change Center to Enable Community (FOCCEC), the International Organization for Migration IOM, a consultant from the private sector, in addition to technicians from HPC. Following that, the committee held its first meeting.

- Working on preparing a fact sheet on the use of Sexual Stimulants in Jordan. A committee of practicing experts from national institutions was formed and included representa-

tives from the Ministry of Health, the Institution of Standards and Metrology, the General Organization for Food and Drug Administration, the Jordanian Customs Department, the Pharmacists Syndicate, and the Jordan Public Security Directorate PSD and Government Procurement Department.

- Preparing the ToR for the policy briefs Reducing elective caesarean section procedures with no medical validations in Jordan and addressing national institutions to form a committee of expert practitioners.

- Preparing Share-Net Jordan’s work report at the regional level, which includes introducing the regional approach, its goals, and Share-Net Jordan’s achievements on this approach for the years (2021-2022); report was posted on the Digital Platform of Share-Net International.



- Designing and uploading a study Examining the role and added value of Share-Net’s expansion in the Arab region on the website of Share Net Jordan.



- Designing a guide for parents on Sexual and Reproductive Health for their adolescent male and female children, and uploading it to HPC website and the Share-Net Jordan platform. Guide for parents was prepared and posted in both Arabic and English.

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

01

The HPC, in cooperation with Share-Net Jordan, held a meeting on July 24th, 2023 to launch the guide for parents and the children's awareness film in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health; the meeting was meant to announce the results of the media competition on the components of Sexual and Reproductive Health.

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The HPC, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, conducted a series of awareness sessions for youth about Reproductive Health within the Hussein Labour and Construction Camps 2023.

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The HPC held an educational seminar on August 8th, 2023 for thirty female students of the Royal Medical Services/Midwifery School.

04

The HPC held an introductory meeting for students at The Middle East University/ Department of Journalism on August 16th, 2023 to introduce the Electronic Knowledge Platform for Reproductive Health for Youth Drhpy.

05

Upon the request of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States-Social Sector/ Population Policy Department / Technical Secretariat of the Arab Council for Population and Development, The Higher Population Council conducted an online training workshop entitled Building Capacities and Skills in the Field of Preparing Policy Briefs and Fact Sheets to serve and gain support for the Process of Population Policy Development and Reproductive health programs.

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Participation of a Jordanian delegation in the First World Conference on Population, Health and Development organized by the Ministry of Health and Population/ Egypt.

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The HPC and Share-Net Jordan met with members of university student practitioners committees / International Community of Practice CoPs.

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Preparations to hold a joint Regional Conference by The HPC and Share-Net Jordan are underway.

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Participation in a meeting of the national plan liaison officers to eliminate marriage under the age of 18.

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Participation in the fifth scientific day of nursing / Princess Mona College.

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Participation in the vocational guidance and counselling meeting for students of the Women's Studies Centre / University of Jordan

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Participation in the workshop on preparing an educational adolescent resource kit for Reproductive and Sexual Health.



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Participation in the launch of the national media campaign for Family planning, Family is Capital, on August 28th, 2023. The campaign was developed and arranged by the Ministry of Health with the support of the United States Agency for International Development USAID.

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Participation in the meetings of the Government Coordination Group for Human Rights and prepare for the fourth periodic review report on the state of affairs of human rights in Jordan 2023.

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Participation in the workshop on comprehensive health coverage of non-communicable diseases on September 7th, 2023 in cooperation with the Royal Health Awareness Society.

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Participation in the national consultative sessions on July 30th, 2023 to develop health media in Jordan.

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Participation in the second training workshop on Mainstreaming Social Determinants of Health Equity into Sexual and Reproductive Health Programs in Jordan Second Workshop 'Maternal Mortality'.

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Participation in the fourth periodic meeting of knowledge platform coordinators for Share-Net International on July 3rd, 2023.

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Participation in a meeting with Share-Net International on July 5th, 2023, to discuss achievements, difficulties, and challenges that Share-Net Jordan encountered in achieving its accomplishments.

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Participation in a meeting with Share-Net International to develop Share-Net Jordan website, on July 6th, 2023.

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Participation in a meeting organized by Share-Net International to discuss the biannual technical and fiscal report of Share-Net Jordan on August 17th, 2023.

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Participation in the preparatory workshop for the October Breast Cancer Campaign organized by the Jordan Breast Cancer Program and the King Hussein Cancer Foundation on July 6th, 2023. In addition, Share-Net Jordan took part in a brainstorming session to select the theme, message, and slogan of the new campaign.

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Participation in the first Share-Net International Knowledge Products Exhibition July 4th - 5th, 2023.

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Participation virtually in the conference Women Deliver 2023.

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Participation in a consultative seminar organized by the Ministry of Social Development July 11th, 2023 on providing legal protection for women from violence 'official bodies and law enforcement agencies (political, social, economic and administrative)'.

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Participation in the fourth meeting of the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for Youth and Adolescents/ International Community of Practice SRHRYA iCoP.

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Participation in a zoom meeting with Share-Net International on August 16th, 2023 to discuss the biannual report of Share-Net Jordan and the aspirations and objectives for the 2024 strategy.

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Participation of the finance team in the Share-Net International meeting on August 22nd, 2023 via Zoom.

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Participation in the fifth meeting of coordinators with Share-Net International via Zoom on September 11th, 2023.

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Participation in a Zoom meeting with Share-Net International September 18th, 2023 to discuss the impact of the Cybercrime Law 2023 and the Penal Code 2022 on Share-Net International operations in Jordan.



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Participation of Ali Almetleq / HPC Director of Studies and Policies/Share-Net Jordan Coordinator, in the meetings held between the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development JOHD and a delegation from the Institute of Graduate Studies in Geneva

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Participation of Prof. Dr. Issa Almasarweh / Secretary General of the HPC / Chairman of the Steering Committee of Share-Net Jordan, and Ali Almetleq/ HPC Director of Studies and Policies / Coordinator of Share-Net Jordan in the periodic meetings of the Executive Committee of Share-Net International.

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Maintaining the website of the electronic knowledge platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health during the third quarter of 2023.

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Updating the Electronic Knowledge Platform for Reproductive Health for Youth Drhpy.

- The HPC, in cooperation with Share-Net Jordan, held a meeting on July 24th, 2023 to launch the guide for parents and the children's awareness film in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health; the meeting was meant to announce the results of the media competition on the components of Sexual and Reproductive Health. Attending the meeting was a number of stakeholders and media professionals who also took part in the competition.

The Guide to Parents on Sexual and Reproductive Health for their adolescent male and Female children, and the film Educating Children on

Sexual and Reproductive Health are among the outputs of the project improvement program using the participatory approach. The guide and video aim to encourage dialogue between parents and their adolescent male and female children.

The media competition, organized by HPC, on the components of Sexual and Reproductive Health aimed to raise the level of public awareness on the components and issues of Reproductive and Sexual Health by focusing on the print, electronic and visual media. Moreover, the competition focused on addressing these issues in the media with greater depth and impact in an innovative approach.



- The HPC, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, conducted a series of awareness sessions for youth about Reproductive Health within the Hussein Labour and Construction Camps 2023. Meetings aimed to educate young men and women, enrich their knowledge about the components of Reproductive Health, and introduce the participating



young men and women to the Electronic Knowledge Platform on Reproductive Health for Youth, Drhpy.



- The HPC held an educational seminar on August 8th, 2023 for thirty female students of the Royal Medical Services / Midwifery School. The seminar comes within the scope of the educational and training program at the college to link the medical knowledge of midwives to the status of Reproductive Health, issues and need for information, consultation, services, and qualified health personnel.

The meeting included several presentations, mostly relating to pregnancy and birth as follows:

- The rates of pregnancy and childbirth in Jordan
- The variation in levels of pregnancy among the different social segments and according to nationality.
- Data on the increasing number of births registered in Jordan in the past ten years.
- The projected number of women of childbearing age and of pregnancies and births in the coming years.
- Spacing between pregnancies and the increasing rate of caesarean section procedures.
- Family planning and organizing births, the methods and means of family planning used in Jordan and the sources of obtaining them.



- The HPC held an introductory meeting for students at The Middle East University/ Department of Journalism on August 16th, 2023 to introduce the Electronic Knowledge Platform for Reproductive Health for Youth Drhpy.



The meeting included a presentation on the objectives and the mechanism of using the platform as well as the components of Reproductive Health. Moreover, a short film about raising children's awareness on Sexual and Reproductive Health was also included along with visual notices on such issues as unemployment amongst the youth, teenage marriage in Jordan and its social, economic and psychological impacts.



- Upon the request of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States-Social Sector/Population Policy Department/Technical Secretariat of the Arab Council for Population and Development, The Higher Population Council conducted an online training workshop entitled Building Capacities and Skills in the Field of Preparing Policy Briefs and Fact Sheets to serve and gain support for the Process of Population Policy Development and Reproductive health programs.

Taking part in the workshop were 67 participants

operating in Arab population councils and committees or the like from 20 Arab countries.

The two-day workshop aimed to equip participants with the requirements, specifications and elements of policy papers affiliated with population and development issues. Moreover, the workshop was intended to familiarize participants with how to develop proposed policy options or appropriate alternatives to address such a widespread social phenomenon that inflicts harm on families and individuals alike.



- Participation of a Jordanian delegation in the First World Conference on Population, Health and Development organized by the Ministry of Health and Population / Egypt.

The conference, which lasted from (September 5-8, 2023), came under the campaign Healthy Population for Sustainable Development. Heading the conference was President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi of Egypt with the participation of the Egyptian Minister of Health and Population, a number of ministers and senior Egyptian statesmen.



Also attending the conference were those concerned with health, population and development issues at the global, regional and national levels. Representatives of international organizations, civil society, the private sector, entrepreneurs, researchers and specialists in the fields of health, population and development were among the participants besides influencers and the media.

The Jordanian delegation participating in the conference was headed by Prof. Dr. Issa Almasarweh / The Secretary General of the HPC. Also taking part in the Conference were Ali Almetleq / Director of the Studies and Policy Unit/ Share-Net Jordan Coordinator, and representatives of the Ministry of Health, the Royal Medical Services, the University of Jordan, the United States Agency for International Development USAID/ Jordan, and a number of civil society organizations and professionals.

The most significant objectives of the four-day conference, among many others, were to emphasize the interrelationship between population, health and sustainable development, and to provide a platform for exchanging knowledge and practice to enrich the health and well-being of the population while supporting economic and

social development. The conference also aimed to reach recommendations and a road map for ways to adapt in order to face global challenges, improve health outcomes, and put an end to the impact of population changes and migration on health and development.



- The HPC and Share-Net Jordan met with members of university student practitioners committees / International Community of Practice CoPs on July 27th, 2023, where 28 male and female students participated. The goal of the meeting was to deal with multiple aspects of Reproductive and Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights. Drafting members' action plans for the knowledge products was another goal set by this meeting.

The participants also attended lectures on the features of the demographic status in Jordan, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, and on harassment on university campuses.

Share-Net Jordan was introduced to participants



alongside presenting Share-Net achievements in a project intended to stimulate dialogue between parents and their adolescent siblings.



- Preparations to hold a joint Regional Conference by The HPC and Share-Net Jordan-are underway. The conference, scheduled for 2024, will cover Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in which Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia, Qatar and the host country, Jordan will take part.

This particular theme was chosen due to the urgent need for it here in Jordan. Another reason for choosing CSE was also subsequent to the visit HPC and Share-Net Jordan made to Egypt and Lebanon; the roundtable meeting held in Jordan where papers from Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan were presented also played a role for choosing CSE. Egypt and Lebanon were selected so as to benefit from their experience in the extent of integrating the concepts of Sexual and Reproductive Health in their respective countries.

- Participation in a meeting of the national plan liaison officers to eliminate marriage under the age of 18. The meeting, held on August 7th, 2023, intended to discuss the training plan and developments in the work of the technical committee of the national plan to eliminate marriage under 18. In addition, the meeting was to hold discussions on the awareness guide for the marriage of minors and the bi-annual plan for the year 2023.

- Participation in the introductory meeting for Change Day in its tenth year held on August 23rd, 2023 and organized by the Health-Care Accreditation Council HCAC, which falls on September 18 of each year. This year's campaign was about Patient Participation and involved pledges by the institutions that guarantee involving patients in the course of their treatment and informing them of their rights.



- Participation in the fifth scientific day of nursing/ Princess Mona College, held at the Royal Medical Services on September 4th, 2023 with the aim of exchanging knowledge, experiences



and scientific dialogue in the field of nursing. Achievements and future aspirations of the college were reviewed with the aim of accomplishing the vision for which the nursing college was initially founded.

- Participation in the vocational guidance and counselling meeting for students of the Women's Studies Centre/University of Jordan, on September 14th, 2023, which was held by the Centre for Women's Studies in the Community at the University of Jordan in partnership with the German International Cooperation GIZ, whereby the Vocational Guidance program targets graduates and students of the Centre for Women's Studies -University of Jordan.

The program aims to boost access opportunities for students and graduates of the Centre for Women's Studies into the labour market.

- Participation in the workshop on preparing an educational adolescent resource kit for Reproductive and Sexual Health, held on September 4-7, 2023 by the Royal Society for Health Awareness within the Our Youth for Health initiative. The workshop aimed to introduce the educational adolescent resource kit for Sexual and Reproductive Health for adolescents and youth, and get feedback to develop it into a comprehensive national educational resource package for Sexual and Reproductive Health for all age groups.

- Participation in the launch of the national media campaign for Family planning, Family is Capital, on August 28th, 2023. The campaign was developed and arranged by the Ministry of Health with the support of the United States Agency for International Development USAID.

- Participation in the meetings of the Government Coordination Group for Human Rights and prepare for the fourth periodic review report on the state of affairs of human rights in Jordan 2023.

- Participation in the workshop on comprehensive health coverage of non-communicable diseases on September 7th, 2023 in cooperation with the Royal Health Awareness Society. The workshop aimed to discuss comprehensive health coverage of non-communicable diseases. Attending and participating in the session were representatives of a number of national institutions and international organizations.

- Participation in the national consultative sessions on July 30th, 2023 to develop health media in Jordan. Sessions were organized by the Royal Society for Health Awareness and the Ministry of Government Communication, with the aim of providing a dialogue platform that brings together stakeholders to reach attainable recommendations for the development of health media in Jordan.



- Participation in the second training workshop on Mainstreaming Social Determinants of Health Equity into Sexual and Reproductive Health Programs in Jordan Second Workshop‘ Maternal Mortality’.

Held in Amman July 23-24, 2023, the workshop was organized by the United Nations Population Fund and achieved by the Information and Research Centre at the American University in Cairo,AUC and The American University Health Research Centre in Beirut, AUB.

- Participation in the fourth periodic meeting of knowledge platform coordinators for Share-Net International on July 3rd, 2023.

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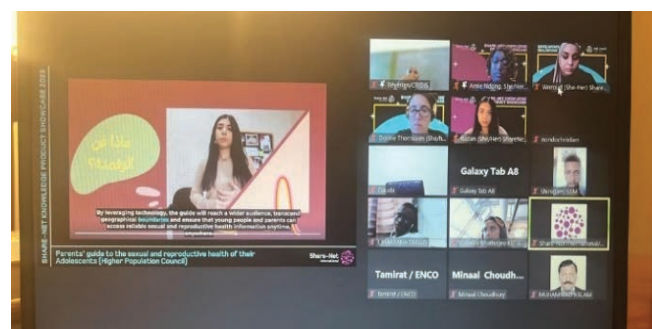
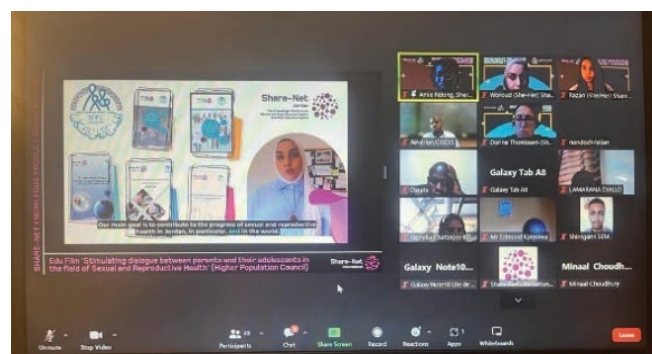
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Program and the King Hussein Cancer Foundation on July 6th, 2023. In addition, Share-Net Jordan took part in a brainstorming session to select the theme, message, and slogan of the new campaign.

- Participation in the first Share-Net International Knowledge Products Exhibition July 4th-5th, 2023. During the exhibition, Share-Net Jordan’s knowledge products were displayed alongside the Participatory Approach Program on the relationship between parents and their adolescent male and female siblings with regard to Sexual and Reproductive Health.



- Participation virtually in the conference- Women Deliver 2023, held on July 17th - 20th, 2023. The conference aimed to discuss issues such as women’s empowerment, highlight gender-



based violence and women's engaging in political affairs. Among the discussions were also the health challenges women came face to face with during The COVID-19 pandemic, along with the exerted comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health efforts. The role of the youth in addressing climate change also had its share of discussions during the conference.

- Participation in a consultative seminar organized by the Ministry of Social Development July 11th, 2023 on providing legal protection for women from violence 'official bodies and law enforcement agencies (political, social, economic and administrative.)'

The seminar aimed to discuss and determine the necessary steps and actions needed to provide legal protection for women from violence.

- Participation in the fourth meeting of the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for Youth and Adolescents / International Community of Practice SRHRYA iCoP, which was held by Share-Net International on August 24th, 2023 for global practitioner committees on Sexual and Reproductive Health SRH for youth and adolescents. Discussions addressed facilitating access to Reproductive and Sexual Health information through platforms such as "Hello Ado" and "Drhpy".

- Participation in a zoom meeting with Share-Net International on August 16th, 2023 to discuss the biannual report of Share-Net Jordan and the aspirations and objectives for the 2024 strategy.

- Participation of the finance team in the Share-Net International meeting on August 22nd, 2023 via Zoom, to discuss the strategy for funding and subsidies.

- Participation in the fifth meeting of coordinators with Share-Net International via Zoom on September 11th, 2023.

- Participation in a Zoom meeting with Share-Net International September 18th, 2023 to discuss the impact of the Cybercrime Law 2023 and the Penal Code 2022 on Share-Net International operations in Jordan.

- Participation of Ali Almetleq / HPC Director of Studies and Policies/Share-Net Jordan Coordinator, in the meetings held between the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development JOHUD and a delegation from the Institute of Graduate Studies in Geneva on September 12th-14th, 2023. Presentations and interventions about the scope of work of HPC were delivered in terms of its goals, the nature of operations, and the most important achievements



in the field of Development and Sexual and Reproductive Health covering a wide range of activities, studies and strategies. Other interventions included population projections conducted by HPC and the impact of population growth on various sectors such as health, education and water. Also, there was talk about the regional conference intended to be held on the extent to which the concepts of Sexual and Reproductive Health are integrated into the curricula. Lastly to be discussed was the importance of integration and assimilation in work between the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development JOHUD and the HPC.

- Participation of Prof. Dr. Issa Almasarweh / Secretary General of the HPC/ Chairman of the Steering Committee of Share-Net Jordan, and Ali Almetleq / HPC Director of Studies and Policies / Coordinator of Share-Net Jordan in the periodic meetings of the Executive Committee of Share-Net International, held on September 25th, 2023. Discussions included exploring and investigating funding opportunities as well as authorizing fees on Share-Net members. HPC Secretary-General proposed issuing and dispensing a form to Share-Net member countries to get feedback regarding paying subscription fees. The proposal was endorsed, where Share-Net International will draft this survey and refer it to all knowledge platforms in each country to conduct a survey on

the readiness of member states to pay a certain fee and evaluate the survey outcomes. Discussions also covered the celebration in 2024 commemorating the tenth anniversary of the founding of Share-Net International and the culmination of the strategic plan (2020-2024).

■ Maintaining the website of the electronic knowledge platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health during the third quarter of 2023. This was achieved by uploading (7) studies and researches in Arabic and English. Furthermore, 2 new members were registered during the third quarter, including (1) individual and (1) institutional memberships. The total number of Share-Net Jordan's members amounted to (281) members, including (256) individual memberships and (25) institutional memberships.



- Updating the Electronic Knowledge Platform for Reproductive Health for Youth Drhpy through meetings of the committee of experts and representatives from relevant authorities to update the scientific content uploaded to the platform. First, it was updating a number of



topics contained in the platform, answering youth questions and then uploading them to the platform website in coordination with the committee experts. Updating the platform also entailed designing and printing the platform introductory brochure, uploading the Guide for Parents and video on addressing questions and answers related to reproductive and sexual health. Another aspect that was dealt with was updating the Questions and Answers Q & A section on the platform by furnishing it with all the questions and answers arising in the Guide for Parents.

Furthermore, the initiative entailed producing and designing 102 explanatory infographics of the components of reproductive health in Arabic and English; producing animated videos for some illustrations /infographics and incorporating them in the electronic knowledge platform Drhpy to ensure the delivery of the messages and information in an attractive and appealing way to target specific groups, namely, the youth.

Drhpy platform link:

<https://drhpy.org.jo>

❖ Grants, projects and memoranda of understanding :

- **The HPC and Oxfam Jordan signed a memorandum of understanding** on August 27th, 2023. The signing of the memo came within the framework of joint cooperation and coordina-

tion between the HPC and Oxfam in enhancing awareness and knowledge among associations working with youth in Jordan in the field of reproductive and sexual health alongside the support of the partners of Masarna 'Our Pathway' project executed through Oxfam.

- **Signing a memorandum of understanding between the HPC and the Health Care Accreditation Council HCAC in the domain of reviewing the national standards document for youth-friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health services and the mechanism of implementing them.** The signing of the memo of understanding came within the keen interest of HPC in sustaining the application of national standards regarding Reproductive Health services.

- **Work is currently underway between the HPC and Share-Net Jordan to sign a sub-agreement with the Family Health Care Institute / King Hussein Foundation to prepare, draft, develop and disseminate awareness materials on gender-based violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health.** The material is to be utilised in awareness-raising sessions and in training the local community all within reinforcement of the response project and access to protection services in Jordan through empowering adolescents and



youth and community initiatives. All funding for the agreement comes through the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Jordan.

- The HPC and Share-Net Jordan are currently working on signing a memorandum of understanding Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence GAGE. The agreement aims to improve and exchange information and scientific evidence related to gender and adolescence to ensure that practitioners and policy makers achieve the best results possible. Furthermore, the agreement allows the exchange of lessons and experiences between the parties to provide the most effective recommendations in the field of policies and programmes.

- Modify and amend the design of the advertisement Grants to Activate Knowledge 2024, where it facilitates granting, activating and initiating knowledge, researching, documenting practices, and influencing practitioners and policy makers in the field of sexual and reproductive health, by revitalizing the ability of stakeholders to apprehend the importance of a wide spectrum of sexual and reproductive health issues.

- Participation of HPC Director of the Studies and Policies Unit / Share-Net Jordan Coordinator in the meeting held with Share-Net International on July 11th, 2023 to discuss the development of work on the

grant bestowed to Professor Dr. Zaid Hamdan / Jordan University of Science and Technology.

■ Second: Population and Development:

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

01

In cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund and participation of relevant national organisations, the HPC held a meeting on July 11th, 2023 to commemorate World Population Day, which falls on the 11th of July of each year.

02

HPC Secretary-General met on July 3rd, 2023 with members of the Parliamentary Education and Youth Committee and the Women and Family Affairs Committee. During the meeting, elements of the current and expected demographic realities as well as family difficulties and other common issues related to it, were presented.

03

Follow up on the National Population Strategy (2021-2030).

04

Participation in a two-day workshop July 7-8, 2023 entitled Establishing the National Team to Accelerate the Progress of Goal 3 of the Sustainable Development Goals in Jordan.

05

Participation in the first meeting of Social Integration and Poverty Eradication pursuant to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

06

Participation of Prof. Dr. Issa Almasarweh, HPC Secretary-General, and Ms Rania Al-Abbadi, HPC Assistant Secretary-General in the Arab Regional Conference on Population and Development: Challenges and Prospects Ten Years After the Cairo Declaration 2013.

07

Over a two-day period, September 25-26, 2023, the HPC, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, held a training workshop on biometric estimation for the key data creators in the Jordanian statistical system.



- In cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund and participation of relevant national organisations, the HPC held a meeting on July 11th, 2023 to commemorate World Population Day, which falls on the 11th of July of each year. The

meeting aimed to launch a fact sheet on the status of divorce in Jordan (2015-2022), and to review the most recent demographic indicators in Jordan.



- HPC Secretary-General met on July 3rd, 2023 with members of the Parliamentary Education and Youth Committee and the Women and Family Affairs Committee. During the meeting, elements of the current and expected demographic realities as well as family difficulties and other common issues related to it, were presented.

This meeting came in accordance with the obligations of the HPC in informing the legislative authority of the demographic situation of the population of Jordan. HPC views demographic features and changes as global and not sectoral issues

affecting all economic, social and environmental fields and all population needs. Demographic features and changes have a long-term impact that extends for decades to come, according to HPC.



- Follow up on the National Population Strategy (2021-2030) by meeting on August 10th, 2023 with members of the sub-committee concerned with following up on the implementation of the strategy. In cooperation with the sub-committee, the meeting also intended to amend the monitoring matrix for following up on the strategy performance indicators in accordance with the best practices. On the agenda of the meeting, also was following up with liaison officers in the concerned institutions to determine the base year values and targets (2023-2025).

- Participation in a two-day workshop July 7-8, 2023 entitled Establishing the National Team to Accelerate the Progress of Goal 3 of the Sustainable Development Goals in Jordan which was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Health / Jordan and the World Health Organization WHO. The workshop



aimed to increase progress in achieving Goal 3 of the sustainable development goals in Jordan through improving governance and also through facilitating the availability of data.



- Participation in the first meeting of Social Integration and Poverty Eradication pursuant to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, which was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Development on August 10th, 2023. The meeting aimed to review the monitoring indicators for the social integration and eradication of poverty questions within the second national report to monitor the enactment of the New Urban Agenda.

- Participation of Prof. Dr. Issa Almasarweh, HPC Secretary-General, and Ms Rania Al-Abbadi, HPC Assistant Secretary-General in the Arab Regional Conference on Population and Development: Challenges and Prospects Ten Years After the Cairo Declaration 2013. The conference was organized by ESCWA, UN Population Fund- the Regional Office for Arab States and the

League of Nations, in partnership with the International Planned Parenthood Federation IPPF- Arab World Region. The conference took place at the United Nations headquarters in Beirut, September 13th-14th, 2023.

The This conference came in the context of the sixth regional review of the International Conference on Population and Development in the Arab States / Cairo Declaration 2013. One of its most prominent objectives is to provide a common platform for a mutualcourse of thinking and dialogue between Arab countries and all relevant stakeholders, exchange lessons learned, and enable the governments of Arab countries to conduct an assessment ofthe progress achieved and challenges encountered in realising the obligations as stated in the Cairo Declaration.

On the first day of the conference, HPC presented its sixth national review for the years (2018-2022).

- Over a two-day period, September 25-26, 2023, the HPC, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, held a training workshop on biometric estimation for the key data creators in the Jordanian statistical system.

The training workshop aimed to equip participants with internationally recognized direct demographic concepts and methods for calculating vital indicators, and to enrich participants' applied technical skills to estimate indicators that measure

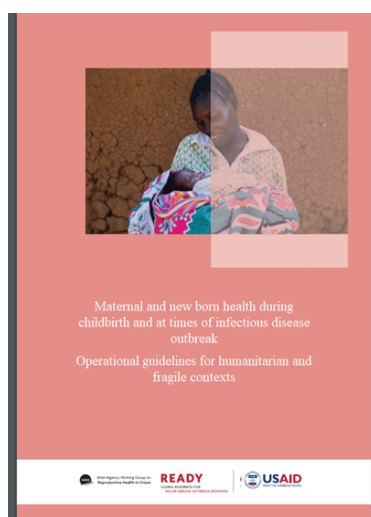


demographic / vital processes such as matrimony, childbirth and death. Furthermore, the workshop aimed to identify demographic data and their sources (inventory and operations sources), and to heed to and be mindful of the need for coordination between the national institutions that calculate these indicators in order to avoid variances in their respective estimates.



■ **Third: The most recent local, regional and international reports and bulletins related to sexual and reproductive health issues:**

- **Document on maternal and newborn health during childbirth and at times of infectious disease outbreak**



The document was prepared in 2023 by the Ready Initiative, in cooperation with Dr. Benjamin Black, Seema Manohar, Dr. Alejandra Alonso Cabral, a technical advisory team from relevant international institutions, and supported by the United States Agency for International Development USAID.

Mortality rate among women and girls resulting from complications during pregnancy and at birth amounts to 810 deaths daily worldwide. Pregnancy and childbirth are considered the leading causes of death in the course of health care, especially in humanitarian settings where girls aged (15-19 years) live in poor environments. Women and girls who live in poor and fragile humanitarian settings suffer and are subjected to diseases and mortality. It has been stated that the number of deaths during pregnancy and at childbirth exceeds 500 deaths a day. In 2018 alone, 29 million infants were born in conflict areas, at a rate of 45% of new-born deaths in countries affected by humanitarian crises and fragility.

The purpose of the Document on maternal and new born health during childbirth and at times of infectious disease outbreak is to provide humanitarian operators responsible for developing maternal and new-born health programs with procedures



that ensure continuity, quality and safety of health care for women and adolescent girls during pregnancy and in postnatal periods (specifically within the 28-day period following birth during a response to an outbreak of an infectious disease in a humanitarian or fragile setting). The guidelines aim to address priority preparedness and response actions in providing maternal and new-born health services during a potentially large outbreak of pulmonary / respiratory and waterborne and bodily fluids infectious diseases.


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<https://www.ready-initiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/READY-MNH-Guidance-Feb-2023-Final-opt.pdf>


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