

World Hepatitis Day 2019 - Eastern Mediterranean Regional Overview

Snapshot

22 countries participating
13 members celebrating
8 members using the Find the Missing Millions theme

Country commitments and announcements

Egypt announced that it would be providing hepatitis C testing and treatment for one million people in 14 African countries under an expansion of its "100 million healthy lives" campaign.

The Ministry of Health in the **Occupied Palestinian Territory** announced that there have been no cases of viral hepatitis B among babies born in the territory after 1992, thanks to its early adoption of the hepatitis B birth dose vaccine.

Member activity

Afghanistan

Afghanistan Relief & Sustainability Development Organization (ARSDO) marked World Hepatitis Day with a free screening event in the Afghan capital, Kabul. They had 400 attendees and tested 300 people for viral hepatitis. They also used social media to raise awareness, posting on Facebook and sharing the Find the Missing Millions film.

Djibouti

No activity reported for **SOS Hepatite Djibouti**

Egypt

The Association of Liver Patients' Care, with Egyptian Liver Foundation, organised a big World Hepatitis Day celebration at the Egyptian Liver Hospital in Dakahlia under the theme of "Find millions of undiagnosed people". The event was attended by hundreds of patients of all ages who have been cured of viral hepatitis through free-of-charge treatment within the framework of the Project: "Village free of viral hepatitis".

No activity reported for **Terous Misr Foundation for Development**

Iran

Family Health Association Iran translated the Find the Missing Millions film into Persian Farsi, and adapted the FMM posters so they were more relevant to their demographic in Iran. They shared both the film and poster on their Instagram page.

No activity reported for **Iran Hepatitis Network (IHN)**

Lebanon

Soins Infirmiers et Développement Communautaire held a stall in the Lebanese capital, Beirut, and gave out educational leaflets encouraging people to get tested, particularly targeting young people. They also raised awareness of the FMM campaign by posting about it on social media.

Association de Lutte Contre les Hépatites (ALCH MAROC) shared graphics encouraging people to get tested on their Facebook page. They also shared articles about hepatitis C from French-language newspaper *Le Monde*.

Working with Hepatitis Free Pakistan, **Back To The Life Foundation** held a hepatitis awareness programme and testing event at a school in Quetta, Balochistan. The event attracted more than 500 students and 30 staff, as well as the Medical Superintendent of a local Government Hospital. They also offered free testing for hepatitis B and C. In addition to their events, Back to the Life Foundation also shared the Find the Missing Millions film, posted on their website and social media channels, and promoted the WHD website.

Bridging Health Foundation's director, Yasir Waheed, attended the official WHO World Hepatitis Day event in Islamabad, and met with WHA CEO Cary James.

Dr Asad Chaudry from **Gujranwala Liver Foundation** spoke at the official WHO World Hepatitis event in Islamabad, giving a presentation called "Training the health workforce – Project ECHO".

Life Foundation organised a testing and awareness-raising event in the city of Faisalabad. Over 1,500 people attended, including the Medical Director of DHQ Hospital Faisalabad. They tested 360 people for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.

The Health Foundation (THF) held a series of testing, vaccination, and awareness-raising events in different regions and cities including Karachi, interior Sindh, Lahore and Islamabad. Events included educational seminars, screening camps, awareness walks, and a motorcycle rally. Thousands of people attended, and at least 649 received testing for hepatitis B and C. The foundation's Director Dr. Huma Qureshi spoke at the World Health Organization's official WHD event, the National Conference on Eliminating Viral Hepatitis in Pakistan, which THF's Executive Director, Dr Laila Rizvi, also attended. THF also raised awareness of the FMM campaign by sharing the video, and posting on their social media channels.

The Liver Foundation organised a testing, vaccination, and awareness-raising event at their clinic in Karachi. As well as lectures and speeches, they provided free tests for hepatitis B and C, as well as bone mineral density tests, eye tests, and diabetes tests. The event was attended

by about 500 people, including representatives from other civil society organisations and pharmaceutical countries. 375 people were tested for viral hepatitis, and 250 were vaccinated against hepatitis B. The Liver Foundation also distributed balloons and posters to help raise awareness, shared the FMM film, and posted on their social media and other communications channels.

The Organization for Empowerment Through Education and Health (OETEH) held an event at the Government MDM High School in Matiari, which many local people, teachers, students, health workers attended. Mr. Ghulam Hyder Chandio (Deputy Commissioner, Matiari) and Mr. Asif Bhughio (Senior Superintendent of Police, Matiari) attended as chief guests. Many doctors and hepatologists spoke about hepatitis awareness to the audience, and after the session a total of 155 people were tested and 151 people vaccinated. OETEH also used digital channels to raise awareness, tweeting, posting on Facebook, and promoting the WHD website.

Zhwandoon Welfare Organization (ZWO) ran a World Hepatitis awareness campaign, including an awareness walk, and encouraged people to get tested. They also gave a series of talks, and ran free screening camps in different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. ZWO's Chairman, Sahibzada Shabeer, and Management Adviser, Arif Yusuf, also attend the official WHD celebrations in Islamabad, meeting with WHA CEO Cary James. ZWO also shared Find the Missing Millions materials on Facebook.

No activity reported for **Care and Support Welfare Organisation (CSO), Huqooq-UI-Ebad Development Foundation, Muhammad Yar Welfare Foundation (MYWF), National Welfare & Human Development Org (NWHDO), Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organisation (PRWSWO), Prasol Foundation, SAWERA - Society for Appraisal & Woman Empowerment in Rural Areas, Sawera Organization Faisalabad, Siddiqui Foundation, The Better Life or The Humanitarian Organization for Public Establishment (THE HOPE)**