

H1N1- Palestine

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Prevention measures

1. Regional meeting in Jerusalem
2. 1,100,000 leaflets
 - Borders –Bridges
 - Schools
 - Public places
 - Clinics
 - Communities

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3. Media
 - Radio
 - TV
 - Newspapers
4. Seminars & lectures
5. Hotline 150-200 call / day

Capacity building

1. Equipment, kits , reagents, preparation
2. Training in NAMRU III
3. Development of guideline for H1N1(prevention & control)
4. Case definition for H1N1+ dissemination
5. Medical awareness in all districts

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6. Coordination with MoE by establishing District committees in all district for monitoring purposes according to guideline agreed upon.
7. Regular meeting with NHC. UN agencies , WHO in particular.

containment

- Cases reported from Israel
- Surveillance for any cases coming from endemic country , or contacted with H1N1 patients
- First H1N1 case reported in 10th ,June,2009
- Treatment at home with all the precaution

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- Up to 15th Sep., 2009 , 130 H1N1 case reported (school entry)
- From 15th Sep. – 5th Oct.,2009 , cases of H1N1 increased to 400
- In Oct,7th ,2009 , changing in the policies

Mitigation

- Hospital admission reduction
- Mortality – morbidity reduced
- Identification of risky groups
- Surveillance- ILI/ SARI

Lessons learned

- Staff commitment
- Regional cooperation
- IHR implementation
- Multisectoral cooperation & collaboration
- Emergency response anticipated by advocacy.

Challenges

- Media
- Health staff
- Vaccine & drugs procurement
- Fund raising
- Trained staff limited