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Preface :

Share-Net Jordan is pleased to release the 23rd issue of the first quarter for the year 2022 periodic bulletin, which comes within the framework of Share-Net Jordan's commitment to keep researchers, decision-makers, policy setters, program - makers, and research agencies informed about local and global developments in the field of sexual and reproductive health.

During the first quarter, Share-Net Jordan has completed the technical and financial report of Share-Net Jordan for the year 2022, which included Share-Net Jordan accomplishments in addition to Share-Net Jordan annual plan for the year 2022 which took into consideration a number of strategic priorities to strengthen the focus on sexual and reproductive health and gender equality, engagement with the private sector, and strengthening existing partnerships with civil society organizations and the media, academic institutions, and research centres, as well as focusing in particular on engaging more young people from universities and youth organizations.

The bulletin addresses the most prominent studies, policy summaries, working papers and reports that have been achieved and in progress to be implemented during the first quarter, including a study and a summary of policies on

Women's withdrawal from the labour market and Sexual and Reproductive health in the Light of the Corona Pandemic, A Study on International Migration in Jordan, fact sheet entitled The elderly and sexual and reproductive health, and a fact sheet on Sexual and reproductive health and the media.

The bulletin also includes the activities and events that were implemented and participated in during the first quarter, including the launch of Communication Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues Share-Net Jordan (Knowledge Platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health) for the years (2022-2024), implementing and participating in educational sessions about a projects improvement model program using the participatory approach of the Global Knowledge Management platform The Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM), and preparing for the third Share-Net International Conference to be held in Colombia.

This is in addition to maintaining the research base on the knowledge platform for sexual and reproductive health through uploading recent studies, and registering new members on the platform, as the number of Share-Net Jordan members is now 219 members, including 198 individual members and 21 institutional members.



First : Sexual and reproductive health :

- Studies, policy summaries, working papers and reports:



- Study and policy brief on women's withdrawal from the labour market and sexual and reproductive health in light of the COVID-19 pandemic :

The terms of reference for the study and a policy brief have been prepared, and work is currently underway for bidding and collection of bids accordingly and as per the rules. The main objectives of the study and policy brief are to study the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of male and female workers, men and women who have withdrawn from the labour market according to data obtained from the Social Security Corporation, and to determine the participation and withdrawal of women from the labour market, the types of jobs women work in and withdraw from, as well as providing practical recommendations that would reduce women's withdrawal from the labour market, improving women's working conditions and accommodating to their needs.

- Fact sheet: Older people and sexual and reproductive health

The paper was prepared after the terms of reference were set and then referred to a consultant; work on reviewing it is currently underway.

The main objectives of the paper are to diagnose the existing situation from the reality of



the works and related strategies to inform of the global commitments in the field of sexual and reproductive health for older people and suggest better approaches that can help improve sexual health experiences, outcomes and quality of life for the elderly in the range of sexual and reproductive health.

- Fact Sheet : Sexual and reproductive health and the media :

A draft terms of reference for the paper has been prepared, the main objectives of which are to address the most important challenges the media faces in terms of the absence of periodic, sustainable and specialized information programs in sexual and reproductive health, adequate use of the communication process for sexual and reproductive health issues through innovative means, and the lack of trained personnel in communication and the media in the field of sexual and reproductive health.

- Examining and preparing the following studies for the purpose of external and internal design :

1. Study on ‘The impact of social and economic factors and gender dynamics on the sexual and reproductive health of women and girls in Jerash Governorate,’ and a policy summary entitled ‘Improving sexual and

reproductive health indicators of women and girls in Jerash Governorate.’

2 . Study and policy brief ‘The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on access to information and services for family planning in Jordan.’

- Preparing a mid-term report for the Share-Net International Project for Knowledge Platforms for the years (2020-2021) :

Share-Net International is currently executing a mid-term review survey of the Share-Net knowledge management platform through a bid that was submitted to Halcyon. The survey aims mainly to identify how Share-Net serves the global community for sexual and reproductive health and rights, and how it can enhance its activities in the future.

In this regard, Share-Net Jordan contacted all Share-Net members for the purpose of filling out this survey; responses of members will help identify who the users of Share-Net are, whether the platform meets their needs and how it is done. A meeting with the expert in charge of evaluating Share-Net Jordan was held, and he was provided with the required information; evaluation questionnaires were also distributed to 94 members of Share-Net Jordan, work now is underway to enact the evaluation.



- Preparing the annual technical and financial report for Share-Net Jordan for the year 2021 ;

Share-Net International held several meetings to discuss the report and take any necessary measures.

- Preparing the annual plan for Share-Net Jordan for 2022,


which came in the form of a participatory approach with members of Share-Net Jordan, the Share-Net Jordan Steering Committee, and the Share-Net Jordan Team; the annual plan was discussed more than once (via zoom) with Share-Net International. The agreement was signed between the Higher Population Council and Share-Net International on January 18th, 2022.

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


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The launch of the Higher Population Council and Share-Net Jordan of a communication strategy for sexual and reproductive health issues Share-Net Jordan (Knowledge Platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health) for the years (2022 - 2024); this was during the ceremony held on March 30th, 2022, with the participation of the relevant national entities.

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Project improvement model program using the participatory approach of the global knowledge management platform, The Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM). 

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Preparing for the third Share-Net International conference to be held in Colombia. 


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

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Participation in a discussion session held on February 7th, 2022 organized by Al Mashreq Women's Economic Empowerment Program, an initiative of the World Bank Group with the aim of a preliminary review of the study Child care services in Jordan :Assessing supply and demand, and discussing national priorities to support the care sector in Jordan.


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The Higher Population Council conducted a 5-day training program on Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) Communication on February 20-24, 2022. 


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Share-Net Jordan's participation in the second training workshop on the process of introducing Share-Net Jordan's plan on The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) system, which was held via zoom on March 10th, 2022, organized by Share-Net International titled "Structure of your activities in IATI". 


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The Higher Population Council held a coordination meeting for the Electronic youth platform for reproductive and sexual health. 

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Share-Net Jordan's participation in training workshops on attracting funding for projects. 

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The participation of Share-Net Jordan coordinator in the periodic meeting of the Knowledge platform coordinators- with Share-Net International. 

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The strategy aimed to facilitate the provision, dissemination and sharing of knowledge on sexual and reproductive health for researchers, research bodies, decision makers, policy setters, the media, program developers and service providers to support and guide the decision-making process related to sexual and reproductive health.

The vision of the communication strategy emphasized the comprehensive and adequate availability and accessibility of information, knowledge and research results on sexual and reproductive health. The mission also demonstrated the importance of strengthening and supporting Share-Net Jordan through improving internal and external

communications to support successful and effective knowledge sharing and informed decision-making.

The strategy also included the internal communication matrix, the external communication matrix, and a detailed action plan linking communication objectives to relevant activities and tools, and key performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of communication.

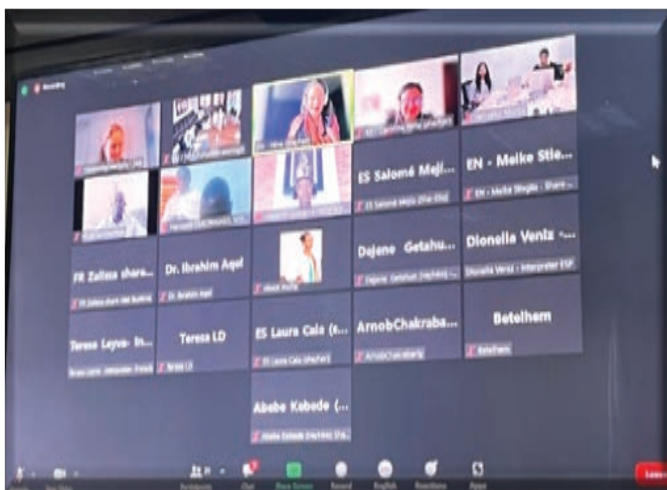
- Project improvement model program using the participatory approach of the global knowledge management platform, The Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM) :

First: The first learning session organized by Share-Net International for knowledge platforms in the Netherlands, Jordan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso was held during the period February 14 - 17, 2022, which comes as part of the participatory approach journey for the years 2022 and 2023; the Share-Net Jordan team, founded solely for this purpose, participated in this educational session.



The learning themes in this session dealt with several topics, including defining what knowledge is, what improvement tools and data can be used during implementation, along with assessing readiness for change. The session ended with action planning of the local learning session to be conducted by the Share-Net team with the Jordan team which was formed for this purpose.

Share-Net Jordan is preparing for the work during 2022 on a topic related to sexual and reproductive health issues and which will be funded by Share-Net Netherlands.



Second : The first local learning session organized by Share-Net Jordan and Share-Net International for partners within the work of the program project improvement model using the participatory approach of the Global

Knowledge Management (SHIRIM) platform, which applied the concept of a collaborative approach for the purposes of knowledge management across different contexts, and aims to improve understanding of strategies that contribute to the successful translation of knowledge and its use in the specific context, and the development of the knowledge dissemination capabilities of participants from all Share-Net platforms in countries that have branches linked with the Share-Net International in the Netherlands, and to facilitate learning and cooperation amongst them.

During 2022, work will be carried out on Awareness guide for parents in the field of sexual and reproductive Health and reproductive rights for adolescents, by forming a team of experts from relevant institutions.

The first learning session was held on March 24th, 2022.

A workshop was also held to follow up on the participatory approach by Share-Net on March 15th, 2022, which was attended by the Participatory Approach Implementation Team of Share-Net Jordan.

-Preparing for the third Share-Net International conference to be held in Colombia :



During the first quarter of this year, Share-Net Jordan worked on preparing for the Third Share-Net International Co-Creation Conference on shared creativity and ‘Communalengaging in the cognitive translation of knowledge’ along side all Share-Net teams worldwide that are working on the project.

The conference aims to convert knowledge into a package of means, tools and methods to help Share-Net International / members and participants to use evidence to improve policies and practices and identify areas where change is needed and the type of means and processes needed to achieve improvement in policies or programmes.

This year’s conference comes under the title “Access to quality information on sexual and reproductive health and rights technologies, accessibility, cultural translation, new challenges as battling disinformation” scheduled for early July 2022 in Bogota-Colombia.

As part of Share-Net Jordan's preparations for Jordan's participation in this conference, and in order to benefit greatly from its expertise and concerned institutions and the people in Jordan, a committee of expert practitioners at the national level was formed to produce a report representing Jordan's status in the conference, where four meetings of the committee

were held and the narrative report on Jordan's situation pertaining to the subject matter of the conference was prepared.

Share-Net Jordan also participated in the steering committee of Share-Net International, which is preparing for the conference; Share-Net Jordan also participated in the sub-committee for the selection of experts and facilitators for the Third Share-Net International Co-Creation Conference.



- Share- Net Jordan's work at the regional level :

Share-Net Jordan participated in the meeting (via Zoom) held with Share-Net International on January 1st, 2022, with the aim of discussing the guidelines of Share-Net Jordan and Share-Net Bangladesh to work at the regional level where Share-Net Jordan coordinator reviewed the results and recommendations of the study prepared for Share-Net Jordan’s work



at the regional level within the available budget and within the work plan resulting from the study to work on for the years (2022-2024).

- Participation in a discussion session held on February 7th, 2022 organized by Al Mashreq Women's Economic

Empowerment Program, an initiative of the World Bank Group with the aim of a preliminary review of the study Child care services in Jordan:

Assessing supply and demand, and discussing national priorities to support the care sector in Jordan, in various scopes and in cooperation with key partners in this study; on February 28th, 2022, participation in the session conducted by the program with the aim of reviewing the preliminary results of this study took place.



- The Higher Population Council conducted a 5-day training program on Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) Communication on February 20-24, 2022;

the program comes within the training package for the project Towards more sustainable services and solutions to the sexual and reproductive health needs of youth and refugees in Jordan. One of the main objectives of the project is to improve addressing sexual and reproductive health and meet the needs at the community level in Jordan, and of youth and Syrian refugees in particular.

- Share-Net Jordan's participation in the second training workshop on the process of introducing Share-Net Jordan's plan on The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)

system, which was held via zoom on March 10th, 2022, organized by Share-Net International titled "Structure of your activities in IATI". Share-Net Jordan also participated in the third training workshop in the same field held

on March 22nd, 2022, entitled Sitting up partner lines & finances.

Note that coordinators of knowledge platforms participated in the first workshop of periodic meeting with Share-Net International (via Zoom) on February 8th, 2022.

- The Higher Population Council held a coordination meeting for the Electronic youth platform for reproductive and sexual health on March 13th, 2022, with the participation of the concerned authorities, where the Electronic youth platform for reproductive and sexual health was reviewed followed by discussion, dialogue and agreement on information, technical and legal matters relating to the platform.

- Share-Net Jordan's participation in training workshops on attracting funding for projects, The first workshop was held on January 17th, 2022, the second on February 7th, 2022, and the third on February 21st, 2022. The workshops dealt with first how to start with compiling of data and mapping of financial institutions, and then building partnerships and relationships with financiers.

- The participation of Share-Net Jordan coordinator in the periodic meeting of the Knowledge platform coordinators with Share-Net International via Zoom, held on February 8th, 2022.

• Maintaining the website of the Electronic knowledge platform for sexual and reproductive health, by uploading two studies in English; the number of Share-Net Jordan members was 219, including 198 individual members and 21 institutional members, and the number of visitors to the platform during the first quarter of 2022 was 219 visitors out of which (83) were females and (136) males.





* Grants and projects :

- Small grants provided by Share-Net International during 2021 were followed up, reviewed and approved by Share-Net Jordan coordinator as follows :

- A grant offered to Bangladesh and The Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD) entitled “Tailor-made training guide to address puberty related harmful social norms affecting adolescent's SRHR.”
- A grant offered to the Information and Research Centre at the King Hussein Foundation, entitled Research on “Correcting the Common Misconceptions on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Jordan, Information and Research Centre - King Hussein Foundation (IRCKHF).
- A grant offered to Dr Hala Bawadi of the Jordan University entitled Policy brief on Experiences and Perceptions of mid adolescents, parents, and teachers on comprehensive sexuality education: A multiple country-based qualitative research study.

Second : Population and Development:

• Studies, policy briefs, working papers and reports:

- Study of international migration in Jordan :

This study was funded by ESCWA, and a committee of 24 members from representatives of institutions concerned with migration was formed. The tender was referred to a local expert for enactment; the expert prepared interview questions for each party, and questions were reviewed by the Higher Population Council, Share-Net Jordan, and ESCWA. Putting the study into practice is now being monitored and followed up.

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

*** Technical Brief : Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) from a Gender Perspective : Protecting health, sexual and reproductive rights and the promotion of gender equality :**



This summary was prepared by the United Nations Population Fund in 2020. The most prominent key messages of the summary were as follows:

01 Women constitute 70% of the workforce in the health and social sectors worldwide. Particular attention needs to be given to how women experience discrimination in their work environment, as well as considering their sexual and reproductive health and their psychological needs as health workers operating on the front lines.

02 Sexual and reproductive health and rights is an important public health issue that requires significant attention during epidemic outbreaks.

03 Providing family planning and other sexual and reproductive health services, including menstrual health supplies essential to women's wellness, empowerment and sustainable development. This, however, may be influenced as supply chains are under pressure resulting from the response to face the pandemic.

04 It is imperative to ensure that care be continued in the event of severe disruption of health facilities services or in the event of inability of women and girls of reproductive age to access services. It is vital that obstacles and hindrances are handled well to enable women and girls' access to services, including psychosocial support services, especially for those subjected to violence or who may be at risk of violence during the quarantine.



Q Referral of cases related to gender-based violence should be updated so as to reflect changes in the available care facilities, and at the same time, communities and key service providers should be informed of these updated cases.

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💡 Monitoring and response systems should include classification according to gender, age, and pregnancy status.

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➤ Given women's frontline interaction with communities and their participation in many works of care, they are at greater risk of exposure to the virus, and with this intimacy and closeness to community, women are in a good position for positively influencing the design and implementation of prevention activities and community involvement.

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https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resourcepdf/Arabic_COVID-19_Guidance_Note-final_layout_0.pdf

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