PROGRESS IN EMR
UNIVERSAL EYE HEALTH: GLOBAL ACTION PLAN 2014-19

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What we have done:

**Advocacy for the Action plan**

**October 2012: 59th WHO EMRO meeting**
EMR Health Ministers approved New Action plan for PB 2014-19 & Inclusion of PB within WHO priority. Resolution was submitted by KSA

**January 2013: WHO executive board meeting**
The 5 EMR members of EB (Morocco, Qatar, Yemen, Iran and Lebanon) supported the new plan

**May 2013: 66th World Health Assembly, Geneva**
EMR countries led the intervention for the support for the WHA resolution
What we have done:

December 2012 in Doha
Sensitization of National Coordinators for Eye Heath on the new global action plan

March 2014: Cairo WHO EMRO office
Workshop for NCs on
• How to develop new action plan
• Which stakeholders to involve in the development of plan
Strategy for the plan development

National Development plans incl. PRP
National Health Strategy
Other Health Plans NCD,PHC,NTD
GAP: Universal Eye Health

Leadership/ Governance
Human Resources
Medical products & technologies
Health information system
Service Delivery
Health Care Financing
Training centers, Civil societies, Professional bodies, Blind institutions or schools, media, insurance etc

Access & Equity Quality
## WHO System block: Service Delivery

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8 Countries developed plan
Countries developing plans in September/October 2014
Major Barriers

Political
• Serious sectarian, social and civil unrest in more than a third of the countries
• Eye health /PB not a priority within the countries due competing health demands especially with emerging NCDs

Economic
• Inadequate funding to undertake stakeholders meeting to develop plans
What we plan to do

- Quarterly follow up on countries for progress on plan development and implementation in collaboration with WHO EMRO
- WHO EMRO to write to Ministers of Health
- WHO EMRO 61st annual meeting of Health Ministers, Tunis 19-22 October, 2014
- Identify ‘needy countries’ for support.
- For selected countries identify ‘entry point’ into the health priorities.
- Half day review of progress and challenges of GAP at the next EMR regional meeting on 18 December 2014, Cairo
- From 2015: Actively follow up on implementation
Thank you