



# PANEL DISCUSSION

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INTERNALLY DISPLACED POPULATIONS:  
EARLY LESSONS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST REGION

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Protracted conflicts in the Middle East have caused a region-wide health crisis. Millions are displaced internally and hundreds of thousands are leaving their country to become refugees.

Approximately 6.3 million Syrians have taken asylum worldwide, mostly in neighbouring countries. The protracted war in Iraq has displaced three million, while years of war in Yemen have resulted in 22.2 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

Population displacement coupled with destruction of health infrastructure poses challenges to TB control. This panel discussion will share early lessons in TB control from the Global Fund Middle East Response in Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

## CHAIRPERSONS

**Hoda Yousef Atta**, WHO

**Suvanand Sahu**, Switzerland

## FEATURED PRESENTATIONS:

**1. Managing tuberculosis in the region through civil society partnerships: experience from Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Diseases in Jordan**

- **Jeremy Fowler**, Jordan

**2. Maintaining continuity of TB services in challenging operating environments: lessons learnt from the Global Fund's differentiated approach in Iraq, Syria and Yemen**

- **Samer Ameen**, Iraq
- **Hazar Faroun**, Syrian Arab Republic
- **Esam Mahyoub**, Republic of Yemen

**3. Extending the Reach of NTP through Partnerships with Agencies and Civil-Society: Increasing Access to TB Services for Refugees and Vulnerable Populations in Lebanon and Jordan**

- **Hiam Yaccoub**, Lebanon
- **Ibrahim Badwan**, Jordan