

# PHC IN ACTION

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Lebanon



## "صحتنا"

On March 28, 2022, the Ministry of Public Health in collaboration with UNICEF and the EU, launched the "Sohatona" application. The application allows parents to track the vaccination status of their children and keep them updated on their upcoming vaccines. The application also helps beneficiaries identify the nearest vaccination site to their location. Since its launch, hundreds of people have downloaded this application that will help parents take control of their children's immunization status and be active contributors to improving their children's health status.

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# CAPACITY BUILDING IS BACK ON TRACK



As the COVID-19 toll began its drop, the strict safety measures were progressively lifted allowing the primary healthcare network to start implementing its capacity-building plan based on a participatory needs assessment that targeted the healthcare workers within the PHC centers. Working with the partners, the PHC department to address the identified needs and regain the momentum of its capacity-building efforts. In the first quarter of the year 2022, more than 120 capacity-building sessions were conducted across the country. As the year progresses, the PHC department plans to address the rest of the priority items in an engaging, well-designed approach that matches the needs of the health care workers and contributes to the ongoing support to sustain quality, patient-centered care.

**228** ATTENDEES  
INFECTION  
PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL



**247** ATTENDEES  
SELF-CARE  
TRAINING



**202** ATTENDEES  
EFFECTIVE  
COMMUNICATION AND  
HEALTH EDUCATION



**148** ATTENDEES  
CULTURAL  
DIVERSITY TRAINING



**475** ATTENDEES  
VACCINATION  
CAMPAIGN TRAINING



**1211** ATTENDEES  
LPSP TRAINING



**187** ATTENDEES  
IYCF TRAINING



**305** ATTENDEES  
QUALITY AND  
ACCREDITATION  
TRAINING



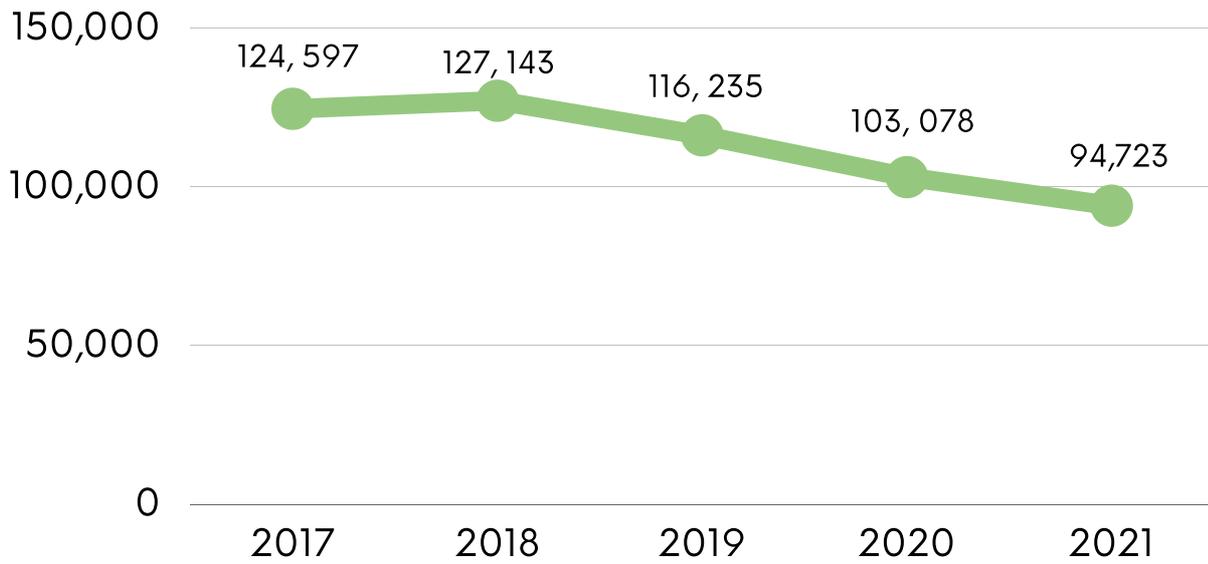
# RE-OPENING OF THE CENTRAL DRUG WAREHOUSE

One and a half years after its destruction in the Beirut blast, the Central Drug Warehouse (CDW) has opened its doors again with a new storage capacity that can cater to the needs of one million beneficiaries. The 8000 m<sup>3</sup> two-block facility now hosts 12 cold rooms dedicated for short and long-term storage of vaccines and needed medications. To maintain the quality of these vaccines and medications, the warehouse is linked to a real-time temperature monitoring system that allows staff to follow up at all times.

In the coming months, an electronic logistic management system will be launched at the CDW, the system will be linked to the MOPH servers allowing the Primary Healthcare Centers and their inventories to be automatically connected to the CDW and easing all medication transactions.



# VDO 2021



Evolution in the number of live births between years 2017 and 2021

The vital data observatory at the primary healthcare department aims to monitor maternal and childbirth, and mortality rates. On yearly basis, the VDO issues a yearly report that helps the PHC department make informed decisions on future actions related to the reproductive health and vaccination programs. The reported figures from 2021 show a decrease in the birth rate (8.11 %) in comparison to the previous years (graph 1). Should this trend continue past 2022, it is expected that it will be reflected in decreasing needs for child vaccines in terms of the total quantities per year.

## NEW JOINERS

In alignment with the PHC department mandate that primary healthcare is to be available to everyone without discrimination, and in light of the significant increase in demand of primary healthcare services, the PHC department has sought to welcome several new centers to its network.

The centers include

- مركز النقاء الطبي للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز بلدية سن الفيل للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز الخدمات الإنمائية - العاقورة - للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز بعلبك الطبي الاجتماعي للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز السلامة الاهلي - جبيل - للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز طرابلس الصحي المركزي للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز المكارم الصحي الميناء للرعاية الصحية الأولية
- مركز الرعاية الصحية الاولى في مستشفى ميس الجبل الحكومي

