



# Cancer in Conflict Workstream

## AUB - GHI

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# Background and Context

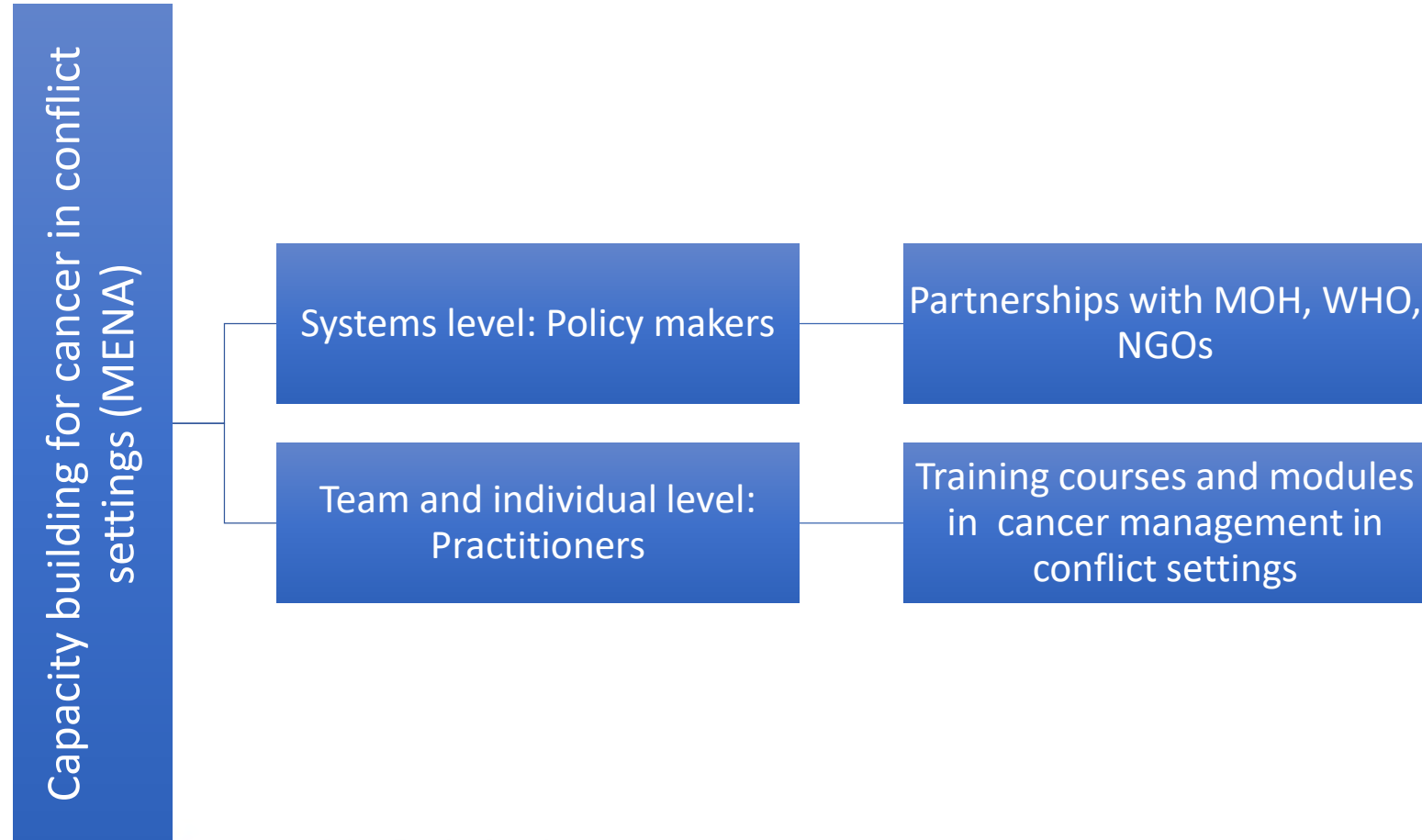
- Low survival rate: 40% in year 2011



- Low quality data:
  - No auditable quality control data
  - No practice-based research
  - Lack of coordination
  - Lack of policies



# Theoretical Framework





# Achievements in Year 1

Deliverables	Achievements
<b>Regional research on breast cancer and breast cancer surgery</b>	Ongoing scoping review, data abstraction phase, plan to finish by October-November
<b>Needs assessments for building capacity on cancer in conflict</b>	Topic guide, IRB application, list of key informants, piloting phase
<b>Availability of courses and trainings</b>	Search completed
<b>Cancer management workshop in Gaza</b>	In progress – Scheduled for November 2018
<b>Clinical epidemiology: Determine additional morbidity associated with absence of radiotherapy</b>	Tentative: requesting on data from Gaza MOH
<b>Dialogue between MOH Iraq/ Cancer registry/physicians</b>	Ongoing
<b>Efficacy of VAR in improving diagnosis</b>	None





# Challenges in Year 1

- Visits to Gaza not facilitated, entries to Gaza, timing issue
- MOU with MOPH not signed
- Different approaches:
  - Request Skype meeting with Gaza team
  - Alternatively, work closely with MOH Lebanon to build capacity on cancer research (improve data collection methods, training registrars on research skills...)





# Objectives for Year 2

## Objectives

- Facilitate cancer registries in the region
- Draft paper on multi-causality in breast cancer outcome
- Draft paper on regional MDT Networks mediated by VAR software on outcomes of breast cancer

## Team and development of courses

- Contact key stakeholders
- Develop scientific committee including facilitators and content experts





# Objectives for Years 3 and 4

Improve practice-based research and data generation for local capacity building

Improve the technical capacity of cancer care of health professionals by offering basic and specialized courses for conflict settings

Courses will be offered online, others in the form of face-to-face workshops/trainings (can use GHI GHLAD platform, CREEW)



# Objectives for Years 3 and 4

- Courses on stream:
  - Research training modules/courses (Basics research skills)
  - Specialized Training modules/courses: radiological detection, pathological diagnosis, onco-plastic surgery, nursing aspects of breast cancer care
  - Training modules/courses: pain management and palliative care in coordination with Islamic University and MSF







# Challenges for Years 3 and 4

## Structural

- Funding
- Availability of trainers to deliver the courses
- Incentive for health professionals to attend courses
- Accreditation
- Break out of armed conflict

## Workstream specific challenges

- Fragmented nature of health system, augmented in cancer care
- Improving capacity may not translate to direct improvement in health system performance and cancer care (sustainability)
- Measuring impact of capacity building by number of publications, reports (indicators)



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