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National Situation Analysis on coordination of surveillance
between Points of Entry and National Health Systems

SITE VISIT TO

JORDAN

In the context of the EpiSouth WP7 National Situation analysis, a site visit to Jordan was conducted on the 26-29 August 2013.

The aim was to study in depth how coordination of surveillance activities was achieved between Points of Entry and the National Health System in the context of IHR 2005. During the visit three Points of Entry: the international airport “Queen Alia”, the port of Aqaba and the Al Omari ground crossing, were visited.

The **Queen Alia International Airport** is the Jordan's largest airport and is situated in the Jeeza (جزية) area, 32 km south of Amman. The airport has three terminals: two passenger and one cargo. It is the main hub of Royal Jordanian Airlines, the national flag carrier, as well as being a major hub for Jordan Aviation. In 2012 the airport handled over 6 million passengers and 67,000 aircraft movements¹.

The **Port of Aqaba** is the only port in Jordan. It is situated in southern Jordan on the north shore of the Gulf of Aqaba on the Red Sea, it is owned and operated by the Aqaba Port Corporation. It is composed of three areas: the main port, the middle port and the southern industrial port^{2,3}. The main port is close to the town of Aqaba. It comprises 12 berths used for handling general cargo, grain and phosphate export⁴. The middle port comprises 7 berths. In this area, cargo, livestock and passengers are handled. Yarmouk Berth is the Passenger Terminal⁵. The southern port comprises 4 berths used for handling Oil, Timber, and imports & exports of the industrial complex products such as fertilizers, sulfur, salt, potash and chemicals⁶.

The border crossing, called Al-Haditha on the Saudi side, and **Al-Omari** on the Jordanian side, is one of the three land crossings on the eastern side of Jordan.

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_Aliah_International_Airport

² <http://www.aqabaports.com.jo/En/Default.aspx>

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_of_Aqaba

⁴ <http://www.aqabaports.com.jo/En/PortMap.aspx?CategoryID=1>

⁵ <http://www.aqabaports.com.jo/En/PortMap.aspx?CategoryID=2>

⁶ <http://www.aqabaports.com.jo/En/PortMap.aspx?CategoryID=3>

	Action	Location
25/8	Arrival of participants to Jordan (evening)	Amman, Jor
26/8	Briefing at the Jordanian MoH	Tabarbour, near Prince Hamza Hospital, Amman
	Visit at the Queen Alia International Airport	Jeezah, Capital Amman governorate
27/8	Visit at the Al Omari ground crossing	Jordan – Saudi borders, Zarka governorate
28/8	Visit at the port of Aqaba	Aqaba governorate
29/8	Return from Aqaba and debriefing at the Jordanian MoH	Tabarbour, near Prince Hamza Hospital, Amman
30/8	Departure of participants (morning)	Amman, Jor