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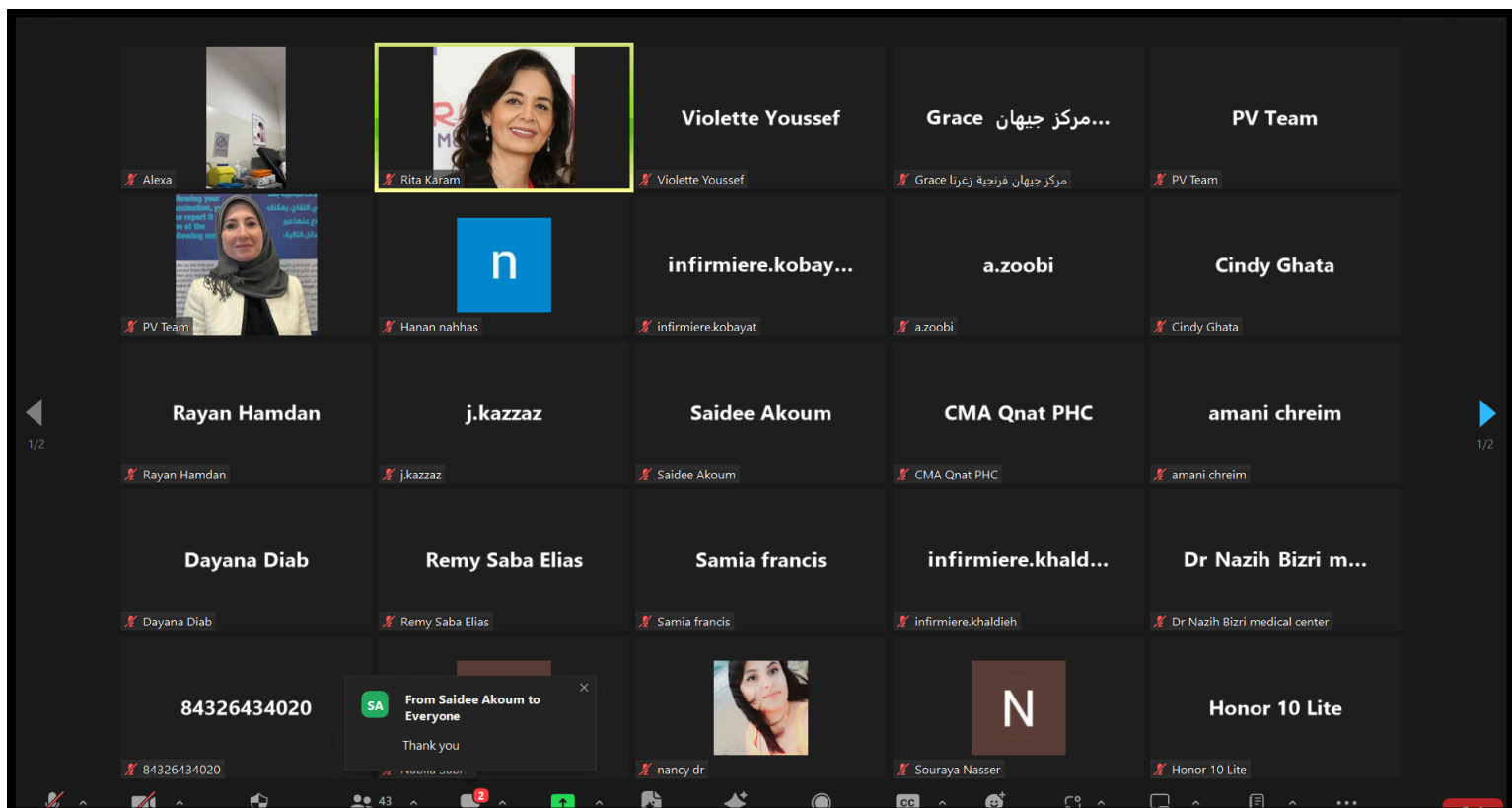
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Overview

The National Pharmacovigilance Program - Quality Assurance of Pharmaceutical Products (QAPP) Department at the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) conducted an online capacity building titled “Enhancing Adverse Events Following Immunization Reporting and Management”. This one-hour session aimed to equip stakeholders with essential knowledge and practical skills to enhance Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) reporting mechanisms.



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Stakeholders



- Local Safety Responsible (LSR)
 - Qualified Person for Pharmacovigilance (QPPV)
 - Regulatory Affairs Specialists
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- Pharmacovigilance Hospital Focal Points
 - Community Pharmacists
 - Hospital Pharmacists
 - Healthcare Workers at Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs)
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- Healthcare and Public Service Personnel
 - Nurses
 - Physicians
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- Academia

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Presentation Topics

The training session introduced the participants to the Pharmacovigilance (PV) landscape in Lebanon, offering understandings into its daily activities and operations.

The presentations provided a global perspective on pharmacovigilance, followed by a comprehensive explanation of the adverse event reporting process.

Special attention was given to the handling procedures for Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) in Lebanon.

Five presentations were provided by the LNPVP team members revolving around the PV operations AEFIs reporting tools, as detailed previously.

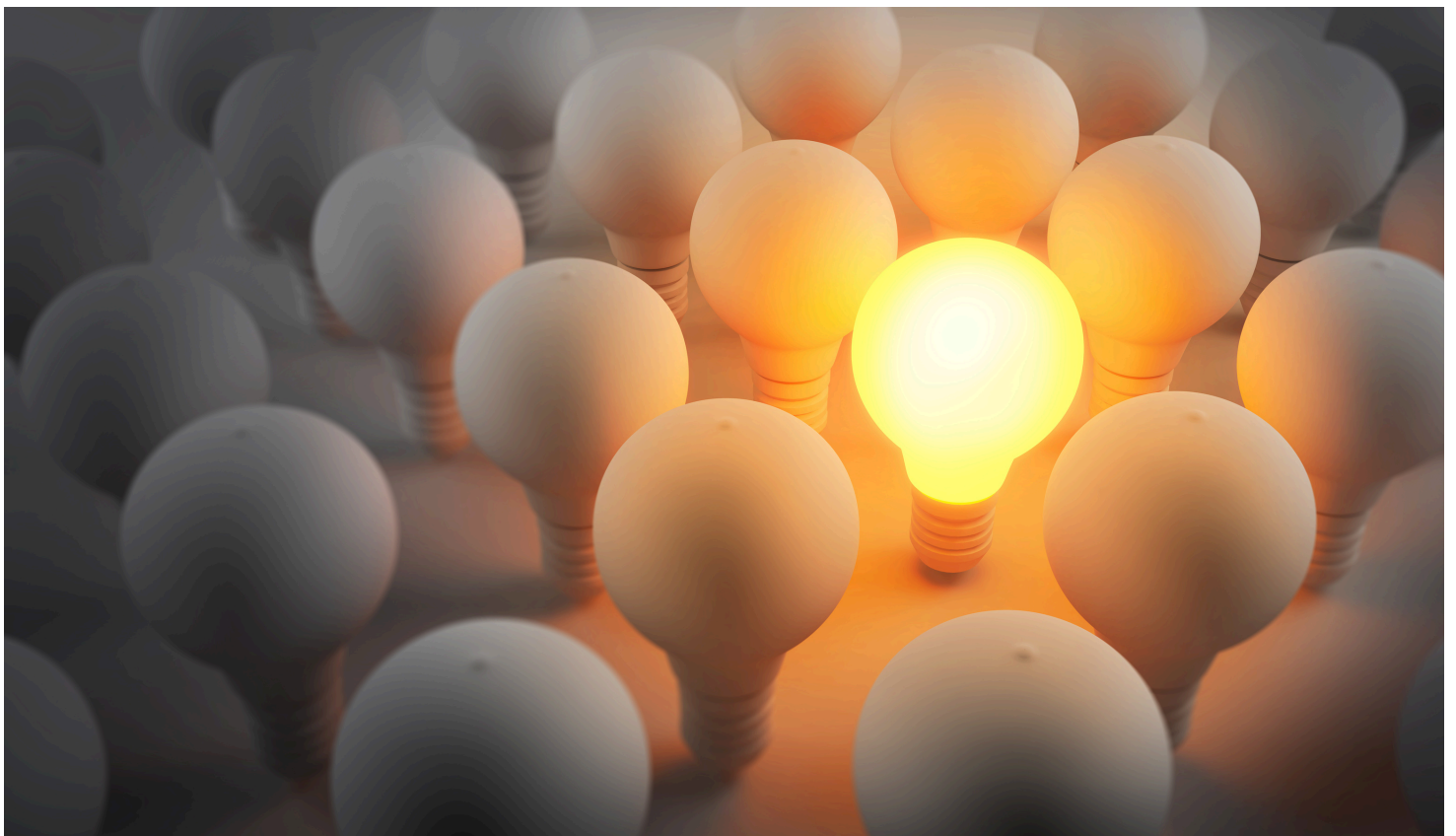
The main objectives of the session were to demonstrate a solid understanding of the fundamental principles that form the basis of pharmacovigilance, to familiarize the participants with the framework of the LNPVP, to acquaint them with the ability to identify, document, and report AEFIs effectively, and finally, to provide them with the knowledge about the reporting platforms available in Lebanon and how to use them.

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Conclusion

The “Enhancing Adverse Events Following Immunization Reporting and Management” webinar was a critical step in improving public health safety measures. By providing targeted training to a wide range of stakeholders, the LNPVP adopted a collaborative and informed approach to pharmacovigilance.



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After the conclusion of the public consultation phases, the LNPVP reviewed all the received comments, categorizing them into:



Clarifications



**Amendment
suggestions**

Based on this categorization, the comments were either:



Accepted



Clarified



Rejected

The modules were subsequently adjusted, and the updated versions will be posted online at a later stage.

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Four LGVP guideline modules—Module I, II, V, and XVI— were selected for a hands-on workshop training, which was conducted between June 27th and July 2nd, 2024.

This workshop aimed to discuss the comments received from the public consultation and to offer participants with practical experience, preparing them for the future LGVP implementation.

Around 70 participants from different MAHs attended (Onsite and Online) this hands-on workshop training.



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Definition

Educational Materials on Safety Concerns for Medications/Vaccines:

These are resources developed to inform and educate patients and healthcare professionals about the potential risks, proper usage, and side effects. The goal is to enhance understanding, promote safe practices, and ensure effective and informed use of these medical interventions.

Scope

1 Patient Education



- Informing patients about potential side effects and adverse reactions.
- Instructions on proper usage, dosage, and administration.
- Guidance on what to do in case of missed doses or adverse reactions.
- Educational resources on the importance of adherence to prescribed regimens.

2 Healthcare Professional Education



- Specific recommendations on the use, contraindications, and warnings associated with the medicine.
- Treatment management such as dosage, testing, and monitoring.
- Special administration procedures, or the dispensing of a medicinal product.
- Details of information that needs to be given to patients.

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What are Educational Materials?

Types of Educational Materials (1/2)

1. Printable material



Patient Leaflets: Simplified and easy-to-understand brochures or pamphlets explaining medication/vaccine usage, side effects, and safety information.



Patient Alert Cards: contains important safety information that you need to be aware of before and during treatment with a medication



Healthcare Provider Guides: Detailed booklets or manuals for healthcare professionals covering clinical guidelines, safety data, and prescribing information.

2. Digital Resources

Websites and Portals: Dedicated websites providing comprehensive information, including FAQs, guidelines, and safety updates for both patients and healthcare professionals.

E-learning Modules: Online courses and training programs for healthcare professionals on the safe use of medications/vaccines.

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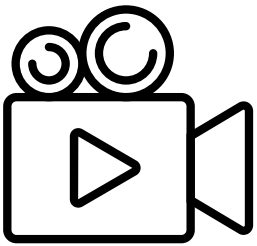
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Types of Educational Materials (2/2)

3. Visual Aids



Infographics: Visual representations of safety information, side effects, and usage instructions.



Videos: Educational videos explaining medication/vaccine safety, proper administration techniques, and addressing common concerns.

4. In-person Trainings

Workshops and Seminars: In-person or virtual events for healthcare professionals to discuss the latest safety information and guidelines.

Patient Education Sessions: Group or one-on-one sessions where healthcare providers educate patients about medication/vaccine safety.

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