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THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS AN ACCELERATOR OF DIGITAL INNOVATIONS AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES: TOWARDS A MORE DEMOCRATIC, OPEN AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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# **STATE OF PALESTINE Ministry of health**

Primary health care

Digital Transformation in Ministry of Health- Palestine



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# **Digital Transformation**

Digital Transformation is one of the necessities for all Public and private institutions which believe in the importance of continuous development and improvement of the services they provide and in the ease of access for the beneficiaries. Digital transformation does not only mean using technology in the institutions, but it is also an inclusive program starting from the interior working methods up to providing the targeted public with services with an easy and fast way

Digital transformation could be defined as using communication and information technologies in public and privet institutions to improve the institutional performance and services, operational efficiency and increasing productivity. This serves work continuity inside the institution in all its departments and its dealing with the public to improve the provided services with easier access to guarantee saving time and effort at the same time.

The primary health care is considered one of the important sectors in which digital transformation emerged during the pandemic.

Health services provider use data analysis for targeting the hotspots for Corona virus spread and improving the capacities of hospitals, medical and administrative staff

#### Digital Transformation Before The Pandemic

Due to the rapid development of technology in the world and technology has become one of the basics of work, Palestinian Ministry of Health has taken the initiative to work on computerizing a set of basic current programs:

Computerizing HIS program, a comprehensive computerized program for all hospitals and some health directorates.	
	Computerizing Mena Me program, a special program for employees, including vacations and departures.
	Computerizing HR program, a comprehensive program for employees transactions.
	Computerizing a program for the supreme Medical Committee, a program for dealing with patients transferred to the supreme Medical Committee.
	Computerizing the Central Warehouses program, a special program for all designations of the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
	Computerizing the Health Insurance program, a special insurance program for citizens.
	Computerizing of the Health Education program, a special e-learning program for Palestinian Ministry of Health employees.
	Computerizing of the Service purchase unit, a program for medical referrals for patients.
	Computerizing of the pharmacy program, which is a program for the general administration of pharmacy.
	Computerizing of some of the program covering health directorates and their affiliated clinics on the DHIS2 system:
•	Cause of Death

- Health Education Activities
- HR Pandemic (Mother and Child Health Program)
- Mammogram
- PKU & TSH (Children's Screening Program)
- Dental Health
- Notification form of Communicable diseases (Infectious Diseases Program)







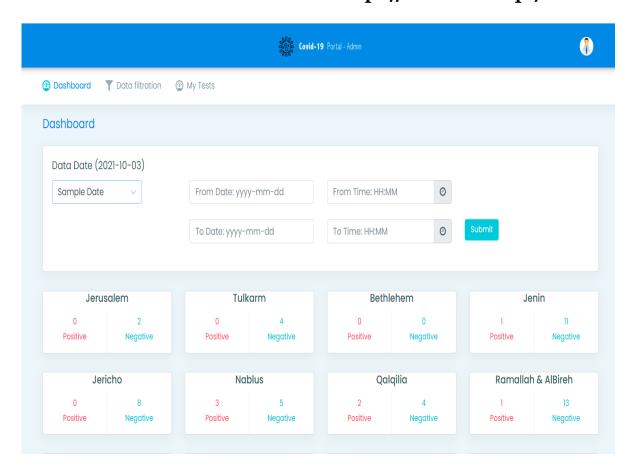


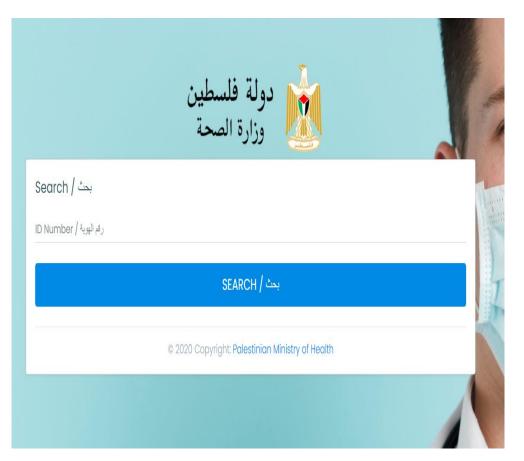


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#### Digital Transformation Development During Corona Pandmaic

- **❖** In light of the epidemiological developments of the Corona pandemic, the Palestinian Ministry of Health worked quickly to include technology within the work system to curb and reduce the Corona pandemic, by launching a set of computerized programs:
- □ Computerizing Result program, which is a computerized program for examinations of citizens for the Corona virus. Link: https://result.moh.ps/



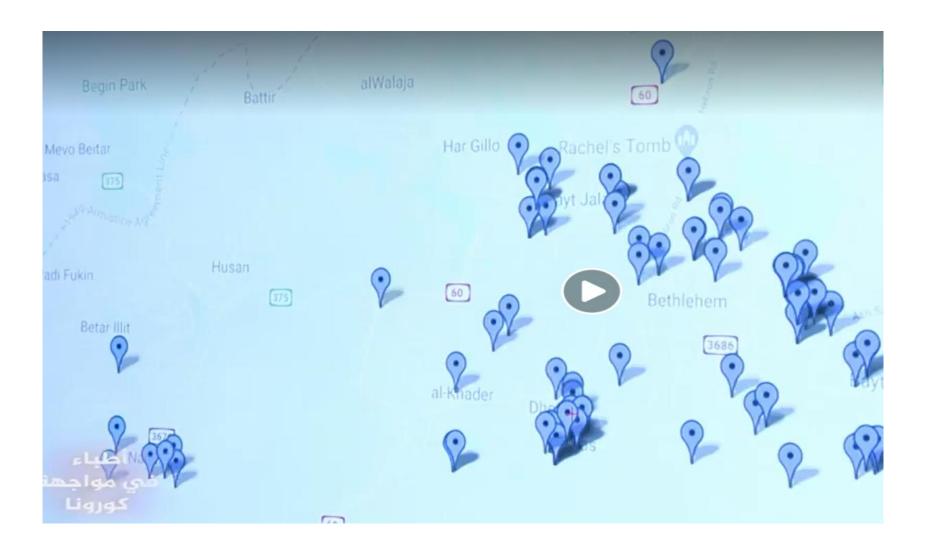


- Computerizing "Amankom" Application
- 'Amankom' application is a governmental application for Palestinian Ministry of Health that aims to limit the spread of Corona virus by registering those contacted an infected person and informing them when they met with an infected person.



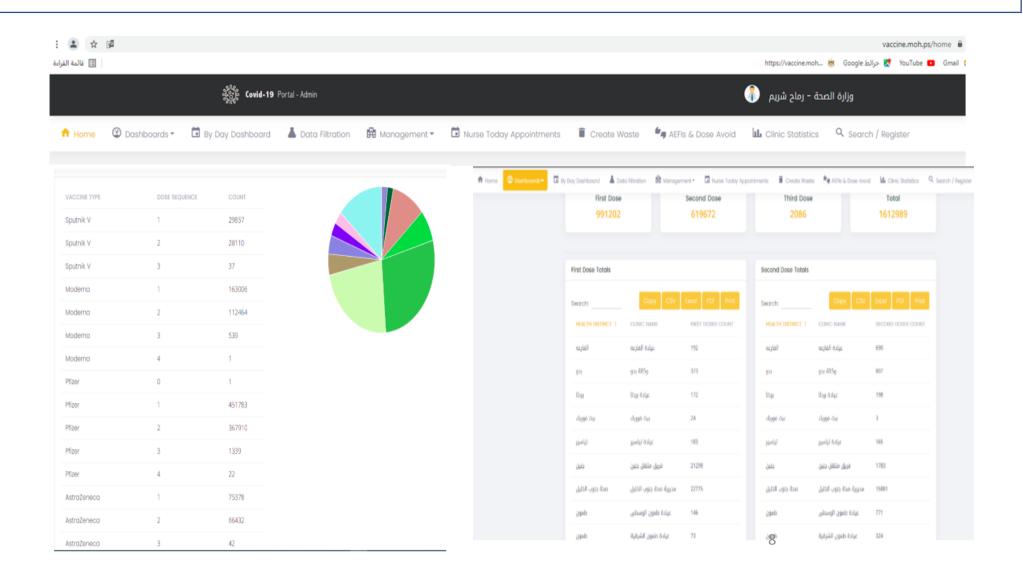


# ☐ Computerizing an Applicartion to Follow Up with Infected People



Computerizing "Vaccine" program, for Corona virus vaccinations.

Link: https://vaccine.moh.ps/



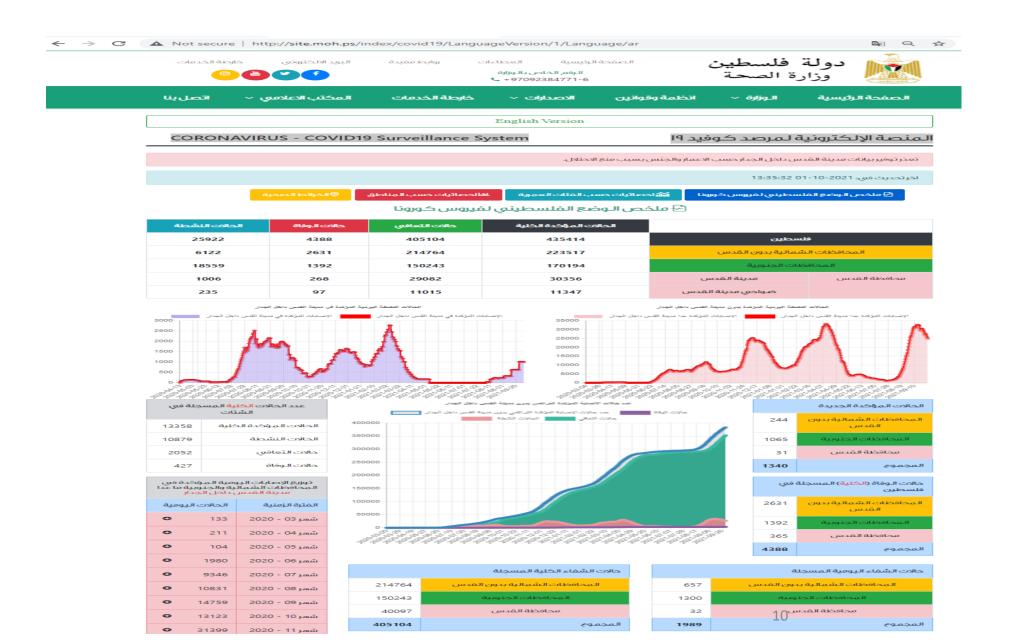
### ☐ Computerizing CORONAVIRUS - COVID19 Surveillance System

### COVID-19 Observatory e- Platform

- Displayed results and figures related to the Corona pandemic on Palestinian Ministry of Health's official website.
- Displays health maps of the Corona pandemic in Palestine.
- Figures are displayed according to the classifications, whether regions, gender, age groups .... etc.
- Displays graphs on the pandemic.
- Data is updated daily at 2 pm.
- The link below is the official website link:

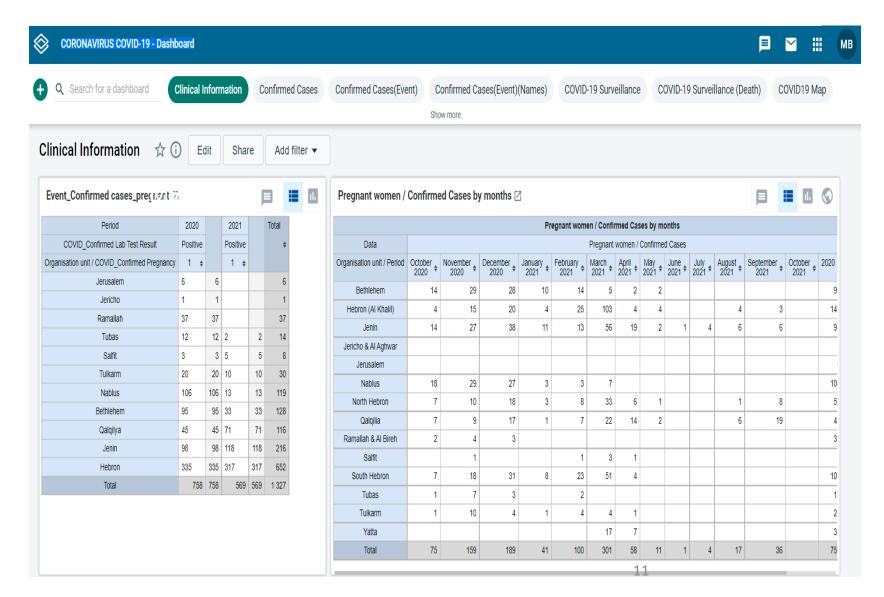
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#### **COVID-19 Surveillance System**



☐ ComputerizingCOVID-19 on DHIS2 system

☐ A computerized that covers all related data on infections, recoveries and deaths.



#### Digital Transformation's Developments After Corona Pandemic

Within Ministry of Health's efforts to implement the Family Practice program, an electronic information system for approved family health services has been developed within the set of Ministry of Health's services in primary health care. The most important are maternal and child health services, general and specialized clinics, chronic diseases, vaccination services for children, pharmacy and laboratory services. This comes as part of the efforts to build the electronic file for primary health care services beneficiaries in Palestine and link them to the provided services in hospitals.

# **Challenges and Obstacles**

- ☐ Providing the necessary equipment and staff to accomplish these digital transformations.
- ☐ Providing adapted technology to pandemic conditions as soon as possible.
- ☐ Resistance to change in general among workers or employees, due to:
- some workers Ignorance' to technology.
- Fear of change in general and a preference for routine work.
- □ Not all institutions were ready for digital transformation which required more effort from the ministry to prepare for this change.
- ☐ Internet Problems (the World Wide Web) in terms of not allowing the use of 4G in the Palestinian territories.

## The Importance of Digital Transformation In Palestinian Ministry of Health

- Reducing and saving effort, energy and costs as well to obtain better results with less effort and cost
- Organizing and improving operational efficiencies
- The speed of performing digital procedures is superior to procedures by traditional methods, and therefore these procedures will be easy and quick for the beneficiary and decision makers.
- Facilitating how officials monitor work progress and take appropriate decisions in a timely manner to correct any defect.
- Facilitating the linking process between different institutions and partners, which leads to reflecting a clear picture of the health reality, preventing repetition and contradiction.
- Working on real-time data analysis has a vital role in helping organizations enhance operational efficiency and drawing strong policies.

