

PTC REPORT

Tyr, Lebanon

15th & 16th of December 2012

Purpose

Being the last destination for the year 2012, MSF decided to establish the training in Tyr. The cazas of Tyre and Bint Jbeil are both located in Southern Lebanon governorate. Most of the hospitals are located in the city of Tyr being the capital of the caza, where in addition to three Palestinian camps. We aimed to train 20 candidates in the Foundation course for future candidates for the Instructors' course that basically will take place beginning of next year.

The participants were selected from mainly hospitals covering Tyr the city and Bint Jbeil having two hospitals only, one hospital in Tibnine before Bint Jbeil and we didn't extend to Nabatiyeh or other areas of the south due to the distance between them. The hospitals invited are as follow:

1. Lebanese Italian hospital (Tyr)
2. Hiram Hospital (Tyr)
3. Jabal Amel (Tyr)
4. Balsam Hospital (Tyr-Burj el Shmeli Palestinian camp)
5. Tyr governmental (Tyr-Bus Palestinian camp)
6. Tibnine Hospital (Tibnine)
7. Bint Jbeil Hospital (Bint Jbeil)
8. Salah Ghandour (Bint Jbeil)

Executive Summary

The participants came from *five out of eight* invited hospitals and the IHA leaving a participation rate of 82% the first day and 55% the second day where the course was hosted by MSF Switzerland. The participation rate was expected not to be high due to first the restricted numbers of hospitals invited, the HR capacity of the hospitals that can't send more than 2-3 doctors maximum and last the geographical location of Tyr where only and with an easy trip, invitees from Bint Jbeil and Tibnine can attend and they were already invited. Although the Islamic Health Association (IHA) invited at the end but still with no big participation rate (2) compared to other locations that were much more such as Bekaa.

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MSF team make the first on-site and logistic preparation; where we have distributed and met with the general directors and medical directors of the hospitals to inform about PTC training and have re-contacted the instructors to select the ones available for the training. In addition; coordination meeting was done with the instructors to agree on the tasks & scenarios distribution.

The training facility was at Murex Hotel in Tyr and it was chosen based on the previous experience of trainings done that the location will affect the participation rate if not chosen properly due to competition among hospitals. All skill stations and support desks were situated in one, large meeting room. Projection equipment was available for the teaching and a slaughtered goat was brought in for the demonstrations of chest drain insertions. The course was conducted as planned in the "2" foundation course format.

Days 1 & 2: The foundation course

The faculty consisted of:

Dr Mohammed Korkomaz, General surgeon (Course Director)

Dr Fathallah Fattouh, Cardiovascular thoracic surgery, (Instructor)

Dr Adnan Hosseini, Pediatrician (Instructor)

Dr. Mohammed Moussawi , General physician (Instructor)

Dr Mohamad Mazen Halawi, Anesthesia and reanimation (Instructor)

Dr. Hicham el Maoula, ER Resident (Instructor)

Among them 2 were selected during the first PTC training in Beirut as instructors and 4 have attended the instructor course and the course director have validated their participation in previous trainings.

The teaching was conducted in English supplemented by Arabic most of the time. The instructors tried as much as possible dialogue to maintain engagement during the training.

Many of the participants were already familiar with trauma management techniques and some had experience in parts of the training curriculum as they have expressed that during lectures .

The results of the Multiple Choice Questionnaire were very positive; the average of pre test was 56% versus 81% post test. But taking into consideration the language barrier where they want French and Arabic and not only English.

When we have asked about the best part of the course delivered during the training the highest score (49%) was for skill stations and practical sessions and this was expressed in more than one training followed by (22%) for ABCDE, (11%) for circulation and shock followed by equally (6%) for paediatrics, Chest injuries and airway and breathing.

47% evaluated day 1 as very good compared to 33% as good and 1.2% poor.

61.5% evaluated day 2 as very good compared to 37.5% as good and 1.04% poor.

Combined 60% evaluated day1&2 as very good compared to 39% as good and 1 % poor.

Replying to the question ;What would you like to change, 54% said nothing followed 23% to give more time for lecture, 15% more videos and pictures and last 8% to repeat trainings on other topics.

A total of 12 out of 22 attended and completed the foundation course (see following page). 5 of them ER doctors, 10 general practionners, one surgeon and 3 ER nurses.

Participants – Days 1 & 2

Name	Specialty	Hospital	Email
1. Dr Joumana Charara	GP	Salah Ghandour	
2. Dr Ibrahim Ibrahim	ER	Salah Ghandour	
3. Dr Taleb Daher	ER	Salah Ghandour	
4. Dr Haidar Chaouraba	ER	Jabal Amel	
5. Dr Akram Yazbek	ER	Jabal Amel	
6. Ms Kamila al Saghir	ER Nurse	Lebanese Italian	
7. Dr Ghanem Ghanem	GP	Lebanese Italian	
8. Dr Bilal Badawi	GP	IHS	
9. Dr Wissam Younes	GP	Hiram	
10. Dr Hicham Ismail	GP	IHS	
11. Dr Hikmat Baydoun	GP	Bint Jbeil	
12. Dr Fayez Baydoun	GP	Bint Jbeil	
13. Dr Wassim Ghreiyib**	GP	Lebanese Italian	
14. Dr Bachir Safadi**	ER	Jabal Amel	
15. Dr Wadih Najdi**	Surgeon	Hiram	
16. Dr Hasan el Aarid**	GP	Balsam	
17. Dr yousef Aajawi**	GP	Balsam	
18. Mr Ahmad Zeidan**	Nurse	Balsam	
19. Mr Sami el Ahmad**	Nurse	Balsam	

*** These doctors didn't attend either the second day and didn't get the certificate as well.

As per the previous oral agreement with the instructors from the first training in Beirut, they showed high commitment from different groups to continue the cascade in Lebanon for the next year plan preparing to the instructor course.

Following the course there was a brainstorming session in order to prepare for the future cascade training of PTC in Lebanon.

The course director and the instructors agreed that by giving CME to the course will encourage and increase much more the participation rate and this is what happened in Tripoli. We can't get a guarantee from the medical director on his doctors to come because he can't impose on them but among those who attend they were very satisfied about the training content. As well as to give more time for planning and to inform the course director about the participation ahead of time so that he can more interfere in that.

There was some recommendation from the course instructors about some participants that could participate later on for the instructor course that are Dr. Wissam Younes, Dr Bilal Badawi and Mrs Camilla el saghir.

The following are the names of the doctors that were invited and didn't show up:

Name	Specialty	Hospital
1. Dr Hussein Hammoud	Orthopedics	Hiram
2. Dr Bachar Mbayid	GP	Hiram
3. Dr Ihab Zbeii		Lebanese Italian hospital
4. Dr Hasan Skafi		Salah Ghandour
5. Dr Kamel Mroueh		Jabal Amel
6. Dr Isam Dhouk		Jabal Amel
7. Dr Sleiman Zahwi		Tibnine Hospital
8. Mr. Mohamad Khazaal		Balsam
9. Mr. Ali Walid		Balsam
10. Mr. Ahmad Sandi		Balsam

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