AHF COVID-19 Action Plan



Action #1: Get organized to partner with government and/or Health Ministry

- Bring together a select but representative, group of members to form the core federation COVID-19 response team
- Pull together general information on private sector capacity and resources
- Become part of and actively participate in the National Emergency Response Team



Action #2: Mobilize private sector assets to increase surge capacity

- Conduct a rapid inventory of 'space' resources
- Work with the Ministry on how to organize levels of care needed to respond to COVID-19
- Co- determine which public, private health facilities are best suited to respond to each level of care



Action #4: Ensure participating private health facilities and staff have the supplies needed

- Assess current supply of essential equipment and supplies
- Work with the Ministry to establish pooled procurement to purchase supplies for all emergency-response providers
- Explore local private capacity to manufacture supplies
- Ensure all healthcare providers have the necessary equipment and supplies



Action #5: Establish systems to integrate the public and private sector response effort

- Work with Federation members to create an easy mechanism to notify new COVID-19 cases to authorities
- Establish a single communication channel for the larger private health sector
- Work with the ministry to establish a referral system and mechanism
- Coordinate logistics to deliver COVID-19 related supplies



Action #3: Organize private health staff according to need

- Conduct a rapid inventory of 'staff' resources in private health hospitals, labs and clinics
- Work with the Ministry to ensure adequate supply of non-clinical staff also critical to COVID-19
- Share private sector staff as needed
- Train private healthcare workers in COVID-19 guidelines
- Advocate loosening regulations to allow staff sharing and task shifting



Action #6: Secure funds for private sector activities in the COVID-19 response

- Recommend forming a task force to mobilize funds from public and private sources for COVID-19 response
- Assist the government/ Ministry to raise private funds
- Work with the Ministry to identify purchasing mechanisms to contract private health facilities and supplies



Explore use of ICT and Mobile technologies

- Ensure communication flow
- Facilitate reporting and surveillance
- Enable tele- health to treat non- COVID patients
- Monitor referrals between public and private sectors
- Coordinate logistics for supplies