

Statement of the I.R.Iran on

"Integrating noncommunicable diseases care in emergency setting"

**Mr./Madam Chairperson,
Excellences, ladies and gentlemen**

The I.R.Iran appreciates WHO insightful attention to this matter as well as the vision and roadmap provided through this technical paper for integrating Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) care in emergency settings.

We have had an active and documented program since 2012 for providing NCD care in emergency settings, especially during natural disasters. Our guidelines describe the procedures for NCD surveillance, providing NCD care services, and assessment of the provided services.

One of the neglected subjects is NCD surveillance during communicable diseases pandemics. Despite the high mortality of people with NCDs during communicable diseases pandemics, considering and prioritizing special interventions for them, such as vaccination, is neglected.

In an emergency settings, the infrastructures (e.g., roads and communication channels) are disturbed, accordingly the use of digital measurement equipment that can send data remotely, as well as availability of therapeutic measures such as medicine/equipment for remote disease control are very effective.

Moreover, the health workforce might be injured, and the health centers might be damaged. For each province, we have a list of designated provinces to support and join the aid force during emergencies. The aid force is ready to provide services in houses, tents, and camps.

In emergencies, having a reliable communication channel is very important. The cable and cellular phone channels are easily disturbed in disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Having a satellite-based communication channel can be very effective in these situations.

Educating people about emergencies increases their preparedness before disasters. We have measured preparedness level of households since 2013 and provided them with necessary information.

We stand ready to share our experience with other countries of this region.

Madam/Mr. Chair

Thank you for your kind attention

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