

Box 1 Actions to enhance the bridge programme for capacity-building of general practitioners

- Committees to be established at the country level to review the training course contents and oversee adaptation/revision of curriculum and implementation of the programme, based on local needs and capacities.
- AUB and WHO to work on programme evaluation, to identify measurable outcome indicators and incorporate an evaluation kit (pre- and post-test) into the course curriculum.
- Country training activities to be mentored/coached by the national trainers.
- AUB to elaborate on course methodology and develop mentorship/trainers' guide/manual to facilitate organizing the course at country level.
- Countries to consider incentives for candidates entering the family medicine specialty or enrolling in the bridge programme, such as career path incentives or entering the postgraduate course on family medicine in local universities/fellowships with the 6-month online course as credit.
- WHO to work on advocacy, networking and marketing of the bridge programme.
- Online course to be usability tested in Lebanon in a small cohort and results shared with countries of the Region.
- WHO to work with AUB to ensure the online course is user-friendly and easy to operate. An information technology specialist from each country may attend the last day of the training of trainers to be back-up support for trainers at the country level.