Figure 1 The process of policymaking and development for the Iranian COVID-19 vaccine prioritization guideline, 2021 (NCEC = National Clinical Ethics Committee; CDC = Center for Communicable Disease Control)

## Planning (Iran CDC, NCEC)

-Scoping the guideline by the NCEC secretariat

-Preparing and approving a planning proposal

-Identifying the members of the Working Group

-Managing conflict of interest among the members of the Working Group



## Development (NCEC Working Group, NITAG)

-Literature review-Generation of the comparative list of priority groups and subgroups
-Development of value framework-Identification of prioritization objectives
-Consensus development meetings by members of the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG)



## Review & approval (NCCE, Supreme Council for Medical Ethics, National Headquarters for Coronavirus Control)

-Review and initial approval through the joint session of Supreme Council of Medical Ethics and NCEC

-Revising the draft according to the comments

-Review and final approval by the "National Headquarters for Coronavirus Control"



## Dissemination & publication (National Headquarters for Coronavirus control, and Iran CDC)

-Publication as Chapter 4 of the "National Deployment and Vaccination Plan" (NDVP)
-Official press release