



Regional agenda to support institutionalization of evidence-informed policy-making for health

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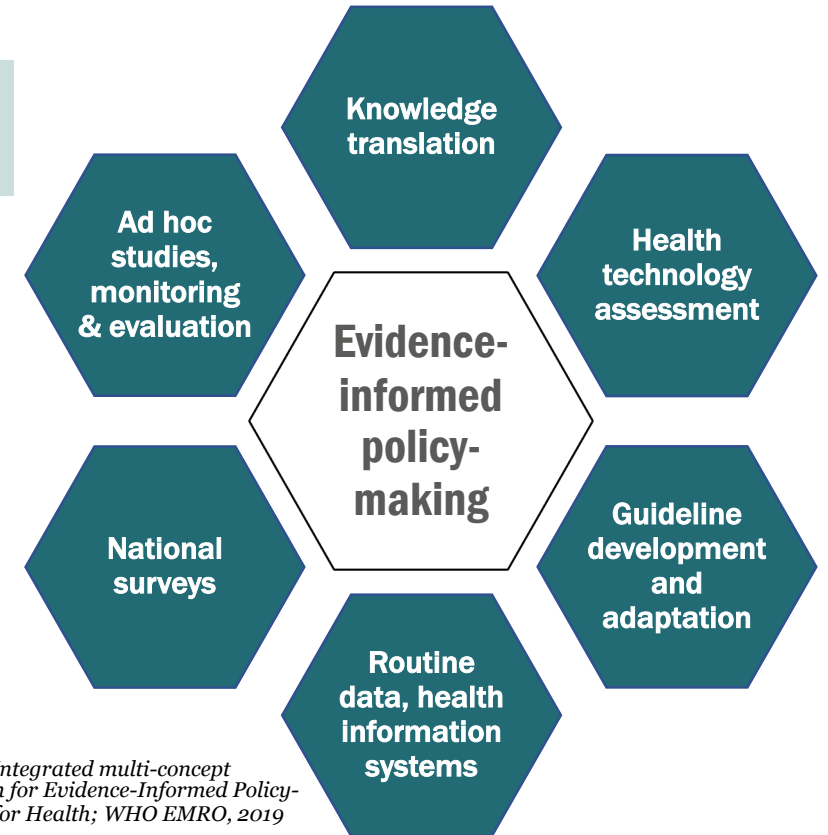
Framework for improving national institutional capacity for use of evidence in health policy-making *in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2020–2024)*

(EM/RC66/R.5; approved Oct 2019)

EMR countries committed to the *integrated multi-concept approach for the institutionalization of evidence-informed policy-making* for health

Requirement of the integrated multi-concept approach:

1. Internal programmatic coherence within each key program, avoiding duplications
2. Systematic links between the key programs



Source: *Integrated multi-concept approach for Evidence-Informed Policy-Making for Health; WHO EMRO, 2019*

Two key requests of RC2019 Resolution on evidence-informed policy-making (EM/RC66/R.5)

1- Establishing a regional **network of institutions**

Network of Institutions for Evidence and Data to Policy (**NEDtP**) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region*

*Affiliated to the global EVIPNet

36 Member Institutions
from 22 Countries
MoH or academic institutions

14 Supporting Institutions
Technical & material support

NEDtP

NEDtP Secretariat
Evidence and Data to Policy Team
EDP/SID/EMR

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2- Development of the **Regional action plan**

<https://www.emro.who.int/evidence-data-to-policy/information-resources/index.html>

Six strategies of the Regional Action Plan

For Member States

1. Enhance **demand & advocacy** for EIPM
2. Enhance decision-making **structures & processes for use of evidence** at national level
3. Enhance **resources** for EIPM

For WHO

4. Enhance WHO RO **capacity & output** in support of EIPM in countries
5. Support countries in **improving national institutional capacity** for EIPM
6. Establish a regional network & support structure

Regional action plan

for the implementation of the framework for action to improve national institutional capacity for the use of evidence in health policy-making in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

(2020–2024)

Development and adaptation of evidence-based guidelines

EIPM processes and the development of policy briefs and implementation guides

Rapid response processes for evidence-informed policy recommendations in emergency settings

Guideline Adaptation and development program:

- Support for development of the topic specific guideline (example: for MoH Qatar in collaboration with King Saud University)
- Support the establishment of the National Program for Guideline adaptaion in Egypt (since Nov 2022)
- Regional roadmap for national program for guideline adaptation and development (will be soon)
- Pre RC technical discussion in the 70th Regional committee (Oct 2023)
- Survey on “guideline program status” for MoHs in 2023
- Online workshop series on “GRADE methodology” in 2023



Virtual workshop series on Guiding of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) methodology in supporting decision-making

WHO, Eastern Mediterranean Region, Regional Office

Speakers:

- Dr. Alan Aghajanian, WHO, Eastern Mediterranean Region, Regional Office
- Dr. Ghada Elmaghrabi, WHO, Eastern Mediterranean Region, Regional Office
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Workshop Schedule:

- 1. GRADE Approach**
21 October 2023 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Cairo Time)
- 2. Guidelines Adaptation Process**
23 November 2023 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Cairo Time)
- 3. GRADE Methodology**
30 October 2023 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Cairo Time)

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Policy brief development and use:

- Trainings on (<https://www.emro.who.int/evidence-data-to-policy/about.html>)
 - ❖ General principles for all users (Mar 2021)
 - ❖ Advanced for researchers and policy developers (Oct 2021)
 - ❖ Advanced for policy-makers (Jun 2022)
- Template on Good Practice for the Presentation of a Policy Brief (will be published soon)
- Joint development of policy briefs for high priority health problems



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- Assessment of 10 national treatment guidelines for COVID-19 in 2021 (in collaboration with WHE)
 - ❖ Developing related feedback for countries based on the identified gaps and limitations
- Conducting 15 case studies with 13 countries on use of evidence and data in response to COVID-19 challenges
 - ❖ Reports discussed during the seminar on "Evidence-Informed Policy-Making: Experiences and Success Stories during COVID-19 Pandemic" (26-27 October 2022)
- Regional study for COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness
- Establishment of the rapid response processes for EIPM in the region (ongoing)

Technical capacity development

- Web-based training packages (*launched in Apr 2022; 2nd update to be released July 2023*)
 - ❖ Under 13 subject areas, Available at: [WHO EMRO | Evidence and data to policy](#)
- Development of priority technical products:
 - ❖ Rapid Advice Tool for Country Action on EIPM
 - ❖ Glossary definition for EIPM
 - ❖ HTA transferability Regional tool
- NEDtP survey in 2023

Knowledge translation processes

Conflict of interest management

Critical appraisal

Policy briefs

Policy dialogue

Policy priority setting

Policy implementation and evaluation

Communicating evidence

Systematic reviews

Rapid reviews

Cost analyses/economic evaluation

Health Technology Assessment (HTA)

Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)

Structure of the guiding flowchart

Recommended training routes

Available at:

[WHO EMRO | Evidence and data to policy | About | Evidence and data to policy](#)



Technical support to countries to strengthen national institutional capacity development

Communication tools and advocacy to enhance EIPM

Country institutional capacity development

- Pioneering countries for action:
 - **Somalia, Morocco** and **Kuwait** for EIPM processes (since 2021)
 - **Egypt** for national guideline program (since 2022)
 - **Palestine**, capacity building for senior policy makers at the MoH
 - Planned for **Syria** and **Tunisia** MoHs
- Supporting the establishment of the **Knowledge Management Center in Morocco**
- Supporting the establishment of the **Evidence to Policy Unit at the Ministry of Health** in Kuwait, MoH delegation visit in Nov
- Supporting the **National Institute of Health and MoH Department of Policy and Planning** in Somalia
- Supporting the establishment of the **National program for Guideline Development and Adaptation** in Egypt



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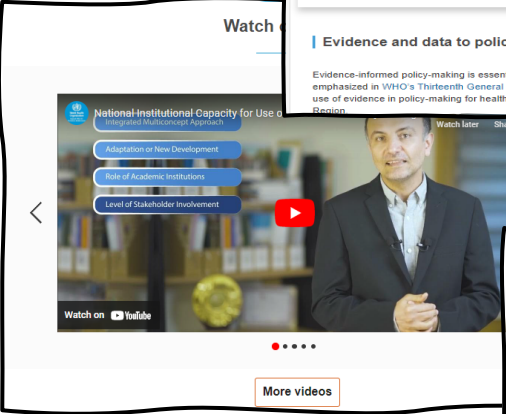
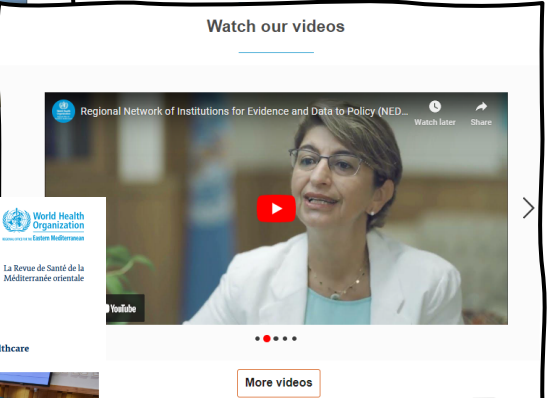
Short Informative Videos

(<https://www.emro.who.int/evidence-data-to-policy/about.html>)

- National Institutional Capacity for Use of Evidence for Policy-Making for health: Guiding Dimensions (Arabic subtitles)
- Regional Network of Institutions for Evidence and Data to Policy (NEDtP) (Arabic subtitles and sign language)
- Regional Action Plan for evidence use in health policy-making in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (Arabic subtitles)

EMHJ special edition on evidence to policy in health care in the Region – 20 July 2023

(<https://www.emro.who.int/images/stories/emhj/Volume-29-7.pdf?ua=1>)

The image shows a collage of digital content from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. At the top right is a screenshot of the 'Evidence and data to policy' webpage, featuring a navigation menu and a main heading. Below it are two video player screenshots. The first shows a man in a suit speaking, with a 'More videos' button. The second shows a woman in a white lab coat speaking, also with a 'More videos' button. At the bottom center is the EMHJ logo and a diagram of a circular meeting room with a central table and chairs.



Thank you

For further information please check EDP webpage through
<http://www.emro.who.int/evidence-data-to-policy/about.html>

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