



# WHO Regional technical meeting on addressing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in emergencies

14–15 December 2022, JW Marriott, Cairo, Egypt

## Provisional programme

### Day 1. Wednesday, 14 December 2022

09:00–09:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**

**Speaker:**

Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO)

**Chair:**

Dr Asmus Hammerich, Director, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

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09:15–10:20 **Plenary 1. Setting the scene**

**Format:** Panel followed by open discussion

**Moderator:** Dr Richard Brennan, Director, Health Emergencies, WHO EMRO

**Speakers/panelists:**

**Understanding the burden of NCDs in emergencies and humanitarian settings in the EMR/NCD response during COVID-19**

Dr Hicham El Berri, Medical Officer, NCD Management, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Overview of fragile conflict, and vulnerable countries: Challenges and opportunities to improve health services**

Ms Victoria Belorgeot, Consultant, Infectious Hazard Prevention and Preparedness, Health Emergencies, WHO EMRO

**The health system situation and response to emergencies in the EMR: Universal health coverage, primary health care and building back better**

Dr Ali Ardalan, Regional Advisor, Health System in Emergencies Lab, UHC/Health Systems, WHO EMRO

**Addressing NCDs in emergencies: Regional landscape review recommendations**

Dr Kiran Jobanputra, Consultant, NCD Management, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, WHO HQ

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10:20–11:30 **Plenary 1. Harmonizing efforts with other actors**

**Format:** Panel followed by open discussion

**Moderator:** Dr Awad Mataria, Director, UHC/Health Systems, WHO EMRO

**Speakers/panelists:**

Dr Yousef Shahin, Chief Disease Prevention and Control, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Dr Khaldoun Al Amir, Technical Advisor, Health, International Rescue Committee

Dr Haytham Qosa, Head of Health and Care Unit, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Middle East and North Africa

Dr Philippa Boulle, NCD Advisor and Working Group Leader, Médecins Sans Frontières

Dr Chiaki Ito, Senior Regional Migration Health Specialist, International Organization for Migration, Middle East and North Africa

**11:30–11:45 Break**

11:45–12:45 **Plenary 2. Integrating NCD prevention and control into emergency response in the EMR**

**Moderator:** Dr Asmus Hammerich, Director, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Format:** Panel followed by open discussion

**Speakers/panelists:**

**NCD integration into national preparedness and response plans: Why now more than ever?**

Dr Eiman Hag, Consultant, NCD Management, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Quality of care in emergency settings**

Dr Letaief Mondher, Regional Adviser, Hospital Care Management, UHC/Health Systems, WHO EMRO

**Addressing nutrition and food security during emergencies in the EMR**

Dr Ayoub Al Jawaldeh, Regional Advisor, Nutrition, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Building better mental health systems in emergency countries in the EMR**

Dr Khalid Saeed, Regional Advisor, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Essential health services package for emergency countries**

Dr Deena Alasfoor, Consultant, UHC/Health Systems, WHO EMRO

**12:45–13:45 Lunch**

13:45–14:45 **Plenary 3. Spotlight session on cancer in emergency settings in the EMR**

**Format:** Panel followed by open discussion

**Moderator:** Dr Lamia Mahmoud, Regional Advisor, NCD Prevention, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Speakers/panelists:**

**Delivering cancer care in emergency settings**

Dr Zahi Abdul Sater, Programs Division Manager, Global Health Institute, American University of Beirut

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**Country experiences on implementation of cancer initiatives in emergency settings (video and testimonials)**

Ms Eman Shannan, Founder, Aid and Hope Program for Cancer Patient Care, Palestine

**Prioritizing research on cancer to guide implementation in emergency settings**

Dr Omar Shamieh, King Hussein Cancer Centre, Jordan

**Childhood cancers**

Dr Sima Jeha, St Jude's Hospital, Pediatric Oncologist, Focal Point for the EMR Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

**Palliative care**

Dr Eric Krakauer, Palliative Care Specialist, Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School

**14:45–15:00 Break****15:00–16:30 Plenary 4. Spotlight on NCD support in emergency countries: Experience from the field**

**Format:** Panel followed by open discussion

**Moderator:** Dr Ahmed Zouiten, WHO Representative, Iraq

**Speakers/panelists:****Yemen: NCD integration in primary health care**

Dr Saeed Mohammed Saeed Baraiah, NCD Focal Point, Ministry of Health, Yemen

**Syria: Model of NCD integration in fragile settings**

Dr Mahmoud Daher, Health Emergencies Lead, Head of Gaziantep Field Presence, WHO Representative Office, Turkey

**Somalia: Essential package of health services 2020: Place for NCDs**

Focal Point, Somalia

**Afghanistan: Challenges to addressing NCDs**

Dr Manuel De Lara, Public Health Officer, WHO Representative Office, Afghanistan

**Sudan: NCD response during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Dr Nazik Izzeldin Mohamed Ibrahim, NCD Focal Point, WHO Representative Office, Sudan

**Short reflections and Q&A: 3-minute reflections**

**Lebanon:** Ms Edwina Zoghbi, Focal Point, NCDs and Mental Health, WHO Representative Office

**Libya:** Dr Mohamed Aghilla, Head of NCD Directorate, Ministry of Health

**Pakistan:** Dr Shahzad Alam Khan, Focal Point, NCDs, WHO Representative Office

**Palestine:** Dr Nancy Falah, Director of NCD Department, Ministry of Health

**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies:** Dr Elham El Kafafy, Senior Officer, Community Health, Middle East and North Africa

**International Rescue Committee:** Dr Khaldoun Al Amir, Technical Advisor, Health, Middle East and North Africa

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**16:30–16:45 Wrap up of Day 1**

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## Day 2. Thursday, 15 December 2022

09:00–09:15 **Recap of Day 1**

09:15–11:05 **Improving the integration of NCDs in response to humanitarian emergencies in the EMR: How can WHO support countries to integrate NCDs in emergencies?**

**Format:** Panel followed by open discussion

**Moderator:** Dr Slim Slama, Unit Head, NCD Management, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, NCD Department, WHO HQ

**Speakers/panelists:**

Dr Ola El Najjar, Director of NCDs, Primary Health Care Directorate, Ministry of Health, Gaza Strip

Dr Mohamed Aghilla, Head of NCD Directorate, Ministry of Health, Libya

Dr Ibtihal Fadhil, Founder and Chair of the NCD Alliance, Middle East and North Africa

Dr Eimhin Ansbro, Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Mr Jakob Sloth Madsen, Senior Advisor, World Diabetes Foundation

Ms Nicole Sarkis, Project Manager, WHO Emergency Health and Nutrition, WHO Representative Office, Yemen

11:05–11:20 **Break**

11:20–12:05 **Closing session: Strategic recommendations to improve integration of NCDs in response to humanitarian emergencies in the EMR**

**Recommendations and way forward**

Dr Hicham El Berri, Medical Officer, NCD Management, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

**Closing remarks**

Dr Asmus Hammerich, Director, UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO EMRO

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**