



Eastern Mediterranean Regional event on “ COVID-19 and Institutionalizing Use of Evidence for Policy-Making for Health”

16 November 2021

Time (Cairo time)	Session 1	
11.00-11.10	Opening Remarks Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean	
11.10- 11.25	WHO support for research and knowledge management for COVID-19 response in the Eastern Mediterranean Region Dr Arash Rashidian, Director, Science, Information & Dissemination, WHO/EMRO	
11:25- 11:40	WHO initiatives to institutionalize Evidence-Informed Policy-Making for health at national level in the Eastern Mediterranean Region Dr Mehrnaz Kheirandish, Regional Advisor, Evidence and Data to Policy, SID, WHO/ EMRO	
11:40- 11:50	A short video to enhance institutional capacity for evidence-informed policy-making	
Session 2: The Case Studies on Use of evidence for policy development for health in Response to COVID-19 Chair: Dr. Maha El Rabbat, Former Minister of Health and Population of Egypt, WHO’s Special Envoy on COVID-19		
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11:50- 12:05	Using global evidence to inform risk communication and community engagement	Dr. Mukhtar Bulale, Public Health Specialist, Research and Surveillance, National



	to respond to COVID-19: a case study from National Public Health Institute in Somalia	Institute of Health, Somalia
12:05- 12:20	Establishment of a rapid response system to provide timely evidence for policy-making: a case study from the National Institute for Health Research in Iran	Dr. Elham Ahmadnezhad, Director, Health System Observatory Secretariat, National Institute for Health Research, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran
12:20-12:35	Use of a national survey and stakeholder engagement to establish an online teaching system: a case study from Khyber Medical University in Pakistan	Dr. Zia Ul Haq, Vice-Chancellor, Khyber Medical University, Pakistan
12:35-12:50	Hospitals' experiences in combatting COVID_19": lessons learnt from EMR	Dr. Hamid Ravaghi, Regional Advisor, Hospital Care and Management, UHC-UHS, WHO/EMRO AND Merette Khalil, MPH Technical Officer, Hospital Care and Management, UHC-UHS, WHO/EMRO
12:50-13:05	Behavioral insights and Vaccine Uptake products survey	Dr. Dalia Samhour, Programme Area Manager, Country Health Emergency Preparedness & IHR, WHO/EMRO
13:05-13:30	Questions and Answers	
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13:45-14:00	Concluding remarks Dr Rana Hajjeh, Director of Programme Management, WHO/EMRO
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