



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

13 December 2022, Cairo, Egypt

## Background

In the run up to the 4th High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs in 2025, the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases, and the WHO Health Emergencies Programme at WHO headquarters, in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, are co-hosting a Global and Regional technical meeting on addressing NCDs in emergencies, from 13 to 15 December 2022, in Cairo, Egypt.

## Purpose

Drawing on the recommendations on how to strengthen the design and implementation of policies to treat people living with noncommunicable diseases and to prevent and control their risk factors in humanitarian emergencies, adopted during the 75th session of the World Health Assembly (WHA/A75/10/Annex 4 Add.2), contributing also to the NCD implementation road map 2023–2030, this meeting aims to build political momentum, and discuss the development of a comprehensive approach to better include noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) into emergency preparedness and response plans.

## Objectives

- to present WHO efforts to strengthen the integration of NCDs as part of emergency and preparedness response;
- to review current NCD-related responses in countries during the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies;
- to recommend a strategic approach to improve WHO technical assistance to countries across preparedness, response, and recovery phases, and agree on practical steps to operationalize the NCD in emergencies approach in EMRO and;
- to further act as a global kick-off to regional technical meetings before a Global High-level meeting later in June 2023.

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## Agenda

### Welcome and opening remarks

#### Plenary 1

Strengthening WHO preparedness and response to health emergencies – leaving no-one behind

#### Plenary 2

WHO's work on NCD in humanitarian emergencies (mandate, policy, and situational analysis across regions)

#### Plenary 3

WHO's work on NCD in humanitarian emergencies (normative work/technical packages and tools)

### Closing session

## Expected outcomes

- Tailored recommendations to Member States, WHO, and international partners for better inclusion and strengthening policies, programmes, and services to treat people living with NCDs and prevent and control their risk factors into country COVID-19 response other humanitarian responses (HRPs) and recovery plans.
- Specific recommendations for EMRO to strengthen collaboration, communication, and joint work across technical departments.

## Speakers

Dr Rana Hajjeh, Director of Programme Management, WHO/EMRO

Dr Mike Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, WHO headquarters

Mr Altaf Musani, Director, Health Emergencies Intervention, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, WHO headquarters

Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Director, NCD Department, WHO headquarters

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

Dr Kiran Jobanputra, Technical Officer, MND, WHO headquarters

Mr Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, Under-Secretary-General, IFRC

Dr Slim Slama, Unit Head, MND, NCD Department, WHO headquarters

Dr Eimhin Ansbro and Dr Adrianna Murphy, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Dr Andre Griekspoor, Senior Policy Adviser, Health Emergencies Intervention, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, WHO headquarters

Dr Eba Al-Muna Pasha, Technical Officer, Global Health Cluster, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, WHO headquarters

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