



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

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

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 Boule, 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
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11:30–11:45	Break
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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
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12:45–13:45	Lunch
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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

16:30–16:45 Wrap up of Day 1

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**