



3 November 2021 – TDR, the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region and the WHO Health Security Preparedness Department are pleased to announce the 13 recipients of grants to conduct research on health security preparedness.

Health emergencies pose significant risks to communities, organizations and governments across the world. Hazardous events create the risk of morbidity and mortality, interruption of essential health services, and wider uncertainty and economic disruption. Improving health security and preparedness can help avert these harmful, and often inequitable impacts.

Operational and implementation research should be a key part of the design and review of preparedness programmes at country level. Yet there is a scarcity of research and development in health security/emergency preparedness, especially in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, which can guide national and sub-national decision-making and the development of guidance for emergency preparedness at national, regional and global levels. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic highlights the challenge of effectively measuring the presence of such capacities and the need for more research in these areas of work.

To address this gap, grants have been awarded for 13 projects from nine countries that will document, synthesize and disseminate evidence of capacities for implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005), health security and health emergency preparedness.

Grant recipient	Country
Grant recipient	Last Name
Project title	First Name
Media in Iran and proposed strategies for managing it	Soodabeh Hoveidamanesh
	Islamic Republic of Iran

emphasis on networking in disasters and emergencies)	Mohammad	Yarmohammadian	Islamic Republic of Iran
military and university-affiliated hospitals in Jordan	Rawan	Jalabneh	Jordan
strategy for children under 18 years old in Lebanon	Nadine	Haddad	Lebanon
ation in Palestine in the context of a variety of crises	Khaled	Abu Ali	Occupied Palestinian Territory
icators for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic	Sumera	Naz	Pakistan
nal facility level in underdeveloped areas of Pakistan	Aleya	Jabeen	Pakistan
st COVID-19 in craft and manual workers in Qatar	Devendra	Bansal	Qatar
unity response to COVID-19 vaccination programmes	Motaz	Ibrahim	Sudan
ublic health security in Sudan`s COVID-19 response	Salwa	Ismail	Sudan
VID-19 Pandemic in the UAE: a correlational study.	Yousef	Aljawarneh	United Arab Emirates
s among healthcare providers in Sana'a city, Yemen	Rashad	Abdul-Ghani	Yemen

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