

The Fellows@EMRO programme aims to build the capacities of young health professionals from low- and middle-income countries in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region and raise their understanding of national, regional, and global public health issues through placements in the WHO Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, or at a WHO country office in the Region. The programme gives young health professionals – tomorrow's health leaders – a headstart by assigning them to a WHO technical programme in which their educational experience is enhanced through practical assignments and training.

Fellows spend between 3 and 6 months in a WHO office and following completion of their fellowship, they will be engaged in a short-term project, in coordination with the WHO country office.

The skills which they acquire equip them to participate more actively in the health, economic and social development of their countries.

The programme is a partnership between WHO, national health authorities and academic/medical institutions.

The programme was initiated in 2019 and the first cohort of fellows to the programme joined in October 2019.

[Objectives](#) [Objectives](#)

The objectives of the programme are to:

provide a framework for young health professionals in which their educational experience is enhanced through practical assignments;

expose young health professionals to the work of WHO;

expand opportunities for young health professionals in low- and middle-income countries of the Region;

enrich WHO technical programmes with the innovative and fresh perspectives of young health professionals.

[Eligibility criteria](#) [Eligibility criteria](#)

To be eligible for the programme, you must:

hold a postgraduate degree in an area of study relevant to public health;

have at least two years of work experience in a relevant field;

not exceed 35 years of age;

have excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of Arabic or French an asset;

have proficiency in Microsoft Office, web-based applications, Powerpoint.

have not previously participated in the programme;

not be a first degree relative of a WHO staff member.

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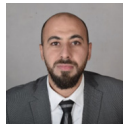
WHO covers travel and provides a monthly stipend to cover the living costs for the duration of the fellowship.

Successful candidates will receive a welcome booklet, which provides useful information on the office and settling into life in Cairo.

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Fellowships are advertised through vacancy notices posted at WHO's employment site at: www.who.int/careers/en

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Hassan Hamed Hassan Ali Sarsour

Palestine/Sudan

Unit: Health Systems in Emergencies/UHS

Background: Hassan is a medical doctor with a master's degree in public health. He has experience as a public health lecturer and researcher in health nutrition and public health, including planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health and nutrition programmes.



Jihan "Sani Ibrahim" Azar

Palestine

Unit: Mental Health and Management of Substance Use/NMH

Background: Jihan is a clinical pharmacist with a master's degree in public health from the American University in Cairo. She has experience in clinical pharmacy and research and established the Global Health Association at the American University in Cairo.



Alhassan Yosri Ibrahim Hassanry

Egypt

Unit: Communicable Disease Control

Background: Alhassan is a digital health specialist with a PhD in health economics and numerous publications providing guidance on improving decision-making in the area of technologies for patients and caregivers. He is experienced in delivering major projects and supporting services for multinational organizations and governmental e-services.



Mariem Bouaneni

Tunisia

Unit: Health Workforce Development/UHS

Background: Mariem is medical doctor with a master's in public health for development from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She has experience working in clinical medicine, research and national nongovernmental organizations in the areas of mental health epidemiology and policy, access to health and universal health coverage, addictions management and harm reduction, and health promotion of NCDs and mental health.



Ali Al-Shalah

Iraq

Unit: Information Systems for Health/SID

Background: Ali is a dentist with a master's degree in public health for development from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He has worked in community mobilization and health education, where he incorporated a societal and cultural ethos into health messages and services.



Salma Ahmed

Sudan

Unit: Violence and injury prevention/HPD

Background: Salma is a community medicine resident and a candidate of master's in public health/health service management from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She has experience working in the fields of communicable disease control, emergency response,

surveillance systems, mass gatherings, and noncommunicable disease control, including healthy lifestyle medicine and tobacco cessation.

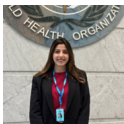


Muhammad Zia ul Haq

Pakistan

Unit: Noncommunicable Disease Management/NMH

Background: Zia is a physician and epidemiologist with a master's in public health (epidemiology) from Emory University. He has worked with the CDC Foundation to develop the Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (FELTP) curriculum and is interested in cardiovascular health in the Region.



Maya Ahmad Hassan

Syrian Arab Republic

Unit: Infectious Hazards Preparedness/WHE

Background: Maya is a pharmacist with a master's in public health, concentrating in health management and policy, from the American University of Beirut. Maya has experience working in the humanitarian sector in her home country, Syria, and has founded three initiatives to build local capacities in Damascus' rural areas.



Mohammad Saadati

Islamic Republic of Iran

Unit: Noncommunicable Disease Prevention/NMH

Background: Mohammad is a health services manager with PhD in health services management from Tabriz University of Medical Sciences. He is an Assistant Professor at Khoy University of Medical Sciences. He has several years of experience in health promotion through multisectoral collaboration and population engagement as part of the Healthy City programme in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



Eiman Gamal Mohamed Ahmed Elgaali

Sudan

Unit: Regional Tuberculosis Unit/DCD

Background: Eiman is a medical doctor with a master's degree in public and tropical diseases from the University of Medical Sciences and Technology in Khartoum, with a subspecialization in hospital management. She has experience working with the Sudanese Federal Ministry of Health and nongovernmental organizations in health promotion and project coordination in reproductive, maternal and child health, as well as in quality and infection control.



Mohamed Nagi Elsayed

Egypt

Unit: Hospital Care Management/UHS

Background: Nagi is a medical doctor with a master's in health economics from Cairo University and a global health delivery master's from the Harvard Medical School. He has worked with Egypt's Ministry of Health and Population on the universal health insurance system, particularly in the areas of strategic planning, bilateral and multilateral projects with development partners, and providing technical grounds for legal amendments.



Amira Saad Mahboob

Egypt

Unit: Infectious Hazard Preparedness/WHE

Background: Amira is a medical doctor with a master's degree in public health in environmental health from the High Institute of Public Health, Alexandria University. Currently she is a PhD candidate in the occupational health and industrial medicine department and works as an assistant lecturer of public health at the same institute.



Liban Hassan Jimale

Somalia

Unit: Hepatitis, AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases/DCD

Background: Liban is a medical doctor with a specialization in clinical tropical medicine from Mahidol University. He has extensive experience in clinical practice and the public health sector in the fields of malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS and neglected tropical diseases.



Nibras Omer Mohamed Elhag Arabi

Sudan

Unit: Tobacco Free Initiative/NMH

Background: Nibras is a dentist with a master's degree in dental public health from University College London (UCL). She has experience working with organizations such as the Sudanese Childhood Diabetes Association (SCDA), UCL, the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and the Catholic Medical Mission Broad (CMMB) in New York.

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[Dr Eglal Elamin, WHO fellow in nutrition](#)

[Yousef Alrawi, WHO fellow in noncommunicable diseases](#)

[Ali Bakhsh Nasrat, WHO fellow in digital health](#)

[Luma Samawi, WHO fellow in mental health](#)

[Keyrellous Adib, WHO fellow in the Tobacco-Free Initiative](#)

[Abdelrahman Elwishahy, WHO fellow in violence and injury prevention](#)

[Mohamed Moustafa Tahon, WHO fellow in the Health Emergencies Programme, Health emergency information and risk assessment](#)

[Huda Abdul Ghaffar, WHO fellow in health promotion](#)

[Aman Abdelgader Yousuf Alawad, WHO fellow in Health System in Emergencies Lab](#)

[Arooj Jalal, WHO fellow in health workforce development](#)

[Fayez Abdulrazeq, WHO fellow in the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, Infectious Hazards Preparedness](#)

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