

## **Noncommunicable diseases and mental health**

- Interventions to improve breast cancer survival in the Region
- Pilot testing of mobile phone surveys to strengthen NCD risk factors surveillance in countries of the Region
- Identifying and testing delivery strategies for evidence-based interventions to reduce stigma and discrimination against mental, neurological and substance use disorders
- Attributes of a programme for successful and sustainable community-based mental health care delivery
- Implementation of research to inform cervical cancer interventions in the Region

## **Universal health coverage, primary health care, health systems**

- Role of PHC in COVID-19 in the Region and how it could be strengthened by building resilient PHC at national and sub-national levels
- Role of community engagement in implementing integrated people-centred health services
- Establishing country relevant “models of care” to enhance service coverage on the path to UHC
- Making UHC happen at country level: push and pull factors

- Integrating Essential Public Health Functions in PHC in the Region

### **Healthier populations**

- Determinants and gaps in quality of care for newborns and child health care at the facility level
- Assessment of maternal and perinatal deaths surveillance system at the country level
- Effect of adopting the WHO ten group classification system in preventing unnecessary use of cesarean section
- Burden of two and three wheelers related traffic injuries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- Indoor air quality in public places and its impact on health

### **Science, information and dissemination**

- Influence of COVID-19 on the transformation of health professionals' education towards the use of digital technologies, including challenges faced and coping strategies during the transition and transformation
- Assessing the degree and extent of use of evidence in national policymaking for health
- Case study to assess research governance (priorities, funding, ethics, standards) at the national level
- Developing and assessing the performance of quantitative indicators that can measure the status of research governance and ethics in countries of different context

- Case studies of institutional processes to enhance multi-concept evidence-informed policy-making processes (as introduced in RC2019)

## **Country health emergency preparedness and International Health Regulations**

- Assessing emergency care systems' quality of care services in lower middle-income countries in the Region
- Responding to and deploying interventions that protect against infodemics and mitigate their harmful effects
- Systematic review of disaster risk reduction policies; obstacles to risk mitigation in countries of the Region
- Factors to consider in selection and timing of public health measures in the region (impacts of time lag to implement response measures: when should be done/actually implemented)
- Role of the IHR monitoring and evaluation tools and the universal health and preparedness review in assessment of countries' capacity for public health emergencies preparedness

## **Infectious hazard preparedness**

- Burden of disease assessments for typhoid/other waterborne diarrhoeal diseases
- Threat of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases in the Region: country response and lessons learnt
- Intervention community field studies to improve uptake of risk communication and community

engagement for outbreak response

- Enhancing critical/ICU care capacities and life-saving skills among front-line health care workers in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable countries
- Barriers and enablers of use of seasonal influenza vaccines among health care workers

### **Health emergency information and risk assessment**

- Landscape assessment of the surveillance systems in countries of the Region to identify the opportunities, gaps, and ways forward for the establishment/strengthening of event-based surveillance
- Rapid review of monitoring and evaluation systems and their robustness for monitoring emergency response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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