



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.

Country	Grant recipient Last Name	Grant recipient First Name	Grant recipient Project title	Project title
Islamic Republic of Iran	Hoveidamanesh	Soodabeh	A survey of the COVID-19	A survey of the COVID-19
Islamic Republic of Iran	Yarmohammadian	Mohammad	Designing an integrated	Designing an integrated
Jordan	Jalabneh	Rawan	Upholding quality and pa	Upholding quality and pa
Lebanon	Haddad	Nadine	Roadmap for national po	Roadmap for national po
Occupied Palestinian Territory	Abu Ali	Khaled	Evaluation of IHR (2005)	Evaluation of IHR (2005)
Pakistan	Naz	Sumera	Assessing the capacity	Assessing the capacity
Pakistan	Jabeen	Aleya	Evaluation of Infection P	Evaluation of Infection P
Qatar	Bansal	Devendra	Pandemic fatigue, risk pe	Pandemic fatigue, risk pe
Sudan	Ibrahim	Motaz	Assessment of influencin	Assessment of influencin
Sudan	Ismail	Salwa	Assessing the multi-sect	Assessing the multi-sect
United Arab Emirates	Aljawarneh	Yousef	The associations between	The associations between
Yemen	Abdul-Ghani	Rashad	COVID-19 vaccine hesita	COVID-19 vaccine hesita

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