

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

Last Name Grant recipient

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Islamic Republic of Iran Hoveidamanesh Soodabeh A survey of the COVID-1

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Pakistan Naz Sumera Assessing the capacity

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