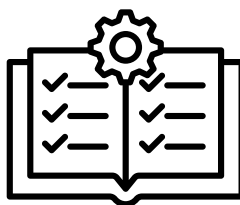


# EGYPT PIONEERS NATIONAL GUIDELINE PROGRAMME IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

**Introduction:** In a groundbreaking achievement, Egypt officially launched its national programme for guideline development and adaptation on 28 July 2024, marking the first time a country in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region has established such a formal process for national evidence-based guidelines. This programme positions Egypt as a role model for its commitment to evidence-informed policy-making and sets a new standard for excellence in health policy-making in the Region.

*"Egypt's innovative approach serves as a model for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, showcasing effective leadership in evidence-based practice"* **Professor Dr Hanan Balkhy, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean**



*"Effective stakeholder engagement has been crucial in shaping our national guideline programme."* **Professor Dr Khaled A Ghaffar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Population**

*"Egypt's strategic approach to sustainable implementation of the national guideline programme ensures long-term positive impact on health."* **Professor Dr Arash Rashidian, Director, Science, Information and Dissemination, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean**

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

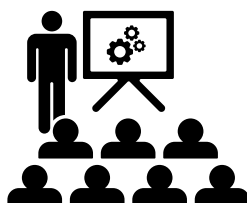
### National commitment and stakeholder involvement

- the national commitment and engagement of all key stakeholders played an important role for establishment of the national guideline programme

### Development of a national roadmap for the guideline adaptation

- outlined key steps, roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health and Population, Egyptian Health Council and other key stakeholders for an efficient national guideline programme.

*"Strengthening technical capacities empowered Egypt to create and adapt evidence-based guidelines tailored to its health care landscape."* **Professor Dr Mohamed Lotayef, Executive President, Egyptian Health Council**



*"Egypt's leadership has demonstrated unwavering political commitment to advancing health care through evidence-based guidelines."* **Dr Nima Saeed Abid, WHO Representative, Egypt**

**Call to action:** Countries are encouraged to explore how they can establish similar programmes to drive progress towards evidence-informed policy-making. For guidance and resources, visit: <https://www.emro.who.int/evidence-data-to-policy/about.html> or reach out to [emrgoedp@who.int](mailto:emrgoedp@who.int).