

## » Children's artwork on COVID-19

In November 2020, WHO's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean organized a regional art competition on COVID-19 for children from different age groups across the Region. Children between the ages of 8 and 18, categorized into 5 different age groups, were encouraged to submit drawings on their perceptions of how COVID-19 has impacted them and their families, and their physical and mental health, and their education and personal lives.

### Process

A participation form was sent by the WHO Regional Office to all WHO country offices to share with ministries of health and ministries of education, including guidance on the theme of the competition, conditions of entry, and the process for receiving scanned versions of drawings/paintings. Artwork was received through WHO country offices or the Director of the Department of International Relations, Ministry of Health.

More than 1500 drawings were submitted from children in 12 out of 22 countries in the Region. Out of these drawings, 36 winners were selected by a panel of professional artists selected by WHO's Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt. The winning entries were classified and judged according to the following five age groups: 8–9, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15 and 16–18 years.

### **Results and prizes**

In addition to financial prizes totaling US\$ 4550 (varying from US\$200 (1st prize) to US\$ 100 (5th prize), each winner also received a certificate of merit.

Visibility activities planned by the Regional Office

- 1. Physical art exhibition at WHO's Regional Office in Cairo
- 2. A virtual online art gallery displaying the winning entries
- 3. Sharing winning entries with media and TV programmes across the Region
- 4. Framed artwork in staff offices
- 5. Posts on all regional social media platforms

# Winning entries by age group Age 8-9



Aathina Radhakrishan Bahrain 1st rank



Amna Youssef United Arab Emirates 2nd rank





Heyam Fahd United Arab Emirates 1st rank



Mohadese Tashvighi Islamic Republic of Iran 1st rank



#### Kareem Ashraf Ismael Egypt 3rd rank



Rimas Ashraf Egypt 5th rank



Salamh Ahmed United Arab Emirates 5th rank



Brusk Sami Iraq 5th rank



Mohammed Hussain Qatar 5th rank Age 12-13



Iqra Gul Pakistan 1st rank



Shad Dler Bahdin Iraq 2nd rank



Nesma Mahmoud Palestine 3rd rank



Donia Farid Palestine 5th rank



Hassan Hossam Lebanon 5th rank



Mohammad Mohsin Amiri

Afghanistan 5th rank



Huda Khaled Syria 5th rank

Age 14-15



Nada Nasser Egypt 1st rank



Yekta Esmaeili Islamic Republic of Iran 1st rank



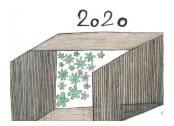
Sidra Abdel Razek Syria 2nd rank



Amr Moustafa Egypt 2nd rank



Negin Rezaei Islamic Republic of Iran 3rd rank



Dalia Moaz Mohamed Yemen 5th rank

Age 16-18



Ayesha Tariq Mohamedr United Arab Emirates 1st rank



Rodayna Saeid Oman 2nd rank



Rana Ayed Egypt 3rd rank



Basant Ashraf Egypt 3rd rank



Gerges Farid Egypt 4th rank



### Hadeel Maamon Qatar 5th rank



Maha Ali Lebanon 5th rank



Mahnoor Nadeem Oman 5th rank



Kholoud Soliman Egypt 5th rank

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