



3 April 2019 □ A 3-day workshop to review the community health workers' training modules for adaptation to the Libyan context was held from 27 to 29 March 2019, organized by the WHO country office for Libya, in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean and the Ministry of Health of Libya.

The four modules reviewed during the workshop aim to enhance the knowledge of community health workers in relation to family practice, emergencies, environmental health and food safety, and communicable and noncommunicable diseases.

Participants also discussed the development of an action plan for implementation of the community health workers' programme in 6 selected primary health care facilities under the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID)-funded project "Improving access to primary health care services" currently being implemented in Tripoli, Janzour, Tubruk, Albayda, Sabha and Bergin.

The workshop concluded with agreement on: finalization of the modules and development of an

action plan and a monitoring and reporting framework.

Dr Jaffar Hussain, WHO Representative in Libya, said that the DFID-funded project aimed to increase access and ensure enhanced coverage to health care services to improve the quality of people's lives. "The projects targets 3.6 million beneficiaries in 6 districts/municipalities in Libya. Introducing a cadre of community health workers for the first time in Libya will go a long way in enhancing the trust of the community and improving access to health services through primary health care; an integral part of achieving universal health coverage in the country".

The workshop was a follow up activity to the meeting held in September 2018 on development of a national strategy for community health workers in Libya. It was attended by participants from all areas in Libya, in addition to representatives from academia and the research community.

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