

13 September 2018 – WHO has identified family practice as an efficient and effective approach to improve the delivery of primary health care services in countries of the Region. the WHO country office in Libya, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, is currently working on the implementation of various core elements of family practice at the level of 6 selected health facilities which are located in east, south and west of Libya.

The capacity of the nursing workforce of the family practice multidisciplinary team was identified as one of the essential areas by the Ministry to be further strengthened as physicians and nurses form the core of the family practice team. Hence, WHO country office, the Regional Office, and the Faculty of Nursing from Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Libya organized a 3-day technical consultative workshop from 11 to 13 September to undertake an assessment of the current situation of primary care nursing workforce and thus formulate a roadmap to strengthen the roles and functions of primary care nurses to engage them more effectively and efficiently in the family practice model, and to build their capacity in working within the family practice team. The roadmap will entail a comprehensive capacity-building programme in line with the findings of the assessment.

The workshop will support the implementation of planned activities of the primary health care project unded by DFID. Likewise the roadmap will be implemented in stages with the support of

the primary health care project at the 6 selected health facilities as an initial step. The recommendations from the roadmap will be implemented nationally under the auspices of the Ministry's concerned departments.

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