

29 July 2018 – The Ministry of Health of Libya, in collaboration with the WHO country office, organized a 5-day planning workshop from 23 to 27 July 2018 to discuss various aspects of the family practice approach.

Implementation of the family practice approach is one of the essential element of a primary health care project, funded by DFID. This comprehensive and people-centred approach will be implemented in a progressive manner initially only in selected 6 primary health care centres which are located in various regions of Libya.

After successful implementation of all the 13 core elements of family practice as recommended by WHO Regional Office for the astern Mediterranean the family practice approach will be expanded to cover other primary health care facilities in various regions of Libya. The implementation of family practice, which is characterized by comprehensive, coordinated, continuous care will contribute to improved health outcomes by focusing on personal, individual and community aspects of care.

This workshop will be followed by a number of follow-up workshops and cascade training in order to involve and orient all cadres of health care workers who will be involved in the implementation and monitoring of the approach. The successful implementation of the family practice approach requires ample time and adequate financial and human resources which will be provided by the Ministry of Health. Technical support will be provided by WHO Libya through the DFID-funded primary health care project during the initial phases of implementation.

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