

29 October 2018 – WHO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Libya, organized two workshops on the prevention and management of noncommunicable disease from 27 to 31 October 2018 in Tripoli and Al-Bayda cities. The week-long training is based on national guidelines and targets more than 50 general physicians of primary health care facilities.

The training aims to enhance the skills of general physicians in prevention and management of noncommunicable diseases thereby playing an instrumental role in implementing family medicine practices, complementing the primary health care system in the country.

"Noncommunicable diseases are the leading cause of death in Libya and a global concern. Improvement of preventive methods along with enhancing health workers' capacity has a critical role in reducing morbidity and mortality," said Dr Syed Jaffar Hussein, WHO Representative and Head of Mission in Libya.

The project "Improving access to primary health care services" in Libya, generously funded by the Department for International Development, aims to focus on primary health care services thereby increasing access and better health coverage to health care services and improving quality of life. The projects targets 3.6 million beneficiaries in 6 districts/governorates in Libya.

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