

Following the visit of the delegation from the National Center for Diseases Control (NCDC) in Libya to discuss needed assistance to establish a NCDC Research Unit; a 2-day workshop was conducted with the support of the WHO Office of Libya temporarily located in Tunis.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

draft a work-plan for establishing a research office at the NCDC (vision, mission, strategic objectives, and activities);

plan for performing national situation analysis / setting priorities for health research;

prepare for establishing Research Ethics Review Committee linked with research office.

The workshop included 5 Libyan participants from the National Center for Disease Control, Tripoli, Libya, including Dr. Abdulbasit Alboum (Director of the Research and Scientific Committees Office; Dr. Abdulaziz Zorgani (NCDC reference lab and Director of the Libyan Journal of Medical Sciences); Dr. Nabil Abuamer (HIV and STI control administration); Dr. Sameera bab (Health protection and promotion administration); Dr. Taher Shaibi (Director of Zoonotic disease administration) on achievement of the set-forth objectives.

The workshop came with a list of recommendations including further work of the Libyan delegation on the draft document, and WHO country office for Libya would kindly provide support to different activities for development of the research unit.

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