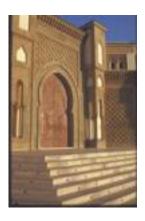
Religion has a strong influence in the Eastern Mediterranean Region; it is a part of the daily life of individuals. All religions call upon people to look after their health and to avoid health hazards and risks.

Tackling tobacco use from a religious perspective is a key component of the Tobacco Free Initiative programme; it started in 1996 with the release of the first edition of The right path to health: Health education through religion — Islamic ruling on smoking

. In 2000, the second edition of this publication was issued together with the Christian view on smoking. The Vatican issued laws and regulations prohibiting smoking in 2002..







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