Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our dear colleague Dr Ramez Khairi Mahaini, who passed away on 30 August 2020 in Cairo, Egypt, leaving behind a great legacy with the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO/EMRO).

Dr Mahaini had dedicated 25 years of his life to the betterment of the lives of women and children in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. He originally joined WHO/EMRO in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1994, and had recently served as Coordinator of Maternal and Child health, Regional Advisor of Reproductive and Maternal Health, and was the focal point for the health of older persons for the Region.

Dr Mahaini was the embodiment of dedication and professionalism in the service of WHO's mission and vision, and a great source of support for all his colleagues in WHO Headquarters, Regional and Country Offices. His kindness and thoughtfulness extended to all staff members and he will always be remembered as a resourceful mentor, trustworthy colleague and dear friend. In his private life, Dr Mahaini was also known for his love of poetry and nature. Dr Mahaini is succeeded by his wife and two sons.

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