



Kuwait, 15 December 2022 – The WHO country office in Kuwait hosted a multi-stakeholder strategic dialogue on achieving “Health for All; a whole of society approach to enhancing health ecosystems” on 14 December 2022.

Achieving the targets of WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work to ensure health and well-being for all, requires that all aspects of society get involved in building the health ecosystem. WHO has a longstanding, multifaceted collaboration with Kuwait aimed at improving health outcomes both domestically and globally. In Kuwait, the Ministry of Health leads this domestic ecosystem by defining health and well-being targets in line with Kuwait's national development plan, as well as regional and global health targets. Ensuring that this ecosystem can achieve Kuwait's health targets, requires establishing the right multisectoral mechanisms and policies that will enable whole-of-society involvement and coordination. Outside Kuwait, WHO works with the Kuwait Fund to bolster health ecosystems by providing critical support to countries to plug systems gaps and save lives. These combined efforts reflect Kuwait's commitment to health and improving the state of the world.

The “Health for All” multi-stakeholder dialogue is an opportunity to reflect on the positive impact of WHO/Kuwait collaboration, as well as opportunities for the future. The event convened government and industry leaders, as well as country representatives, to share good practices, and build further support for health as a national, regional, and global priority.

Dr Assad Hafeez, WHO Representative to Kuwait said, “WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work prioritizes health and well-being. Here in Kuwait, we are working with the Ministry of Health and all of society to ensure that Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 on good health and well-being becomes a reality for all.”

Dr Hafeez expressed his appreciation of the role the Government plays in supporting WHO global activities and said, “The State of Kuwait has a longstanding humanitarian culture that continues to promote health for all both at home and abroad. Through WHO collaboration with the Kuwait Fund, we are bridging critical health system gaps and supporting primary health care facilities in low-income countries around the world.”

The WHO country office is currently leading an extensive role in supporting Kuwait to reach all health-related SDG targets. The Kuwait Ministry of Health is working with the country office in a whole-of-society effort to bolster the health ecosystem and promote health for all by all.

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