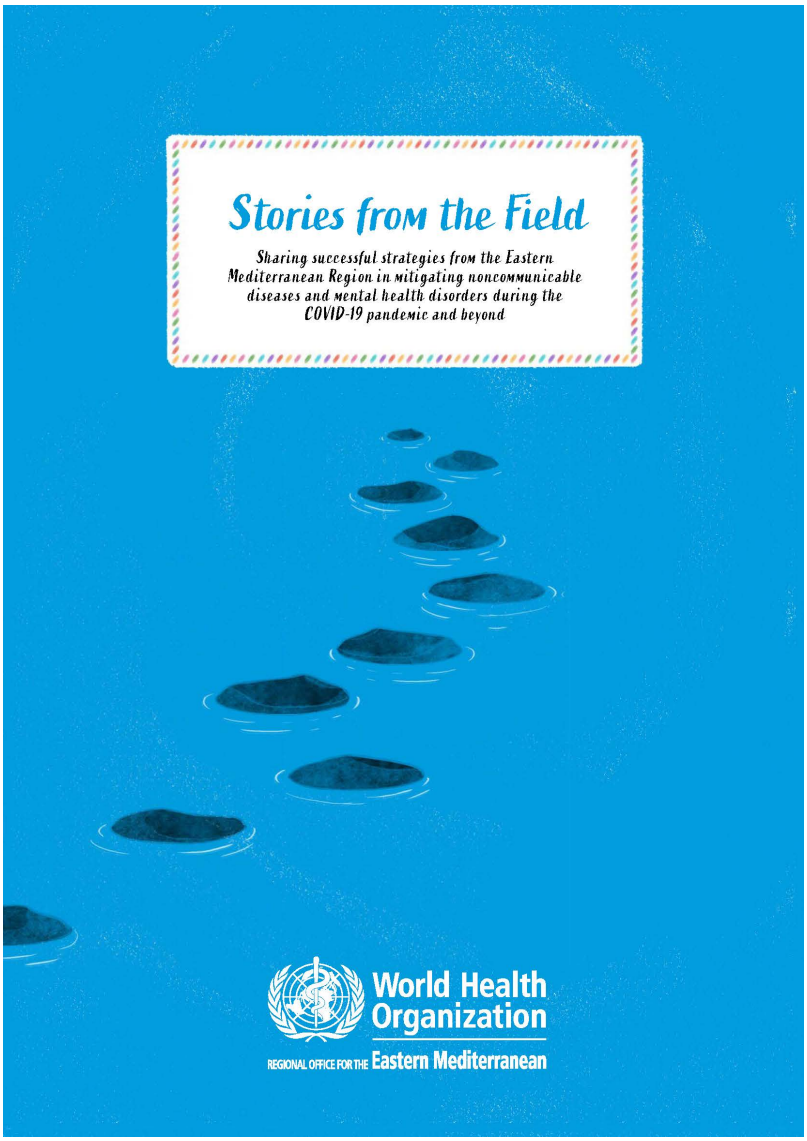
WHO's publications about noncommunicable diseases (namely cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes) and their related risk factors (namely unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, exposure to tobacco smoke, the harmful use of alcohol and air pollution) range from short, user-friendly information products for a general audience to detailed reports and other technical works. All our publications can be downloaded free of charge.



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In 2020, more than 720 000 people were diagnosed with cancer and more than 450 000 people died from cancer in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. This burden of cancer is expected to double by 2040 due to population ageing and growth alone, without even taking into consideration the high regional prevalence of risk factors such as smoking, unhealthy diet and air pollution.

The new report comprises 10 chapters, which cover the whole cancer care continuum, including planning, prevention, early detection, access to care, treatment, palliative care, cancer surveillance and research, new WHO initiatives, cancer care in humanitarian settings, paediatric oncology and the role of civil society organizations in advancing cancer care in the Region.

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