

## DR. John Gabbour presentation about WHO

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- What is WHO:

The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health.

Its aim is to promote public health and to furnish appropriate technical assistance and, in emergencies, necessary aid and to recommend guideline policies upon the request or acceptance of Governments.

- The organization is working on many categories of subjects as:

1-Communicable diseases.

2-Non-communicable diseases as psychological health.

3-Healthy promoting life styles.

4-Support health systems in each country in all its aspects like assistance in development of suitable financial systems.

5-surveillance.

- Structure of World Health Organization:

1-Country Office.

2-Regional office:headquartered in Egypt and includes 22 country.

3-WHO headquarters in Geneva.

- Decision-making system in WHO:

1-World Health Assembly: is the supreme body of WHO, it's annual meeting for all member states in May. It also reviews reports of the Executive Board and takes the main decisions.

Executive Board convenes in January to discuss the Agenda of World health assembly. The main functions of the Board are to carry out the decisions and policies of the Assembly, to advise it and to facilitate its work.

2-Regional Committee: discuss the country priorities and proposed plans.

- From 8 years, WHO promotes “health in all policies” approach as a strategy, because there are many Institutions cooperate in provide health care not only one institution. IN Egypt, as example, about 40-45% of health care providers are governmental, 40% university hospitals, and also military and private institutions.
- All approaches or plans of WHO are upon the request or acceptance of Governments where WHO representatives discuss with the health minister which health programs support need arrange their priorities and put future plans. Each plan is time-limited of 2 years.
- Although WHO country office mainly cooperates with the ministry of health, it doesn't miss any opportunity of collaboration with any other institute that indirectly could help the ministry.
- The WHO is financed by contributions from member states and outside donors. In emergency cases, WHO communicates with more donors to obtain the needed financial support.
- About surveillance system in Egypt, It has been much developed during last years. And also in cases of emergency, Egypt is always in close cooperation with WHO in notification.