

## مشروع قرار

### Draft resolution

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EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

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### **Addressing the increasing burden of trauma in humanitarian settings in the Eastern Mediterranean Region**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on addressing the increasing burden of trauma in humanitarian settings in the Eastern Mediterranean Region;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling global commitments including, among others, World Health Assembly resolutions: WHA64.10 on strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and resilience of health systems; WHA68.15 on strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage; WHA72.16 on emergency care systems for universal health coverage; WHA74.7 on strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies; and WHA76.2 on integrated emergency, critical and operative care for universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies;

Further recalling Regional Committee resolution EM/RC63/R.1, which urges Member States to “conduct assessment of emergency care services at both the national system level and the service delivery level and develop national plans of action”;

Recognizing the particularly heavy and distinct burden of physical trauma in the Eastern Mediterranean Region;

Deeply concerned by the escalating frequency of conflicts and natural disasters in the Region, which has led to a surge in trauma-related injuries and deaths;

Recognizing the indispensable role of efficient, accessible and quality trauma and emergency care services in reducing morbidity and mortality associated with acute injuries and conditions;

Acknowledging the importance of public awareness, systematic education and the integration of comprehensive data systems in strengthening the trauma care continuum from prehospital care to rehabilitation;

<sup>1</sup> EM/RC71/3-Rev.1.

Noting that the response to traumatic injuries and other urgent medical needs in humanitarian settings faces multiple challenges;

Acknowledging the urgent need for targeted interventions and support systems to address the impact of trauma on vulnerable populations, especially in fragile and conflict-affected situations;

Recognizing recent advances and expertise in trauma care in some countries of the Region that could be leveraged to support other countries;

**1. ENDORSES** the regional operational framework for trauma care in humanitarian settings;

**2. URGES Member States to:**

- 2.1 Strengthen community-based trauma response, including through public messaging, educational campaigns and first aid training;
- 2.2 Build capacities at primary health care level for the initial management of trauma and rapid referral;
- 2.3 Strengthen or establish prehospital care services that facilitate rapid transportation and referral of trauma and other emergency patients, including a universal emergency access number and dispatch system;
- 2.4 Improve the quality of trauma care during each phase of the trauma pathway, including prehospital care, hospital care and post-hospital care;
- 2.5 Strengthen emergency, critical and operative care services;
- 2.6 Develop protocols and systems for:
  - 2.6.1 the early integration of rehabilitation services into the trauma pathway; and
  - 2.6.2 pain management and palliative care throughout the trauma care pathway;
- 2.7 Develop and reinforce national rapid response and surge capacities, including national emergency medical teams;
- 2.8 Strengthen information systems for emergency and trauma care;

**3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:**

- 3.1 Provide technical support and guidance to Member States on trauma care management across the trauma pathway, including inter alia in the development of protocols and systems;
- 3.2 Strengthen operational and academic partnerships across the Region to address trauma care management more effectively and consistently;
- 3.3 Support Member States to undertake descriptive, operational and interventional research on trauma care management in humanitarian settings;
- 3.4 Use trauma pathway data in countries affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence to advocate as appropriate for the protection of civilians and health care, and resource mobilization; and
- 3.5 Report on progress in implementing this resolution to the 73rd and 75th sessions of the Regional Committee and present a final report to its 77th session in October 2030.