



A REWARDING HISTORY

As of 2008, four FETPs have been established in four countries of the EMR: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, and Pakistan. The established programs, in addition to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (TEPHINET), were looking for opportunities to facilitate collaboration, heighten performance, and exchange knowledge, and experiences among the programs. This resulted in establishing EMPHNET with membership of the four FETPs as founding members. Headquartered in Amman - Jordan, EMPHNET was officially established in 2009, with the aim of linking, supporting, and strengthening FETPs in the region. EMPHNET grew over a relatively short period of time, and has managed to achieve and retain a good reputation and high standard, both in the region and worldwide. In 2010, the FETPs in Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Morocco joined the network.



FOCUS ON knowledge exchange

Today's world is a world of networking and knowledge sharing. Networks provide a vital platform for information sharing and exchange. EMPHNET recognizes the role of knowledge as a new form for sharing intellectual capacity and innovation, particularly when focusing on global public health issues and concerns. We believe that networks are a vehicle for communicating ideas and for inspiring opportunities to respond to public health needs and problems. Our interest remains focused on exchanging knowledge for the sake of advancing public health practice. Therefore, EMPHNET offers knowledge exchange opportunities as a possible strategy for developing intellectual infrastructure in the area of public health in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

We offer knowledge exchange as a main strategy for developing intellectual foundation in the area of public health in the region. We believe that we can respond to public health challenges by working together towards one common vision. We recognize the role of knowledge in shaping change, and seek to promote knowledge use by public health policy makers throughout the region.

We create opportunities for knowledge sharing



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The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network

Profile

Collaboration

Excellence

Accountability

Partnership

**A Driving Force
in Public Health**

innovation

health

Inspires

our

productivity

knowledge
exchange

EMPHNET in Brief

ENHANCING POPULATIONS' HEALTH STATUS BY PROMOTING CAPACITY

The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) has developed through collaborative efforts to provide support for public health practice by promoting and strengthening Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR). Driven by a shared vision to create a regional public health workforce that strives to improve the health status of populations in the region, EMPHNET continues to seek new opportunities for creating momentum for change.

EMPHNET's ultimate aim is to contribute to enhancing populations' health status by promoting capabilities through training in applied epidemiology; improving the surveillance capacities and investigation of disease outbreaks; partnering and exchanging expertise with associations, institutions, networks and organizations that hold similar views; participating in public health interventions and fulfilling needs and situations; and promoting and supporting applied public health research in response to public health challenges and changes.

EMPHNET's experienced team enables information sharing to expand a knowledge base that is broad and comprehensive enough to extend beyond the individual country. EMPHNET provides knowledge sharing



in a simple, accessible, innovative and challenging manner. We attempt to respond to population public health needs by drawing on best practices. We are committed to change and we constantly seek and create opportunities for exchanging experience and sharing knowledge.

EMPHNET's ability to join public health efforts in the region and to address population needs sets it apart from other organizations. Joint collaboration and team work are guaranteed results of EMPHNET.

A DYNAMIC REGIONAL FORCE

EMPHNET is a dynamic entity that embraces eight Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) from the Eastern Mediterranean Region; these programs are based in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, and Morocco. FETPs are applied epidemiology programs that help countries to improve and strengthen their public health system and infrastructure by building up a cadre of well-trained epidemiologists. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided technical assistance in establishing these programs and continue to have close technical linkage and partnership with these programs.

We are passionately committed to carrying out whatever is needed to help in attaining successful achievements of the FETPs. By applying our vision and experience, we create innovative, knowledgeable and state-of-the art solutions that offer distinctive opportunities to these programs in order to expand and advance public health practice in the region. We add value to public health in the region, by strengthening the public health systems of our partner countries thus allowing them to provide effective, efficient, quality and timely public health care services to their populations.

Our vision is to achieve better health for people in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

OUR APPROACH for influencing change

PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS

Linking, supporting, and strengthening different components of Public Health Systems in the region is a central function of EMPHNET. By establishing a regional network of public health officers and epidemiologists; we optimize performance to ensure availability of quality data to build strong public health systems that can reduce human suffering throughout the region, thus contributing to regional and global health security.

EMPHNET's work is guided by the public health approach with emphasis on populations and risk factors. We deliver services that promote prevention through innovative measures that aim at reducing risk factors. Our approach to achieving better health of the population in the region is multifaceted. We create opportunities that allow integration of research into policy and decision making, and we attempt to leverage change by exchanging information and experience.



PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

EMPHNET is a dynamic force for change

PARTNERSHIP IN HEALTH

EMPHNET is shaped by people, resources, the link among them, and the multiple efforts of challenging public health difficulties in the region. Our aim is to be the leading regional network that brings together public health practitioners, researchers and policy makers through collaboration, exchange and development of effective public health strategies.

As a growing network of epidemiologists in the region EMPHNET reflects a mission that encourages information sharing, capacity building, and scientific inquiry. EMPHNET works at achieving its mission by responding to public health needs with deliberate efforts that allow for health promotion and disease prevention.

EMPHNET works in partnership with the Ministries of Health and Public Health institutions, non-governmental organizations, international agencies, private sector, and other public health agencies in the region to strengthen public health in the region. We work in collaboration with other public health entities in an effort to provide effective, efficient, quality and timely public health services to the beneficiaries. We work in collaboration with our partners to bring "Health" to the top agenda of policy makers.



OUR CORE values

Partnership with country FETPs is our asset to success. We work deliberately at meeting the needs of these programs and seek opportunities to enable their success.

Collaboration is our core asset for capturing excellence. We honor collaboration and strive to ensure cooperation with our members and partners.

Excellence is the essential force that drives our outcomes. We focus on productivity and work diligently at improving the quality of our work.

Innovation is our key element for attaining distinctive results. We are dedicated to seeking opportunities that introduce new solutions.

Accountability drives our excellence and is vital for maintaining our status. We are committed to maintaining effective and efficient governance.

Health is the principal element that inspires our productivity. We embrace health equity and believe that health is the fundamental right of every individual.

