



Enforcing the law implementation to enhance salt intake reduction in Iraq

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Health Promotion and Protection

OBJECTIVES

The main goals of Salt intake reduction project in Iraq are to review the current salt intake reduction related legislation, policies and strategies and their implementation and to develop a priority action frame to enforce law implementation.

BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries are the general population and patients that are predisposed to NCDs or have existent NCDs.

REGIONS OF WORK

Salt intake reduction will be implemented in Iraq.

PROJECT PHASES

Salt intake reduction involves three phases:

Phase I – Preparations: Desk review for salt intake related laws, policies, and strategies, design questionnaire, and key informant interviews.

Phase II – Reporting: Situation analysis, data analysis, and prepare the final report,

Phase III – Development of action plan: Develop a priority action frame to enforce law implementation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will help understand the current situation concerning the salt intake reduction policies and existing system and provide improvement opportunities through a multisectoral consultation that could help strengthen coordination and build national ownership. Hence multisectoral is a critical approach in the nutrition area GHD will maintain strong relationships with the concerned Ministries, non-government organizations; international organizations; academic institutions.

Reducing salt consumption project will involve studying the legislation, policies, and initiatives relating to salt consumption, as well as developing a questionnaire and interview key informant interviews. Additionally, a SOWT analysis will be conducted to generate the final report. Finally, an action plan for enforcing salt intake reduction laws implementation will be developed through a multi sectoral consultation.

Project Start and End Date	September 1 – October 31, 2021
Partner Organizations	Iraq Ministry of Health
Funded by	World Health Organization WHO

Currently . . .

The national strategy for preventing and controlling non-communicable diseases adopted six goals, including reducing the prevalence of high blood pressure by 25%. By 2025, its objectives include strengthening national capacities, leadership, and governance to prevent and control non-communicable diseases and reducing the main modifiable risk factors for non-communicable diseases and social determinants. Achieving these goals and objectives requires an in-depth analysis of the current situation to develop practical and feasible action plans.

What's next . . .

Under this project, through its different Phases, with the involvement of concerned sectors, critically analyze the current situation and formulate an operational action plan that could enhance collaboration and integration between concerned actors. This plan will help reducing salt intake reduction as one of the main factors affecting NCDs burden.

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