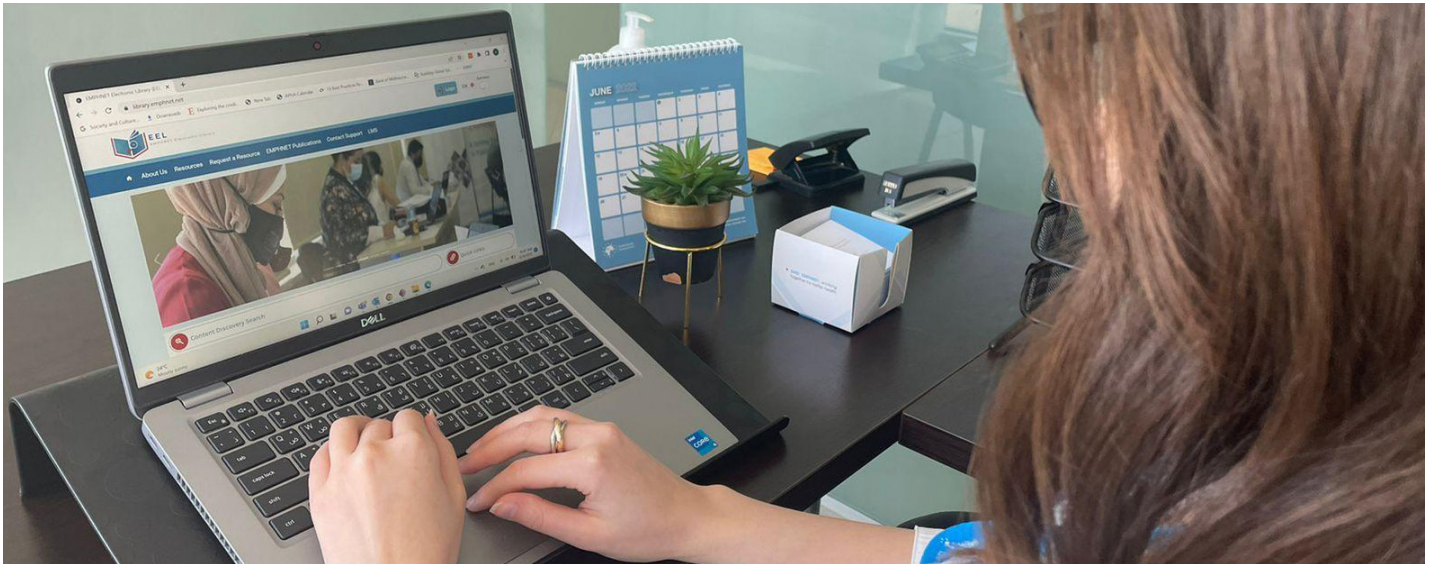




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A Word from the EEL Team

We are delighted to share with you the second issue of our Semi- Annual EEL Bulletin. In this issue, you will find updates on the library's collections. The issue also highlights the uniqueness of the "EMPHNET Publications" section available on EEL.

We also feature the signing of an MoU between EMPHNET and the Electronic Health Solutions (EHS), where we highlight the new areas of collaboration between both parties, and how this partnership contributes to enhancing EEL and the Electronic Library of Medicine (ELM).

This bulletin further sheds light on the importance of using E-resources, and it includes sections for new announcements and tutorials.

We hope that you find an insightful reading experience in this bulletin, and we welcome your feedback.

EEL Editorial Team,

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EMPHNET Signs a Cooperative Agreement with EHS Hakeem

On March 2, 2023, EMPHNET and Electronic Health Solutions (EHS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which aims to build a strategic relationship between both parties, and to explore mutual and beneficial opportunities for both parties' electronic libraries; EEL and the Electronic Library of Medicine (ELM). This agreement establishes a framework for cooperation between both parties by providing people with access to resources and tools that will advance their research and practices. It also focuses on developing digital interventions, strengthening disease registries, exchanging resources, and on the managing of both libraries portals.

The signing ceremony was attended by members from both parties, while the MOU was signed by EMPHNET Executive Director, Dr. Mohannad Al Nsour; and EHS Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Omar Ayesh.

Commenting on this partnership, Dr. Mohannad Al Nsour said: "this cooperation will enhance the ability to organize and manage EEL, in addition to providing the library with important resources that meet the research requirements and the continuous learning needs for those who are interested in expanding their knowledge in the field of public health."

Finally, this MoU aligns with EMPHNET's strategic goals for developing and expanding knowledge exchange opportunities and the uptake of knowledge in public health policy and practice. EEL is considered one of the Knowledge Exchange and Networking team's initiatives, which aims to serve as a resource for field epidemiologists and public health professionals in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), and to spread public health education and information across the region.



Spotlight on a Section

We would like to draw your attention to the “EMPHNET Publications,” section on EEL. This section is dedicated to documents published by EMPHNET, its partners, and Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) in the EMR. This section derives its strength from being a place for grey literature from the region.

This section includes guidelines, research papers, manuals, webinar briefs, abstracts, reports, operational guides, and other literature that is not published in journals. So far, there are more than 170 available documents, which are organized based on different subjects such as, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Infectious Diseases, Environmental Health, Occupational Health, Mental Health, Surveillance, Immunization, and Mass Gathering.

Some examples of such valuable documents are:

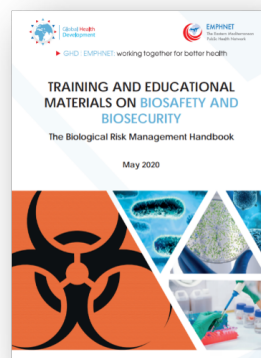
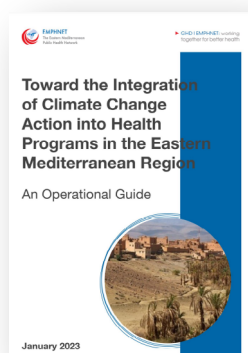
“Toward the Integration of Climate Change Action into Health Programs in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: An Operational Guide”

“Responding to the Challenge of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: An Operational Guide”

“Toward the Implementation of the One Health Approach in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: An Operational Guide,”

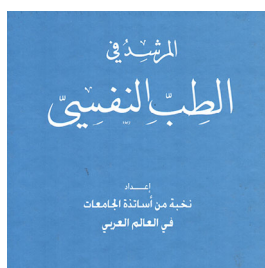
“Toward Collaborative Public Health interventions during Mass Gathering Events in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: An Operational Guide.”

To access “EMPHNET Publications”, go to <https://library.emphnet.net/libraryDocs>



What's New?

The list below shows our newest resources on EEL. Read more!



The Counsellor in Psychiatric

An Arabic eBook, titled “المُرشد في الطب النفسي”, which translates as “The Counsellor in Psychiatric.” It is of special interest to researchers in the field of social sciences, especially sociology, psychology, and other closely related academic branches. This book also highlights many types of mental disorders, focusing on their diagnosis and treatment.



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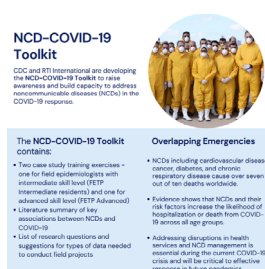
A free portal offering tailored learning solutions to the general public. It also includes free and useful courses that are easy to use, and offered using a clear and simple interface.

Several online courses such as [Immunization Supply Chain Management, Visibility for Vaccines \(ViVa\): Using Data in the Immunization Supply Chain, Vaccine Vial Monitors, and Temperature Monitoring in the Vaccine Cold Chain, Solar powered cold chain equipment, mOPV2 cold chain logistics and management](#), are available through this portal.



The Art of Dialogue in the Medical Interview, Fourth Edition

An Arabic eBook titled “فن الحوار في المقابلة الطبية”, which translates as “The art of Dialogue in the Medical Interview.” This book focuses on the medical communication skills in the Arab world, and it is characterized by a comprehensive approach to learning and teaching the medical interview to all medical staff. It also highlights the verbal and non-verbal communication skills that are used at all stages of the medical interview.



The Covid-19 FETP Toolkit

A learning resource for FETPs that was just made available in Arabic by TEPHINET. This toolkit is designed to increase knowledge and raise awareness of the impact of infectious diseases and NCDs, specifically to help FETP residents develop the skills needed to integrate NCD investigation into COVID-19 response. It also includes a list of suggested topics and questions for Intermediate and Advanced FETP residents on COVID-19 and NCD projects, as well as two case studies, now available in Arabic.



Medical Ethics

An Arabic eBook titled “أخلاقيات الطب”, which translates as “Medical Ethics.” The book discusses the essential medical issues from an ethical point of view, and the relationships within the medical field. It further provides an overview of ethics and how it relates to religion, and philosophy. The book also highlights some of the recent medical issues such as organ transplantation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and plastic surgery.

Interview with the Director of the Library and Educational Resources Center at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), Ms. Alice Haddadin.

Electronic resources (E-resources) have become essential components of academic libraries' collections nowadays. This can be attributed to the continuous development of information technology around the world. The definition of E-resources can be summarized as sources, which are available in the electronic form, and they may be full text articles, journals, books, and databases.

Thus, we have interviewed the Director of the Library and Educational Resources Center at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), Ms. Alice Haddadin, in order to discuss the significance of E-resources and how they can be utilized effectively.

As a start, Ms. Haddadin shared some benefits of E-resources. She explained how they save massive time by providing easy and immediate access anytime and anywhere to users so that they can form their own libraries. Ms. Haddadin believes that E-resources also save a physical space in libraries, and they can be updated easily.

She also highlighted that public health professionals can utilize E-resources for

different purposes, including clinical care for patients, better practices, research, literature searches, and professional associations updates. Thus, the use of the informative E-resources will improve the level of health-care among the population.

Ms. Haddadin spoke about E-resources management and defined it as the practices and techniques used by librarians to track the selection, acquisition, licensing, access, maintenance, usage, and evaluation of a library's electronic information resources.

Moreover, she stated that the availability of useful instructions and tutorials on how to use the different types of E-resources will assist users in accessing them, which is an important point that need to keep in mind.

She finally suggested some examples of E-resources that are valuable to public health professionals, such as PubMed, CINAHL, Springer, and Medscape. She stressed on the importance of increasing the awareness of those resources for better utilization.

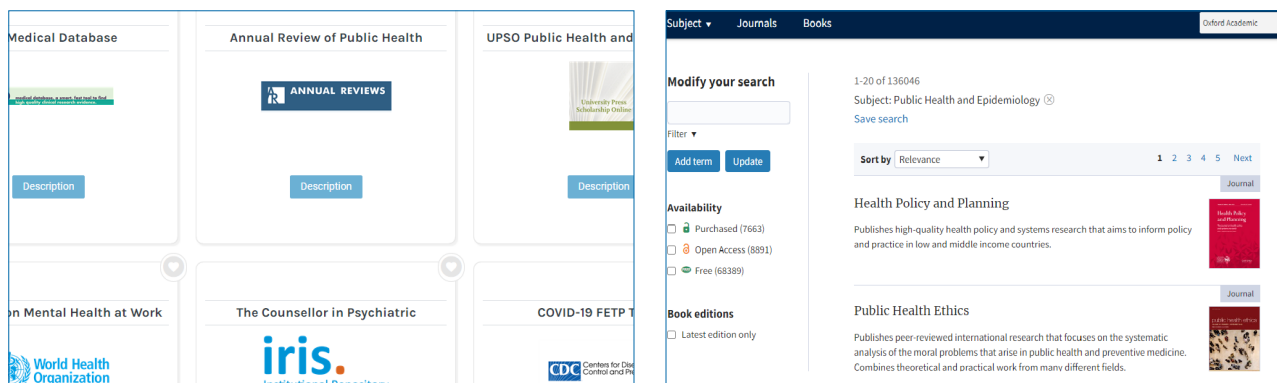


A new Tutorial

As we dedicated a section for tutorials on how to use the library's resources, we added a brief video about the University Press Scholarship Online (UPSO) resource.

In this video:

1. You will learn how to navigate the Oxford Academic Platform easily.
2. You will learn how to browse the books and journals that are related to public health and epidemiology.
3. You will learn how to make your selection more specific by collection, publication date, and format.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your Calendars for EMPHNET's Eighth Regional Conference in October 2022

We are pleased to announce that the Eighth EMPHNET Regional Conference will be held between October 22 and 25, 2023, in Amman, Jordan. With the central theme of the conference being "Advancing Public Health Preparedness and Response: Challenges, Opportunities, and Ways Forward".

Keep an eye on our social media channels for the abstract submission announcement.
[Read More](#)

GHD|EMPHNET: Working Together for Better Health

The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) is a regional network that focuses on strengthening public health systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) and beyond. EMPHNET works in partnership with ministries of health, non-government organizations, international agencies, private sector, and relevant institutions from the region and the globe to promote public health and applied epidemiology. To advance the work of EMPHNET, Global Health Development (GHD) was initiated to build coordination mechanisms with partners and collaborators. Together, GHD|EMPHNET is dedicated to serving the region by supporting efforts to promote public health policies, strategic planning, sustainable financing, resource mobilization, public health programs, and other related areas.

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