

Expand availability of tobacco dependence treatment services in the Eastern Mediterranean Region through building sustainable evidence-based in-country training programs

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Purpose and Scope

- TDT services in the EMR continue to be limited, partially due to the scarcity of trained HCPs.
- To address this we established training hubs in Oman, Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco, and made TDT curricula and content available in Arabic, English, and French.



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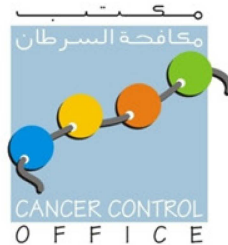


Methods

- Component I focused on setting the stage and understanding needs and uniqueness of each country
- Component II defined target audiences and designed programs for countries
- Component III focused on building the capacity of faculty through remote engagement and on-site ToT workshop
- A regrouping workshop was held to provide an opportunity to jointly reflect on the project and generate follow-up ideas



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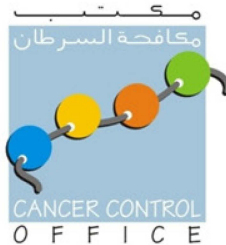


Results

- 76 faculty engaged, of which:
 - 68 are physicians
 - 71 have clinical experience
 - more than half have experience in teaching, training, and research
 - 64 have had some previous training in TDT
 - 39 have TDT experience
- TDT-specific competencies improved, and confidence in ability to treat and train enhanced



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Results (2)

- Faculty intentions:
 - offer TDT services
 - transfer knowledge
 - engage in advocacy and research
- Majority believe they will have an opportunity to train within 6 months
- Training delivered to date by hubs:
 - 9 workshops
 - Inclusion in 2 academic programs
 - Several pre-disposing sessions



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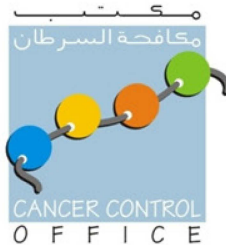


Results ⁽³⁾

- Based on feedback received from faculty, a follow up phase is needed to address gaps that may negatively influence confidence and competence



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