

## **Pre-RC meeting 1**

### **Statement of I.R. Iran on “Minimizing morbidity and mortality due to trauma in humanitarian setting”**

**Mr./Madam Chairperson,  
Excellences, ladies and gentlemen**

We appreciate the Secretariat for preparing this document. The title of the document is the reduction of trauma-associated deaths in crisis and disasters. While the text of the document mentions civilian trauma and it should be clarified what the general purpose of the meeting is. Based on this document, we believe the strategies to reduce trauma and its mortality can be divided into three groups:

- 1) Strategies related to the main groups at risk
- 2) Strategies related to deaths before reaching the hospital
- 3) Strategies related to intersectoral cooperation

#### **Strategies of the first group:**

The main strategic area is community-based programs with an emphasis on self-care, community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) and extensive education about accidents. The following strategies are suggested:

- Preparation of educational materials for primary schools, secondary schools and universities on the prevention of trauma, especially traffic accidents (in order to culture and strengthen the preventive approach by including self-care and trauma prevention programs in different educational levels).
- Holding trauma campaigns and prevention methods in order to inform and seek public support.
- Preparation and distribution of educational content for public education in PHC health units
- Benefiting students' health messenger program

#### **Strategies of the second group:**

The main strategic area is to strengthen the care provided to the injured from accident point through rehabilitation point. In this area, the following strategies are recommended:

- Holding basic life-saving skills and basic trauma life support workshops with an emphasis on practical skills in bureaus and schools, as well as for all HCWs in PHC and hospitals in undergraduate and postgraduate levels as well as in-service trainings
- Enacting laws to provide free services to all traffic accident victims
- Getting support of relevant UN agencies, especially to L&MIC countries in strengthening air ambulances and motorlance to reduce the time to reach the injured and speeding up medical services as well as in renovation/improvement of pre-hospital service fleet
- Providing the necessary recommendations via phone to the pre-hospital emergency staff by specialists
- The integration of EMS centers in PHC with the aim of improving access, where Iran has done such integration.

#### **The strategies of the third group:**

In the inter-sectoral cooperation strategic area, the following strategies are put up:

- Strengthening hospital emergency departments by estimation of the number of trained specialized

personnel for them according to the results of risk assessment and statistics of traffic accidents and places prone to crises and disasters.

- Intersectoral collaboration to seek support and strengthen laws
- Risk assessment (for identifying accident-prone points) and designing preventive interventions to improve them by relevant ministries.

**Madam/Mr. chair, thank you for the floor.**

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