

Healthier Populations Webinar Series

Responding to country and partner requests due to impact from COVID-19

- Repurpose/rearrange health system infrastructures, as well as reprioritize health programmes at national/subnational levels
- Address unintended consequences from system responses to COVID-19 and from public health and social measures (PHSMs)



Objectives

- To support Member States of the WHO SEA Region in promoting health and maintaining essential health services during the time of COVID-19 and beyond, including by identifying the most critical disruptions of/bottlenecks in programme delivery created by the COVID-19 pandemic
- To build regional collective capacity through knowledge and experience sharing mechanisms

Audience

These webinars are open to all.

Date	Topics
11 June	Suicide prevention in the context of COVID-19
18 June	Tackling tobacco and COVID-19
25 June	Health-care waste management COVID-19 and beyond
2 July	eHealth to strengthen frontline NCD and mental health services
9 July	Healthy cities for COVID-19
16 July	Rehabilitation and palliative care: most neglected services during COVID-19
23 July	New norms of workers' health
30 July	Scaling up nutrition action and healthy diet during and after COVID-19

Registration information

All webinars will last 60 minutes and take place at the following times: **13:00 hours (IST)**

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Rehabilitation and palliative care: most neglected during COVID-19

Thursday, 16 July 2020

Key discussion points (Rehabilitation)

- COVID-19 has significantly reduced the provision of rehabilitation care and the impact of this on people with disabilities is evident.
- There are multiple considerations in favour of the continuity of rehabilitation care during the COVID-19 outbreak and it is important that essential services are maintained.
- Rehabilitation plays a significant role in the management and recovery of people who experience a severe case of COVID-19
- Armed with their lessons learnt, countries have expanded the scope of tele-health for the continuity of rehabilitation services during the pandemic.

Key discussion points (Palliative care)

- Palliative care services in most countries in the South-East Asia Region are weak. Where available, these are mostly focused at the tertiary level of care.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has further disrupted the access to palliative care services for people living with chronic conditions in the Region.
- Palliative care services should be an integral component of universal health care.
- Building back stronger and better NCD services should ensure that palliative care services become a core component of the response for essential health services.
- Community-based palliative care services should be promoted by moving the care from institutions to closer to the people.

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