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## Foreword

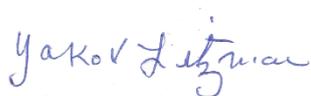
The Ministry of Health in Israel and the World Health Organization are pleased to present the WHO Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) for Israel 2019–2025, the first such strategy between Israel and WHO.

This global CCS sets out the institutional framework for collaboration between the three levels of the Organization, and more importantly provides clear direction for the country presence in Israel. We are confident that once the office of the Special Representative of the Regional Director evolves into a new WHO Country Office for Israel, the CCS will provide the right focus for our technical and strategic collaboration. The strategy will also facilitate Israel's contribution to global health and help to deliver WHO's "triple billion" targets as set out in the 13th WHO General Programme of Work (GPW13).

Moreover, the CCS will provide additional impetus to the country's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure common efforts are made towards upstream determinants of health and all SDG targets, resulting in concrete actions and appropriate implementation measures.

Through this document WHO commits to improving the health of all Israelis, and Israel commits to addressing health priorities in the WHO European Region and globally. The four strategic priorities set out in the document aim to ensure an impact over the coming six years especially regarding e-health, quality of life throughout the life course, emergency preparedness and response, and global health.

Guided by this strategy, the Ministry of Health and WHO commit to further collaboration and a common global mission to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable.



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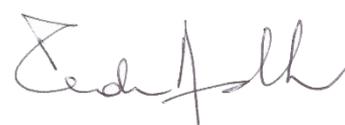
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## Abbreviations

AMR	Antimicrobial resistance
ART	Anti-retroviral therapy
bOPV	Bivalent oral poliovirus (live attenuated poliovirus)
CBRNe	Chemical, Biological, Radio-Nuclear and Explosive hazards
CCS	Country Cooperation Strategy
DTaP	Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis
ECS	Emergency care systems
EMS	Emergency medical services
EMT	Emergency medical teams
Flu	Influenza
FMT	Foreign medical team
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GPW13	Thirteenth General Programme of Work (2019–2023)
HDI	Human Development Index
Hib	Haemophilus influenza b
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization (Health Fund)
HPV	Human papillomavirus vaccine
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICBS	Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics
ICD-11	International Classification of Diseases, 11 <sup>th</sup> revision
ICF	International classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
ICHI	International Classification of Health Interventions
IDF	Israeli Defense Forces
IHR	International Health Regulations (2005)
IMoH	Israeli Ministry of Health
IPV	Inactivated poliovirus
ISR	State of Israel
JEE	Joint External Evaluation
LE	Life expectancy
MASHAV	Israeli International Development Cooperation Agency
MDA	Magen David Adom
MMRV	Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella
MRC	Medical Research Council
NCD	Non-communicable Disease
NLHS	National List of Health Services
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development
SEEHN	South Eastern European Health Network
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SDR	Standardized death rate
Tdap	Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
WHA	World Health Assembly

## Executive Summary

This is the first time that Israel and WHO have signed a Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS).

The CCS is a medium-term strategic framework for cooperation between partners and outlines a shared agenda with priority areas of work for six years. This CCS document has five chapters. After the introduction, Chapter 2 depicts the public health status and health system in Israel, while Chapters 3 and 4 describe development cooperation and Israel's contribution to global health, as well as collaboration between Israel and WHO in the past. Chapter 5 outlines the strategic agenda for cooperation between Israel and WHO and provides details on the areas of collaboration between the partners. Finally, Chapter 6 describes the implementation of the strategy as well as the monitoring and evaluation process.

The CCS facilitates the national commitment to support implementation of the WHO General Programme of Work (GPW13) and the WHO EURO health policy framework Health 2020. It also specifies the priority areas for future technical collaboration at the national level.

The CCS has four strategic priorities:

Strategic priority 1 – Utilize e-health innovation as a tool for increasing the accessibility and quality of medical services. This includes developing priorities for public health action to support the adoption of e-health, big data in healthcare systems, ICD-11, ICHI and ICF, digital medicine, medical research and innovation as tools to strengthen health systems and provide more advanced coverage to promote general well-being. UHC innovation also extends to developing essential public health operations to assure governance for health and well-being, assuring a sufficient and competent public health workforce and sustaining organizational structures and financing.

Strategic priority 2 – Improve the quality of life throughout the life course with a focus on NCDs and CDs, personalized medicine and genomics. This includes addressing NCDs as a primary cause of mortality, in particular cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, cancer and diabetes in relation to risk factors such as tobacco and alcohol consumption, nutrition and physical activity, and adopting tailored interventions for high-risk populations, e.g. mothers and children and the elderly.

Strategic priority 3 – Advance emergency preparedness and response. This includes supporting countries to upgrade their “all-hazards” emergency cycle management (from prevention to preparedness and from response to recovery), contributing to implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) at national and global levels, sharing flagship goods such as emergency care systems (ECS) and emergency medical teams (EMT) and developing focused programming and advanced training to increase the emergency preparedness capacities of all countries.

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