

# Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Learning Platform

## WHAT IS THE EMR SDGs LEARNING PLATFORM?

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development presents an unprecedented opportunity for countries to achieve their development goals, especially those related to health. In the absence of a universal blueprint for achieving sustainable development, there is a need for countries to capture learning and share contextualized knowledge.

The Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Learning Platform is a collaboration between the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and the Division of Health Protection and Promotion at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. It is implemented by the Social Research Centre of the American University in Cairo.

The EMR SDGs Learning Platform is both an offline network and online virtual space. **The platform works to identify policies, approaches and interventions in countries of the region that contribute to achieving the health-related SDGs.**

The Learning Platform will ensure that:



Context-relevant knowledge is shared across EMR countries and contributes towards policy action.



Dialogue and debate on SDGs implementation are stimulated.



Active exchange and collaborative approaches promote activities towards the health-related SDGs.

### OBJECTIVES

- Establish an **inclusive learning platform** to facilitate knowledge and experience exchange across different government sectors, civil society and the public.
- **Build partnerships** between relevant institutions in the EMR to help unify, identify, advertise and promote activities towards achieving the health-related SDGs through multi-sectoral action.
- **Share tacit knowledge** and evidence on governance structures and mechanisms to support SDG achievement, while recognizing regional context.
- **Contribute to policy action** through evidence-based, multi-stakeholder learning modalities.
- **Develop an online web-portal** of resources, knowledge and regionally-specific approaches towards achieving the health-related SDGs.

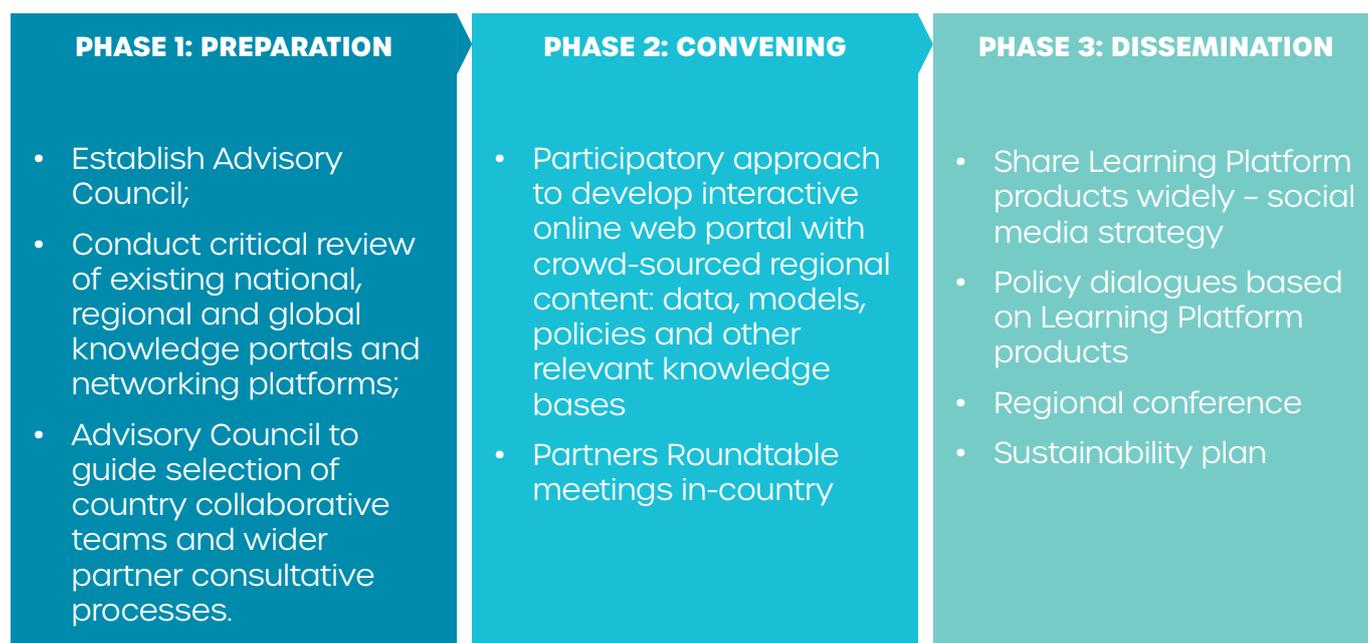
# APPROACHES

The EMR SDGs Learning Platform will draw on a diversity of regional experiences, including: multi-sectoral policies and approaches for health; advancing universal health coverage; strengthening the humanitarian-development nexus; and participatory governance towards achieving the health-related SDGs in the region.

# TIMELINES

The establishment of the EMR SDGs Learning Platform will take place in three phases over an 18-month period from mid-2019 until the end of 2020.

# ACTIVITIES



# EXPECTED OUTCOMES

It is expected that the EMR SDGs Learning Platform will provide a networking facility for partnerships in SDGs implementation, and facilitate the production and dissemination of research and policy notes, country profiles, development models, statistics, newsletters, and policy briefs.

**Sharing policy solutions, best practices, opportunities and challenges of health-related SDGs implementation in the Eastern Mediterranean region.**