

Madam Chair,

According to the Ottawa Charter, 1986 "Health is created and lived by people within the settings of their everyday life; where they learn, work, play, and love."

We live in a world where one in every 23 people now needs humanitarian assistance. In 2023, a record 339 million people will need humanitarian assistance and protection – a significant increase from 274 million people at the beginning of 2022.

Let's analyze these figures in the context of the Ottawa Charter - In 2023, health will not be created and lived by at least 339 million people as their daily life setting is surrounded by poverty, AK47, MI 4 and MI16, explosion, suicidal attack, flood, or earthquake, they do not learn as their schools are either destroyed or used as military bases or the children are involved in child labor market, their economy has collapsed and no employment opportunity for them to work, I don't comment on the word PLAY, as the depressive environment these 339 people are surrounded by has deprived them of being familiar with the term play or joy, and the last, LOVE, the term that in fragile and conflict affected settings is replaced with hostility and hatred, unfortunately.

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What I read is the reality of our world not in one or two countries, but in 69.

But should we stop there, NO, the nature and extent of the challenge should guide and alert us on how to balance our investments especially in humanitarian settings, as we are not living in a world with temporary emergencies anymore, but humanitarian crisis in the form of protracted conflicts, in my country, this is the 45th year of ongoing conflict.

The new context, requires new paradigm which should enable us incorporate our agenda for wellbeing and health promotion within the humanitarian aid programs, in refugee camps, along with our life saving packs, and this could only be realized if we stop neglecting the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus and take it as our guide in humanitarian settings and leverage the available opportunity to help people improve their health and wellbeing, giving them not only the food for today, but the hope for tomorrow as well, to enable them survive, smile and thrive in the midst of crisis, if we are determined to help them become more resilient for the post crisis future.

I thank you, Madam Chair,