

Primary Healthcare

Intervention by Egypt at the 156th WHO Executive Board Meeting

Distinguished Chair, Honorable Members of the Executive Board, and Esteemed Colleagues,

It is an honor to share Egypt's progress in advancing primary healthcare services as part of our commitment to achieving Universal Health Coverage and ensuring health for all.

Under the Presidential Initiative for Developing Primary Healthcare Services, we have established emergency clinics operating 24/7, complemented by specialists in internal medicine, gynecology, pediatrics, and dermatology who provide essential services daily. This initiative has expanded the number of facilities to 1,004, while 45 specialized training courses have strengthened the capacity of 135 healthcare workers.

Through the *Decent Life Initiative* targeting underserved rural areas, 178 healthcare facilities have been developed or newly constructed, alongside the light maintenance of 294 additional facilities. To ensure high-quality care in these communities, 39 training courses have been conducted for 1,190 healthcare professionals across four governorates.

The *Health and Development of the Egyptian Family Initiative* integrates healthcare with community-based services, providing nurseries and vocational workshops alongside primary healthcare. Eleven facilities have been operationalized under this initiative, emphasizing a holistic approach to family health.

In the realm of public health and family medicine, Egypt has partnered with WHO to enhance emergency operations in primary healthcare facilities and has supplied nearly 5,000 oxygen generators to strengthen our health system. Furthermore, 1,200 general practitioners have been trained, and over 2.8 million family medical records have been created to support comprehensive healthcare delivery under the Family Medicine Program.

Our ongoing efforts also include transitioning to an electronic automation system for primary healthcare, introducing electronic family files as part of the Universal Health Insurance Project. This reflects our commitment to modernizing healthcare infrastructure and ensuring equitable access to quality services for all Egyptians.

Egypt stands committed to strengthening primary healthcare, recognizing it as the cornerstone of resilient health systems. We remain dedicated to sharing experiences and collaborating with WHO and member states to achieve our collective health goals.

Thank you.