

# DR. HASAN EL-BOUSHRA WHO REPRESENTATIVE: LEBANON HAS ALL NECESSARY & EXCELLENT ELEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS MEDICAL & HEALTH FIELDS

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Here by is a resume' of WHO representative in Lebanon Dr. Hasan El-Boushra's interview with "Human and Health".

According to Dr. El-Boushra Lebanon possesses excellent and high quality professionals in all the medical specialties and in the various aspects of public health. Such potentials made of Lebanon the optimal place where patients can come to for quality medical care from neighboring countries. This task is facilitated by the beauty of Lebanon as a country and by its moderate weather in addition to the hospitality of its people.

Concerning the health status, Dr. El-Boushra pointed out to encouraging indicators on (1) fair distribution and availability of health services and relatively their easy accessibility, (2) the comprehensive medical coverage, and, (3) monitoring of diseases among other things. All these factors are related to the health system and relate to health economics as well as the burden of diseases.

He added that the WHO in collaboration and cooperation with the respective bodies in the various countries adopts strategies relevant to the situation in each country. Such strategies will be subject to evaluation and reconsideration every six years based on the progress and development made. In Lebanon, The health strategies are based on the good health coverage and trends for the spread of diseases with the ultimate objective, as set by the government, of securing the best quality of health services at the lowest



cost possible. The role of the non-government organizations is supportive and complementary to the Ministry of Health in this aspect.

There are now more than 40 projects being implemented in collaboration between WHO and the Ministry of Health. Such projects cover the various strategies for health relevant to Lebanon.

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