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Juzoor for Health & Social Development & Institute of Human Nutrition –Columbia University, Augusta Victoria Hospital, Nutrition Department – Ministry of Health

In cooperation with

The National committee on Nutrition, Pediatric Society and UNRWA

Are holding the 6th conference on Nutrition

“Childhood Obesity & Overweight: A Time for Action”

22-23 October 2018

Location: Millennium Hotel - Ramallah,

Conference Agenda

Day 1: Monday, October, 22, 2018

Registration	8:30-9:00	
Opening session	9:00-10:00	
Juzoor for Health and Social Development		Dr. Salwa Najjab Director
Institute of Human Nutrition - Columbia University		Prof. Richard J. Deckelbaum Director
Augusta Victoria Hospital		Mr. Waleed Nammour Chief Executive Officer
Pediatric Society		Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh President
UNRWA		Dr. Seita Akihiro Director of Health
Netherland Representative Office/ Palestine		Mrs. Floor Nuiten Head of Cooperation
Ministry of Health		HE Dr. Jawad Awad Minister of Health
Pillar 1: Childhood Obesity: a Growing Public Health Concern		
<i>First Session: Overall Framework and Concepts</i>		
Moderator: Dr. Umayyeh Khammash – Juzoor Panelists: Dr. Asad Ramlawi: Deputy minister at Ministry of Health Dr F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer: Professor of Medicine and co-Director of the Obesity Research Center at Columbia University Dr. Nasim Pourghazian: Technical officer - department of NCDs and mental health in WHO EMRO		
The double burden of malnutrition & the paradox of child obesity	10:00 – 10:15	Dr. Yehia Abed Public Health Professor Al-Quds University
Why is obesity a major risk factor for diabetes?	10:15 – 10:35	Dr. Ira J. Goldberg Director Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism New York University School of Medicine

“It’s not only health problems -The economic costs of obesity and its comorbidities”	10:35- 10:55	Prof. Richard J. Deckelbaum Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology Institute of Human Nutrition - Columbia University
Panel interventions, discussion and recommendations	10:55 – 11:45	
Coffee Break 11:45 – 12:00		
<i>Second Session: Overweight and Obesity among Children & Adolescents Regionally and in Palestine</i> Challenges and Lessons Learned		
Moderator: Dr. Abdullatif Husseini: Associate Professor, Institute of Community & Public Health/Birzeit University. Panelists: Dr. Mohammad Rasoul AL Tarawneh, Secretary General High Health Council – Jordan Dr. Salwa Massad, Palestinian National Institute of Public Health		
Prevalence of overweight\obesity and associated factors among Palestinian adolescents in governmental schools	12:00-12:15	Ms. Razan Ousama Salah School Health Officer - MOE
National nutrition surveillance finding concerning obesity and overweight among Palestinian children and school children	12:15-12:30	Ms. Lina Bahar Head of Nutrition Surveillance and Studies Division- MOH
Obesity in the NCD surveillance context	12:30-12:45	Dr. Mohannad AINsour Executive Director of The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET)
Childhood Obesity among Palestine refugees(UNRWA)	12:45-1:00	Dr. Yousef Shahin Chief Disease Prevention and Control, UNRWA - Jordan
Panel interventions, discussion and recommendations	1:00- 1:45	
Coffee Break 1:45-2:00		
<i>Third Session: Biologic Predictors of Childhood Obesity</i>		
Moderator Dr. Amin Thalji : General Director of Palestine Medical Council		
Obesity and NCDs: The use of biological markers of obesity in pediatric oncology	2:00- 2:20	Dr. Elena J. Ladas Associate Professor for Global Integrative Medicine - Columbia university Medical

		Center
Obesity in children: overview and obesity related genetic disorders	2:20-2:35	Dr. Abdulsalam Abu Libdeh President of Pediatric Society- Palestine
Panel intervention, Discussion and recommendations	2:35-3:00	
Video –Amsterdam Municipality Experience		
Lunch 3:00		

Day 2: Tuesday, October 23, 2018		
Pillar 2: Early Intervention Approach to Obesity Prevention		
<i>First Session: Early Intervention to Prevent Obesity</i>		
Moderator: Ms. Lana Nasser El-Deen: Head of Nutrition Department, AVH Panelists: Mrs.Selena Bajraktarevic - Chief Health and nutrition. UNICEF State of Palestine Dr. Adnan Ishaq: Head of Capital Health Directorate/ MOH- Jordan		
Early intervention – the most effective way to prevent obesity in adulthood	9:00 – 9:20	Dr. Michael Rosenbaum Professor, Pediatrics and Medicine Columbia University Medical Center
Healthy active living for infant and toddler	9:20 - 9:35	Dr. Hatem Khammash Pediatrician, Head of Neonatal Department at Makased Hospital - Jerusalem
Relationship between exclusive breastfeeding and lower risk of childhood obesity	9:35-9:50	Dr. Tareq Al-Asmer Palestinian Board of Pediatrics UNRWA Gaza
Monitoring and evaluation on the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative	9:50 – 10:05	Mr. Ala’ Abu Rub General Director of Health Policies and Planning - MoH
Panel interventions, discussion and recommendations	10:05 – 10:50	
Coffee Break 10:50-11:10		
<i>Second Session: School Based Interventions Panel</i>		
Moderator : Dr. Nahed Mikki, Pediatrician, Epidemiologist and Public Health Specialist Panelists: Ms. Suzan Totah : Head Division of Nutrition and School Canteen Department– MOE Ms. Hana Rabadi : Health and Nutrition Technical Lead World Vision Dr. Maha Noubani : Public Health Specialist - AlQuds University- Ms. Luma Tarazi: Psychologist- Juzoor Technical Advisor		
Nutrition Friendly School Initiative	10:55 – 11:10	Ms. Rihab Sandouka Community Development Unit Director- Juzoor
Panel interventions, discussion and recommendations	11:10-11:55	
Coffee break 11:55 – 12:15		
School Based Intervention		Juzoor - Video

Pillar 3: Policies and Strategies Interdisciplinary Approaches to National Policy		
Moderator: Dr. Mutasem Hamdan: Associate Prof. Health Policy & Management, Dean Faculty of Public Health- AlQuds University		
Panelists		
Dr. Mohammad Rimawi: General director of School Health Department - MOE		
Mr. Mousa Halayka: Director of Nutrition Department- MOH		
Mr. Haidar Hajjeh: Director of Quality and Certification Department- Palestine Standards Institute		
Mr. Nizar Basalat: General Director of Planning and Policy Making- Higher Council of Youth and Sport		
Mr. Abdalla Lahlouh: Deputy Minister- Ministry of Agriculture		
Translating body composition in children to policies for obesity prevention	12:15 – 12:35	Dr. Dympna Gallagher Director Body Composition Unit- New York Obesity Nutrition Research Center Columbia University Medical Center
WHO Recommendations and policy priorities for obesity prevention in Eastern Mediterranean Region	12:35 – 12:55	Dr. Nasim Pourghazian Technical officer at the department of NCDs and mental health in WHO EMRO
Panel interventions, discussion and recommendations	12:55 – 1:50	
Closing: Remarks	1:50 – 2:45	Dr .Asad Ramlawi, Dr. Umayyeh Khammash, Prof. Richard J. Deckelbaum, Dr. Mohammad Khalili Dr. Nasim Pourghazian
Conference recommendations	2:45-3:00	Dr F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer Mr. Amer Khader – Juzoor
End of Conference and Lunch 3:00		