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تهدي الممثلة الدائمة لجمهورية العراق لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة والمنظمات الدولية الأخرى في جنيف اطيب تحياتها إلى مكتب المفوض السامي لحقوق الإنسان/ الاجراءات الخاصة، وإذ تشير الى مذكرتها المؤرخة في 2022/4/20، تتشرف بإرسال مساهمات جمهورية العراق بشأن العنصرية والحق في الصحة.

تغتنم الممثلة الدائمة لجمهورية العراق لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة والمنظمات الدولية الأخرى في جنيف هذه المناسبة لتعرب لمكتب المفوض السامي لحقوق الإنسان/ الاجراءات الخاصة عن فائق التقدير والاحترام.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights/ Special procedures Branch, and with reference to its letter dated 20 April 2022, concerning racism and the right to health, has the honour to attach herewith the contribution of the Government of the Republic of Iraq on the above mentioned topic.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/ Special procedures Branch/ Geneva

Enclosed: contribution (English)



The Special Rapporteur on the Right of Health

Referring to your letter No. (12/h/4/713) dated in 28/4/2022 , regarding a questionnaire from the Special Rapporteur on the Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health , we would like to draw attention to the following :-

- Article (31/First) of the Iraqi constitution (Every citizen has the right to health care . the state shall maintain public health and provide the means of prevention and treatment by building different types of hospitals and health institutions , article (32) (The state shall care for the handicapped and those with special needs and shall ensure their rehabilitation in order to reintegrate them in to society , and this shall be regulated by law , the Disability welfare and Special Needs Act No. (38) of 2013 pursuant to the above mentioned constitutional text .
- The Health Insurance Act No. (22) of 2020 aims to ensure the quality and accessibility of the health services for all citizens everywhere and at any time . In addition to mitigate the financial burden on citizens , reduce poverty and realizing the principle of social solidarity and health justice .
- In order to reduce STDs , the Ministry of Health has approved a strategy to reduce and control communicable diseases 2018-2022 .
- The National AIDs center in the Ministry of Health has provided a complete care for cases of STIs especially (HIV/AIDs) , and coordination with state Enterprise for the marketing of pharmaceutical to provide treatment for AIDs and sexually communicable diseases .
- The Health Financing Project No. 21 of 2016 identified the categories which are exempted from the fees of medical examination and services provided by the health institutions which covered various categories like pregnant women , women of child bearing age , children under the age of 5 , those covered by the social welfare network , Internally displaced persons and residents of care homes and detention places .
- Placing mental health services provided for persons with disabilities among priorities in the executive plan of the Ministry of health` s strategy for mental health , and provide counseling , physical and mental rehabilitation for those who suffer from psychological crisis in order to overcome obstacles in their daily family , environmental and social life .
- Ministry of Health Teams conducted field visits to IDP camps to provide the necessary services , conduct health – awareness campaigns , x-ray

surveys , implement vaccination campaigns, reproductive health services , provision of testing , providing treatment for tuberculosis patients , medical check-up performed by healthcare professionals , referral to laboratory examination , detect of HIV infections and STIs , provision of prevention services and control of NCDs .

- A National plan prepared by the Ministry of Health which includes the provision of security and basic needs of human beings , provision of psychosocial support and psychosocial services , the plan focused on how to provide mental health services and psychological and social support in cases of humanitarian emergencies which raise the ability to heal patients of psychological disorders , social and psychological problems and rehabilitation.
 - Strengthening field visits to camps by work teams of the Ministry of Health to ensure longevity of health services provided to the displaced persons , along with field teams at the governorate level where there are displaced persons in addition to providing medicines and medical supplies for the camps and locations of the displaced persons .
 - Strengthening joint work mechanisms with the Ministry of Health of the Kurdistan Region with the logistical support according to the number of displaced persons who are available according to their governorate .Providing maternal and child care services , as well as nutritional assessment and early detection of chronic diseases , providing them with medicines for chronic diseases , and registration and follow-up of cancer cases .
 - Providing camps and places where there are displaced persons with ambulances and providing camps with mobile clinics in cooperation with the WHO and other supporting bodies .
 - Ministry of Health implements the child protection strategy and reproductive health strategy and the protocol of clinical measures for sexual assault survivors was signed as well as a report on resolution No. 1325 of (2014-2017) concerning women .
 - The Ministry of Finance annually allocate financial means to the Ministry of Health and its departments in all governorates in order to buy medicines , and include as many groups as possible in health services.
 - Follow- up on all legislations related to combating human trafficking through relevant committees as well as provide psychological and social support to survivors of violence and implement the strategies below :-
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- National Poverty Alleviation Strategy for the years (2010-2014) and (2018-2022)
 - National Strategy for Non-Communicable Diseases
 - Nutrition and Food Safety Strategy
 - National Mental Health Strategy
 - Strategy of Infectious disease control
 - Strategy to keep HIV/AIDS under control
 - Strategy of Tuberculosis Disease Control
 - Communication Strategy for Behavior Change
 - A Plan of Action for health , preventive and curative services for displaced persons and returnees to liberated areas
 - Health and Environment Strategy for the years (2018-2022)
- Providing Technical and Financial support for the implementation of the strategic plan for gender-based violence in coordination with the stakeholders in the Ministry of Health , other ministries , WHO, The International Organizations and Civil Society .
 - Opening of model centers specialized in Combating Gender-based Violence in the Health Departments of Kirkuk and Nineveh during the year of 2021 , and work is currently continuing to open two centers in the Health Departments of Anbar and Basra during 2022.
 - There are monthly statistics classified according to age groups and gender for survivors of Gender-based violence in the Health departments of Baghdad and the Governorates , which are included in the annual report of the Ministry of Health .
 - The Ministry of Health provides integrated health services according to a cross-sectoral referral system which are prepared with the support of international organizations and services are provided in all health institutions for different groups of society without discrimination (Men, Women, Children, Disabled persons and Survivors of Gender-based Violence .
 - In view of the above , racial considerations in the provision of services and health care in Iraq are not raised and did not take place previously , as services are provided to everyone without exception , including the displaced persons , foreign refugees residing in Iraq , and there are no racist manifestations in the provision of these services , whether on the basis of age or gender or gender identity , expression , sexual orientation , colour , descent , national and ethnic origin , disability and immigration.