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The IMOH, in cooperation with the ICRC, will start a certified training program on **Emergency Services and Trauma Management Cases** for doctors and nurses working in this particular field. The main objective is to improve the standard of emergency care in Iraq through:

- Training doctors and nurses involved in emergency care management to ensure that life threatening injuries are appropriately treated through the transfer of expertise in emergency services;
- Training in emergency services management and cases; specifically targeting doctors; and, training in essential nursing practice, especially infection control;
- Emphasis on training doctors and nurses to work as teams and promoting team spirit.

Two international teams of ICRC ER doctors and nurses will give the training sessions, in collaboration with the staff of two hospitals pre-prepared as training facilities: the Emergency hospital in Sulaimaniya and the Al-Sader Teaching hospital in Najaf.

Each training cycle will take 3-weeks and the program will continue for 2 years. In the future this program may be expanded to include more hospitals. The IMOH and ICRC will jointly certify each successful graduate from the course.

Each course will include 24 participants: 8 doctors and 16 nurses will be invited from various hospitals from all governorates of Iraq. The course emphasizes teamwork and each hospital will send a team of minimum 3 people (maximum 6); 1-2 doctors and 3-4 nurses from each hospital, taking into consideration the following important points:

Doctors:

The targeted participants are new graduates and junior doctors (referred to as "Rotators" in Iraqi terminology) and senior doctors (referred to as "Permanents" in Iraqi terminology), who are currently employed by the IMOH and/or who have a current or future role to provide emergency care within the health system.

Nurses:

Only nurses with the appropriate educational and training background will be included. They should also fulfill the following requirements:

- high-school degree in nursing and/or graduate of the Institute of Nursing and College of Nursing;
- the latter having been chosen among ER, ICU, Emergency OT nurses and post operative surgical ward (Preference being given firstly to college graduates, then institute graduates, then high-school graduates)

Upon successful completion of the training course and after passing an exam at the end, participants will receive a certificate issued jointly by the IMOH and the ICRC.

The ICRC, the IMOH and the doctors and nurses who participate all share the responsibility to ensure that the experience gained during these courses is properly utilized in Iraq's hospitals for the general good. Therefore, the ministry, in cooperation with the ICRC, will conduct monitoring visits to the different hospitals concerned, 4 months after the end of the course, to observe the implementation of what the participants learned.

Potential applicants and those nominating staff should bear in mind that the most important aim of this program is to enable participants to return to their hospitals with new knowledge and experience in order to contribute to the improvement of emergency care provision for the benefit of the whole Iraqi population.

Therefore, the Directorate of Health of each governorate is kindly requested to organize a list of potential teams by hospital and to ensure that every candidate has an individual application form dully filled.

Please complete the application form on the leaflet, ref: 09/899 or use the electronic version and send it to the DMOSS.

The IMOH and ICRC will jointly review all candidates and upon selection participants will receive an invitation to attend the training.

We would like to thank all Departments of Health for their support and cooperation in providing nominees, who fit the criteria, as swiftly as possible in order to take advantage of the time available and hold as many courses as possible



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