

**Foundation for the State of Kuwait Prize  
For the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes  
In the Eastern Mediterranean Region**

**GUIDELINES**

1. The State of Kuwait Prize, consisting of a certificate of award, a bronze medal and a sum of money estimated to US\$10,000\* depending upon the income generated by the capital of the Foundation, will be awarded *for an outstanding contribution in prevention, control and research in one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.*\*\*
2. The prize may be given to one or more persons, who have made an outstanding contribution *in prevention, control and research in one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.*
3. *Current and former staff members of WHO Secretariat shall not be eligible to receive the Prize.*
4. Recommendations for candidates to receive the Prize will be made on the basis of work accomplished taking into consideration the following criteria:
  - a. Contributions to the successful formulation and implementation of the national policy and strategy **for one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean;**
  - b. **Documentary evidence that research and other programmes have been translated into policy and contributed to improving prevention and/or control in one or more of the three diseases groups.**

**This might include research activities pertaining to:**

- i. **preventative measures at both population or individual level aiming at reducing the burden of these three diseases groups and exposure to their related risk factors;**
- ii. **training and education programmes building health workers ‘capacity in the management of one or more of these three diseases groups;**
- iii. **healthcare programme aiming at expanding universal health coverage and/or improving the quality of health care;**

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\* In 2012, during the Eighth meeting of the Foundation Committee it was decided to increase the amount of the Prize from US\$1,500 to US\$5,000.

In 2023, during the RC70 it was decided to increase the amount of the Prize from US\$5,000 to US\$10,000.

\*\* In 2009, during the Fifth meeting of the Foundation Committee it was decided that subject to availability of funds, the nomination in 2010 will be in all three areas.

\*\*\* In 2011, during the Seventh meeting of the Foundation Committee it was decided that the minimum score to obtain the prize is 60%.

- iv. **programmes addressing equity issues including innovative approaches targeting socially and geographically disadvantaged population such as *refugees and migrants* groups;**
  - v. **programmes involving communities in planning, management and evaluation of one or more of these three diseases groups**
5. To facilitate the assessment of the work done and the accomplishments, the most recent and pertinent publications and/or documentation directly related to the work should be submitted along with the nomination. Such material should illustrate clearly the nature of the work carried out, the results achieved, the difficulties and obstacles encountered; they need not necessarily have been published in a scientific or other journal. Inadequate or inappropriate documentary evidence of the work carried out will greatly handicap the selection panel in the assessment of the candidature.
  6. To further support the documentary evidence, if necessary, the *Secretariat*, on behalf of the *Foundation Committee*, reserves the right to examine the work done by the candidate/candidates and to seek further information from independent sources.
  7. *An Independent Expert Review Panel of renowned technical experts from within and outside the Region will be established for the endorsement of the Foundation Committee. The role of this Expert Review Panel will be to process all applications according to an agreed criteria and rank the nominations with recommendations for the potential nominees for the prize in a given year. The term of the Committee will be three years.*
  8. *The Foundation Committee decided that only one candidate would be selected from each programme area if the minimum score 60% has been obtained\*\*\*.*
  9. There should not be more than three recipients of the Prize per year. (one per disease group)
  10. These guidelines will be reviewed and updated periodically as considered appropriate