
Join MENAHR

MENAHR's Mission

MENAHR is a network on Harm Reduction for the MENA region and is Officially Registered in Lebanon as an international organisation under Lebanese presidential decree number 7491. The mission of MENAHR is to support, develop and advocate for harm reduction approaches in the field of drug use, HIV/AIDS, public health and social inclusion in the MENA region by following the principles of humanity, tolerance and partnership in respect to human rights and freedoms.

MENAHR's objectives

Objective 1: to create a conducive environment for the implementation and scaling up of harm reduction activities in the countries of the region

Objective 2: Build capacity and enhance knowledge and skills of governments & CSOs to increase availability, access and coverage of HR services for drug users

Objective 3: To increase availability, access and coverage of harm reduction services for drug users inside and outside prisons and for different subgroups of drug users.

Geographical Coverage

The following 20 countries are covered by MENAHR in the field of Harm Reduction:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, KSA, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Pakistan, Qatar, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, Yemen.

Eligibility

**MENAHR welcomes all individual and institutional memberships regardless of any form of discrimination including nationality, gender, sexual orientation, HIV status, drug use, etc.*

- Membership is open to any individual who is committed or is adherent to harm reduction, thus an applicant must be recommended by,
 - One person in the fields related to Harm Reduction,
 - Or
 - Two MENAHR Board Of Director (BOD) members,
 - Or
 - One BOD member and one Network Secretariat(NS) staff member
- Applicant must be over the age of 21 years old.
- Community activists, MENANPUD, scientific and professionals in the field of Harm Reduction will have priority in consideration for membership.

Benefits

Members will have the following benefits:

- Priority in being considered a participant in MENAHRRA training workshops, seminars, study tours, conferences, and scholarships.
- Increased chance of participating in international conferences on HIV and harm reduction
- Being a member in the PHP list, receiving newsletters and digests
- Opportunity to post events, announcements, and news regarding harm reduction on the MENAHRRA calendar, web site and newsletter.
- Opportunity to participate in and receive the results of MENAHRRA membership surveys.
- Receive latest information on upcoming MENAHRRA conferences and trainings hosted by the three Knowledge Hubs.
- Certificate of membership
- Priority in receiving technical support from MENAHRRA on harm reduction projects or any other field related needs, including shaping advocacy strategies and campaigns.
- Opportunity to provide input and shape agendas of MENAHRRA events
- The right to vote at ordinary and extraordinary General Assembly.
- Access to MENAHRRA training modules
- Occasional assignments with MENAHRRA based on qualifications.
- Access to MENAHRRA's online membership directory
- Access to MENAHRRA's list of experts, trainers, and consultants.

Responsibilities of Members

- Contribute to promoting MENAHRRA's public image
- Disseminate information about MENAHRRA's activities
- Invite new members to join the network
- Comply with MENAHRRA's mission and vision
- Take part in activities and plans as needed
- Ensure accountability, legal and ethical integrity of the network
- Support the BOD by partaking in committees as needed
- Share information on harm reduction in the region with the NS

Attend the General Assembly meetings, review and approve the network reports, future plans and suggest items for the agenda of the meetings.

Criteria

Type of Membership

There is no specific type for membership, everyone can join MENAHRRA and vote during its elections if she/he have the following condition:

- At least two years' experience in the fields of harm reduction, HIV, or drug use

Institutions

- Each institution will be entitled to one vote by one representative
- A maximum of ten individuals working in a Member-Institution can adhere as members
- **Official Representative**
 - One member, of the ten, will be eligible to vote on behalf of the institution, the remaining members will be voting under their personal names.
- Each member shall be entitled, through their Official Representative, to one vote at any General Assembly

Process

- Applicants can apply for membership through the MENAHRRA website.
- Applicant can also present application directly to MENAHRRA's NS
- Applying to MENAHRRA membership consists of filling out the application template and sends it along with the applicant's latest CV to the Secretariat.
- The application will be forwarded to the BOD for approval.
- MENAHRRA will notify the applicant of approval or non-approval of the application within one month.

Voluntary Donation & Fees

- First year of membership is free of any fees for all members
- The annual membership fee may be discounted or eliminated by the MENAHRRA BOD