

ADVOCACY IN PAN ARAB REGION

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The Pan Arab Region

- Pan Arab region / Arab world
- 22 states
- Large geographical area over two continents
- Increasing population number



436.080.728 inhabitants
5.6% of world's population

13 159 378 km²
8% of total world's landmass

The Pan Arab Region: Special concerns

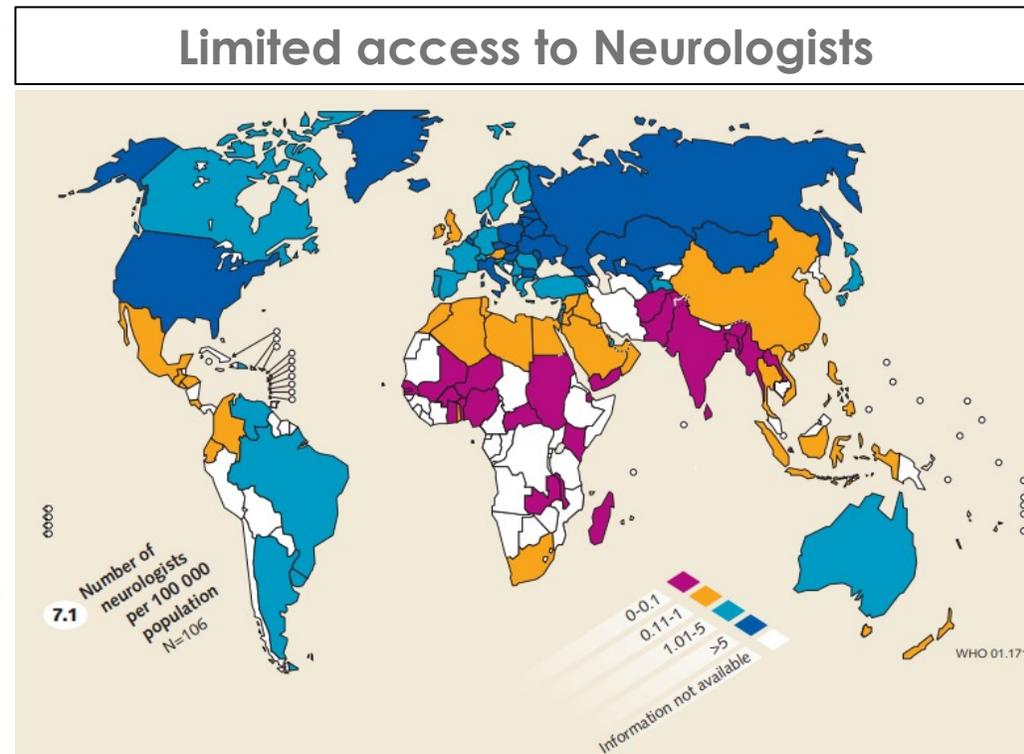
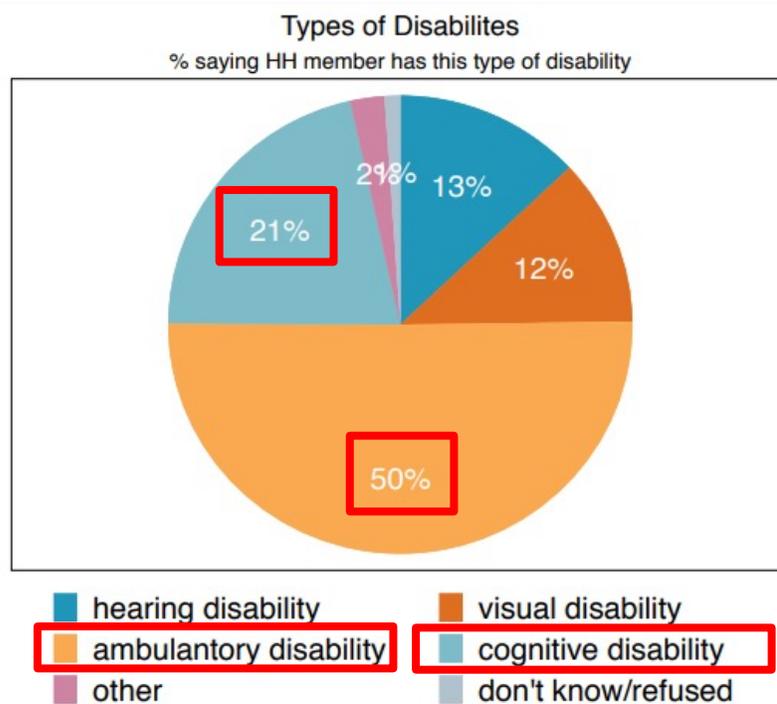
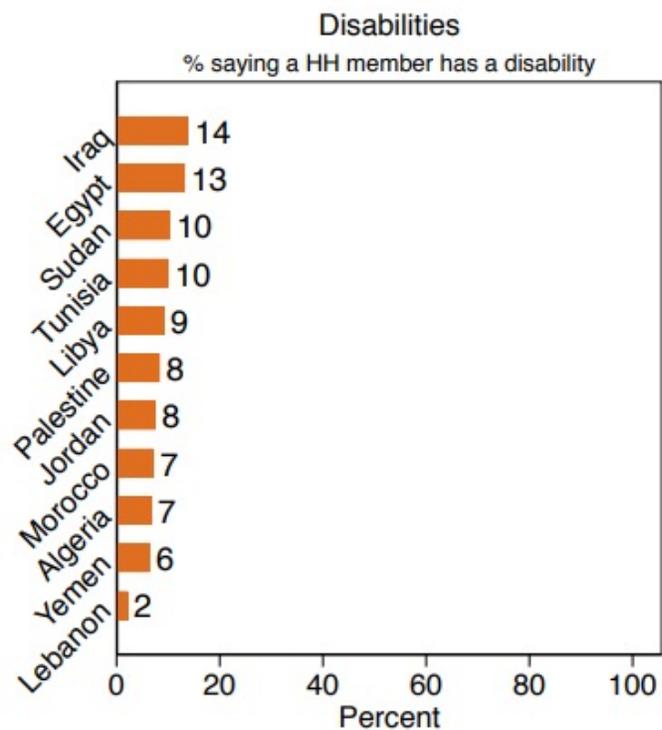
- **Diverse countries** ranging from the **richest states in the world to the poorest ones**.
- **Differences** in **health system size, structure** and **financing** in Arab countries.
- **Consanguineous marriage:**
 - **40-50%** of cases (versus **10.4%** of the global population).
 - Key role in the distribution of genetic disease.
 - 200/350 of genetic diseases in the Gulf region are recessive.

Kronfol. EMHJ. 2012

- **Increasing prevalence of neurological diseases**

Al-Ghanim et al. J Psychol Clin Psychiatry. 2020

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Thomas K. Challenges of health care in the Middle East and North Africa. August 2019

Neurology atlas. 2004

Advocacy in Pan Arab Region



Individuals

Patients, healthcare givers, citizens, ...

Groups

Patients associations, NGO...

Institutions

Hospitals, specialized institutions...

Country

State policy network

International

Pan Arab region alliance

Awareness



Based on cultural context

Advocacy in Pan Arab Region

Barriers to health care delivery in Arab countries

1. Geographical barriers
2. Cultural barriers
3. Organizational barriers
4. Financial barriers

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Strategies and goals

- **Raise awareness** about specific issues: Stigmatization, discrimination
- **Public awareness campaigns:** consanguineous marriage, diseases,
- **Provide health information** about the existence and relative advantages of health interventions/services, addressing issues of price, access and environmental support.
- **Easier access to health care providers:** Neurologists...
- Access to treatments

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