



Cancer Workstream (GHI-AUB)

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1. Training Needs Assessment Article
2. KI Interviews Article
3. High-Cost Cancer Treatment across Borders in Conflict Zones

3. Scoping Review
4. Bibliometrics Article

5. ICRIM Workshop
6. Landscape of Cancer Registration Article

Understand the challenges and barriers to cancer research and care in conflict settings

Identify knowledge base and research output on cancer in conflict settings

Assess the landscape of cancer registration and discuss strategies to improve cancer registration.



Design courses/training for research on cancer



Create a knowledge base for cancer research and care



Support & strengthen cancer registries

Need for building **evidence-based research capacity for cancer** in the MENA region

Progress Updates

- Published/Accepted
 - COVID-19: Regional perspectives from oncology centers in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Turkey – *Oncology central*
 - High-Cost Cancer Treatment Across Borders in Conflict Zones: Experience of Iraqi Patients in Lebanon – *JGO*
 - The economic burden of cancer care for Syrian refugees: a population-based modelling study – *Lancet Oncology*
 - Cancer research in the 57 OIC countries, 2008-17 – *E-cancer*
- Submitted
 - Scoping review on breast cancer research in conflict settings – *E-cancer*
 - Research Capacity and Training Needs for Cancer in Conflict-affected MENA Countries - *Annals of Global Health*
 - Strengthening capacity for cancer research in conflict settings: key informant insights from the Middle East - *Global Health Action*

Progress Updates

- In progress

- Cancer in conflict course (part of certificate in conflict medicine) – *early 2021*
- Bibliometrics Article on cancer research in conflict – *early 2021*
- Landscape of Cancer Registration Article – *early 2021*
- Availability and use of economic evidence for setting cancer priorities in the Middle East and North Africa: a thematic review – *mid 2021*

Cancer Control in EMR special edition

- Review article #1: Cancer care in humanitarian crises – *Q4 2020*
- Review article #2: Population-based Cancer Registry Status in the Eastern Mediterranean Region – with IARC (WHO) – *mid 2021*

Progress Updates

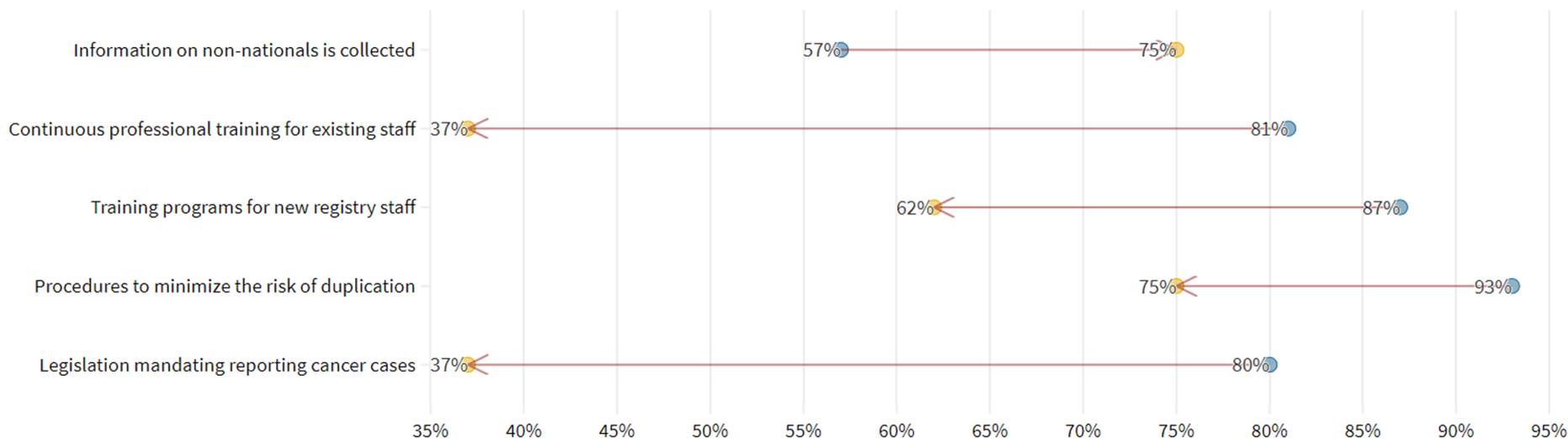
- Book chapter: Cancer care during war and conflict
Emirates Oncology Society as part of the book
“Cancer in the Arab world”

Landscape of cancer registration

- 23 registries from 19 MENA countries
- Conflict affected countries: Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Palestine

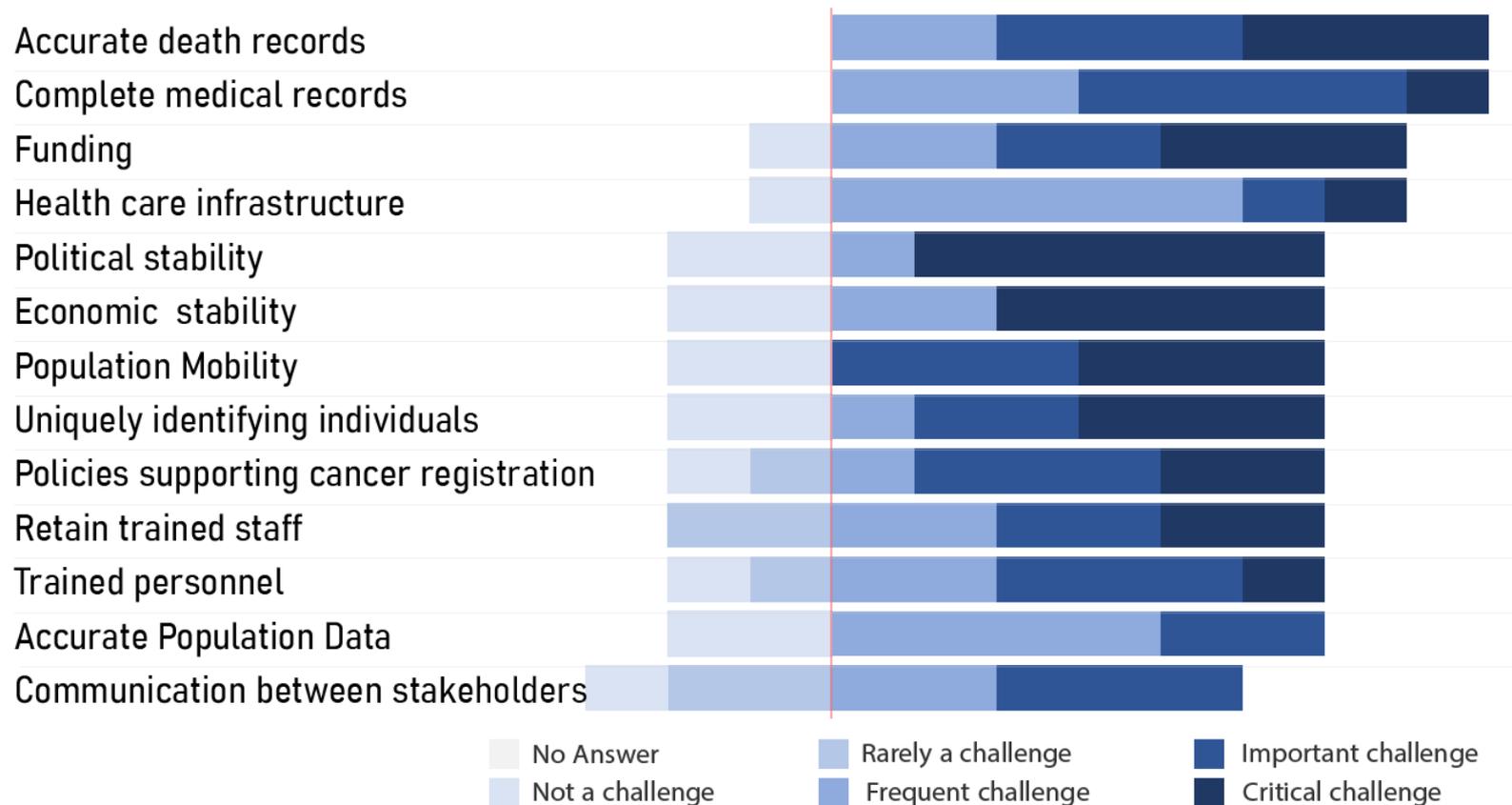
C. Properties of Cancer Registries in Conflict

● Non Conflict ● Conflict



Landscape of cancer registration

B. Cancer Registration Challenges in Conflict



COVID-19 and Cancer Global Taskforce

- Aims:
 - Assess the immediate impacts on cancer patients, services, and healthcare workers as well as treatment decision making and patient/doctor interactions
 - Address risks for longer term impacts on cancer outcomes, inequalities, research and affordability
 - Develop an integrated approach to build resilient cancer services with readiness to respond to new pandemics, especially in low- and middle-income countries whose cancer services are especially vulnerable in the face of this unprecedented public health challenge.

COVID-19 and Cancer Global Taskforce

- Projects

- Global survey on impact of COVID-19 pandemic on oncology services
- Silver-linings: Any positive aspects of the practice changes resulting from the pandemic that we should keep?
- Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on cancer research: opportunity to re-define global cancer research priorities

THANK YOU