



Statement by NIHR on World Health Day

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On April 7 every year, the world celebrates World Health Day in commemoration of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948, which was established in order to promote healthy life by addressing global health issues, encouraging the preparation of health research and studies and providing technical support to countries, in order to ensure equal access to basic health care services for everyone without exception.

This year's theme is “**Building a fairer, healthier world**”, based on the UN's belief that our world is not equal, and that COVID-19 has shown how some people can enjoy health in their lives, and obtain health services more than others, for reasons that are all due to the conditions in which they are born, grow-up, live, work and get older.

On the occasion of the World Health Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) highly appreciates the efforts made by the Kingdom of Bahrain to preserve the basic rights of citizens and residents alike, especially the right to health, by ensuring the provision of healthcare for all under the circumstances of the spread of COVID-19, and providing a number of safe vaccines and making them available free of charge to all without any discrimination based on race, religion, creed, economic or social status, etc.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it works closely with all partners and stakeholders on local, regional and international levels, in order to ensure that everyone enjoys their rights in line with the preventive measures recognised by the WHO.