



Statement by the NIHR on the World Autism Awareness Day

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The World Autism Awareness Day is commemorated on April 2 each year to confirm all countries' commitment to the values of equality, equity and inclusion for people with autism, and ensure that this group acquires the tools necessary to enjoy their fundamental rights and freedoms.

On the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) highly appreciates the royal directives on the implementation of the working-from-home system for employed mothers in light of the national efforts to address and prevent the spread of COVID-19, which has taken into account the humanitarian aspect through the presence of the mother in the morning period to take care of her children, especially women who take care of their children with disabilities.

On this occasion, the NIHR calls for more efforts to provide autistic persons with the necessary guidance and support, and to protect them in light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, which requires social distancing and self-isolation, since those measures are impossible for those who depend on the support of others for eating, dressing and pathing.

On this occasion, the NIHR states its continued efforts with all partners and stakeholders on local and regional levels in order to provide the largest possible support for autistic people during COVID-19 pandemic in order to keep them safe, and to ensure their exercise of their rights without any discrimination.