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### Background:

Ali Ardalan MD, PhD, is a pioneer in disaster risk management in Iran who was the driving force behind the creation of MPH and PhD training programs in disaster health studies. He is Director of Disaster and Emergency Health Academy at Tehran University of Medical Sciences, an Adviser to Deputy Minister of Health, and Director of Disaster Risk Management Office at I.R.Iran Ministry of Health and Medical Education. He is also a Non-UN member of the United Nations' Disaster Management Team in Iran.

Dr. Ardalan serves WHO/EMRO as a temporary adviser and collaborates with WHO/Geneva on advocacy of “health and disaster risk reduction” and “hospitals safe from disasters” worldwide, in line with post-2015 framework for DRR. He was selected by UNISDR as a candidate for the 2015 UN Sasakawa Award.

Since 2012, he is a Visiting Scientist at Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard School of Public Health, and a Senior Fellow at Harvard Humanitarian Initiative where working on development of two programs: “Middle East & North Africa Crisis Management” and “Public Health Leadership for Disaster Risk Reduction”.

Dr. Ardalan is author and co-author of over 70 articles in English and Persian peer reviewed journals and has contributed in 2009 UNISDR Global Assessment Report, and 2013 IFRC World Disasters Report. He was a guest researcher at the Karolinska Institute, and remains an active contributor to the Disaster Supercourse based in Pittsburgh University. Dr. Ardalan is an International Board of Global Network of Disaster Reduction (GNDR) where represents the Central Asia region.

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