



## **Municipality of Tehran**

**In the Name of the Most High**

**Head of Ageing and Life-Course Programme  
World Health Organization**

**Dear Madam/Sir,**

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Municipality of Tehran has started working on different fields of health and health service provisions with our aim to provide a universal coverage for all people living in Tehran since 8 years ago when I took office as the Mayor of this metropolitan city.

It is noteworthy to mention that we have focused not only on pure health provisions to the citizens but also we have specifically concentrated on social issues related to "Health" in a neglected area that is called the "Social Determinants of Health". We have gained a lot of experiences in this field and today we are proud to inform you that we have many success stories and Best Practices to share with all interested countries in the region and world over.

In "Social Determinants of Health" we have done many pilot studies and the municipality of Tehran currently owns many projects and programmes running in this important area respectively in the city.

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In this regard we have established 374 elderly clubs that are located in 374 neighborhoods of Tehran and it is our proud to inform you that the clubs currently have more than 75,000 active members. In the clubs we try to provide a relaxed environment to help old people maintain a



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normal and happy life. In addition to building the necessary infrastructure, we have also managed to get preliminary approval from the "City Council" to establish "Age-Friendly City" in Tehran in near future. The program covers all areas of need for the elderly people such as appropriate roads, pavements and transportation, active social participation, green and recreational spaces, instruments and places for physical exercises, social and cultural rights and so forth.

According to the above mentioned, I am confident that Tehran is a good candidate to join the "Age-Friendly Cities" network of the World Health Organization; a network that surely can and will provide useful information and technicality capable of enriching our endeavors and in my opinion an excellent place for sharing information and experiences to ensure the highest possible level of "Health" for all.

**Best wishes,**

**Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf**  
Mayor of Tehran