



## **Statement by the NIHR on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)**

### **Manama on June 15, 2017**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June every year, the UN celebrates the World Day of Awareness on Elderly Abuse, where this year's theme highlights the importance of strengthening the resolve of all the States and doubling their efforts to eliminate all forms of violence and abuse against the elderly people, in order to ensure the attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and fulfill its pledge not to overlook the rights of any category.

On this international occasion, the NIHR expresses its deep appreciation for the steps being taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to care for the elderly in order to ensure them a decent life, through the allocation of parents' clubs and homes to the elderly in all governorates of Bahrain, and the provision of the necessary health, housing and social services as well as the necessary material and moral support for their families to enable them to fully care for them, since the success in addressing discrimination against the elderly guarantees their rights and promotes their contribution to life as a prelude to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, which call for an end to cases of ill-treatment and violence against the elderly, in fulfillment of the commitment of the Goals of Sustainable Development not to overlook any human rights category.

The NIHR also affirms that its works with its wide mandate, which has been affirmed by its Establishment Law in accordance with the Paris Principles in the area of the promotion and protection of human rights, along with all official and civil authorities, to find appropriate legislations and non-legislative measures to protect the rights of this dear group in recognition of its role and enhancement of its position in the Bahraini society for its contribution to the march of renaissance and building of our dear homeland and the breeding of generations, in a view to repay them.