

## Statement by NIHR on the Occasion of World Health Day

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On the occasion of World Health Day, observed annually on 7 April and commemorated by countries around the world in recognition of the establishment of the World Health Organization in 1948, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) affirms the importance of this day in highlighting globally prioritized health issues and strengthening international efforts aimed at ensuring that all individuals enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, as a fundamental and inherent human right.

In this context, this year's slogan, "Together for Health... Standing with Science," underscores the importance of enhancing international cooperation in the health sector and supporting evidence-based policies and measures that contribute to protecting human health and reducing health risks. The slogan also highlights the need to invest in scientific research, foster innovation within the healthcare sector, and work toward developing health systems in line with global challenges, thereby contributing to the achievement of sustainable development goals and improving quality of life.

The National Institution for Human Rights commends the efforts undertaken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to develop the healthcare sector and enhance the quality of healthcare services provided, as well as the importance it places on human health through the provision of comprehensive and integrated healthcare services and the adoption of advanced health policies and programs focused on disease prevention and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. These efforts reflect the Kingdom's commitment to ensuring the right to health in accordance with international standards.

The National Institution for Human Rights further affirms its continued commitment to monitoring and assessing the extent of the Kingdom of Bahrain's compliance with international agreements and treaties related to the right to health, emphasizing the importance of sustaining national and international efforts to strengthen health systems and ensure access to healthcare services for all individuals without discrimination. The Institution calls upon all relevant stakeholders to work collectively to enhance health awareness and enable individuals to access affordable and equitable healthcare services that meet their needs, thereby ensuring their right to enjoy a healthy and dignified life.

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