Official Iraqi channel contributes to FH awareness

Since the start of 2018, an extensive FH awareness programme was launched in Iraq. Many community layers were included (specialist, GPs, teachers of primary schools, university staff, engineers, lawyers and even army soldiers). These great efforts succeeded in sharing knowledge and raising awareness about FH and its public health burden on the Iraqi community.

Recently, our voice reached the Iraqi Ministry of Health, which invited us to talk about this issue and to suggest strategies to tackle FH in Iraq.

On 24th September, the official Iraqi channel ‘Iraqia TV’ invited us, for the first time, to talk to the Iraqi people via this channel about FH including its prevalence, impact, importance of early diagnosis and proper treatment as well as our strategies to decrease its burden in the country.

Fifteen minutes of TV airtime allowed for this lay talk, which was supported by images of skin manifestations of the disease. This interview was posted on many social media platforms to be accessible to the public.

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Please follow the link to watch the interview: https://youtu.be/fezPBh7FELE