



World Health Organization



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Vision

The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations. Founded in 1948, it works for the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health.

The collaboration between WHO and Iran started in 1955 through a cooperation agreement. However, the collaboration increased when the country office became operational in 1984.

Our main counterpart in Iran is the Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MoHME), and the primary objective of our partnership is to provide technical support to Iran, within the overall scope of WHO's global, regional and country priorities.

Work in Iran

WHO supports MoHME upon request in the following areas:

1. Improving health equity and social determinants.
2. Strengthening primary health care (PHC).
3. Achieving universal coverage and improving equity in health care financing.
4. Enhancing capacities for improving leadership and governance.
5. Managing the epidemiological transition.
6. Strengthening partnership for development.

WHO supports the work of the government to address:

- Risks which compromise the effectiveness of the welfare system due to policies influencing the country's socio-economical status and need of innovation according to epidemiological transition.
- Regional disparities in certain critical health indicators such as under five mortality and maternal mortality rates.
- Risk of importation of certain communicable diseases from neighboring countries that have been controlled in Iran.
- Coping with harmful effects of the epidemiological transition.
- The need to upgrade the PHC system to meet the expectations and needs of the communities in view of their evolving social and economic situation.
- Reform of health care financing to make it more equitable and efficient, improving the leadership and governance function of the health sector.
- The need to develop links and lines of communications with countries in the region and in the rest of the world.