An IHR assessment mission was conducted in Qatar in September 2013. The mission aimed at strengthening communication with the IHR focal point, assessing national capacities, including those at points of entry, and supporting the government in developing a plan of action for IHR implementation to meet the deadline of June 2014.

The mission team visited field sites, including health and veterinary laboratories in Doha, the international airport of Doha, Ras Lafan and Messaied ports and Abu Samrah ground crossing to assess current IHR capacity requirements. An advocacy workshop was carried out on the last day of the mission to raise awareness on the IHR among different stakeholders and to present the findings and main recommendations of the assessment.

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