Provinces which have started implementing IMCI
Districts which have started implementing IMCI
Health facilities implementing IMCI Graphs
Health providers trained in IMCI
INTRODUCTION PHA\$E
MOH&ME official, written endorsement to implement the IMCI strategy
June 1997
National IMCI Orientation Meeting for decision-makers
November 1997
National Committee established, IMCI structure set up with appointment of IMCI coordinator and focal
November 1998

EARLY IMPLEMENTATION PHASE
Adaptation of MCI clinical guidelines completed
August 1998
First 6-day IMCI case management course for doctors at central level conducted
October 1999
IMCI early implementation phase started at district level (6-day courses for physicians and 10-day courses
January 2000
First IMCI follow-up visits after training conducted
March 2000
Review of Early Implementation Phase and planning for the Expansion Phase conducted

December 2001
EXPANSION PHASE
Beginning of expansion to the whole country
January 2002
IMCI introduced in pre-service training
March 2002
IMCI implementation
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Selection of provinces/districts for IMCI implementation
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Preparation of health facilities prior to IMCI implementation
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Targeted providers at health facility
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IMCI clinical guidelines
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IMCI case management training course duration
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Follow up after training (skills reinforcement)
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Supervision
Selection of provinces/districts for IMCI implementation
Criteria used to select provinces and districts for the early implementation phase have included
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Good physical access to central staff, to enable follow-up;
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Availability of committed staff at district level for planning and management.
Since 2002, all provinces in the country have been implementing IMCI. Top
Preparation of health facilities prior to IMCI implementation
Preparatory activities include ensuring regular supplies of drugs and vaccines. Top
Targeted providers at health facility□

Staff working at primary health care (PHC) facilities—including health centres and health houses—and managing children under-five are the primary target of IMCI in the country (see current coverage). Top

IMCI clinical guidelines

The generic WHO/UNICEF IMCI technical guidelines have served as a starting point for the development of the Iranian IMCI guidelines, prepared for different categories of health providers. Top

IMCI case management training course duration

Course duration varies according to the category of health provider involved:

Physicians: 6 days

Behvarzes: 10 days Top

Follow up after training (skills reinforcement)

The first follow-up visit after IMCI case management training is usually conducted 4 to 6 weeks after the course. Data collected during the visits are collated at central level. Top

Supervision

Supervision of health providers trained in IMCI is carried out using a 39-item supervisory checklist (in Farsi) developed specifically for this purpose. Top

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