



22 June 2021 – The World Health Organization is supporting the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of Islamic Republic of Iran to implement well established national plans to control and eliminate childhood cancer by providing over 10 essential medicines for childhood cancer.

The life-saving medicine, which was brought into the country earlier this year through funds provided by the European Union, is crucial in treating children with paediatric cancer at risk due to the scarcity or unavailability of specialised pharmaceuticals in light of the re-imposed unilateral sanctions in 2018.

The consignment was procured and delivered within the framework of a joint project entitled ‘Responding to emerging needs and enhancing the resilience of the most vulnerable, especially children, youth, and women in Iran’, and included medicines that are efficacious in treating the most common paediatric cancers. Their availability in the country will not only help reduce the suffering of children, but also make a contribution to lightening the protracted burden on affected families.

“The project will contribute to enhancing high-quality cancer care delivery to children by providing vital hard-to-find medications at a time of urgent need,” says Dr Christoph, Hamelmann, former WHO Representative.





