



5 February 2024, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran – A major project to advance universal health coverage has been completed by the WHO Country Office in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The project’s focus was to provide critical public health and humanitarian assistance to Afghan refugees, host communities and vulnerable populations across the country. Funded by the Government of Japan, the initiative was executed in close partnership with the Iranian Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

A main aim of the project was to fortify the Iranian health system’s readiness to detect suspected cases and minimize the risk of epidemic-prone diseases due to cross-border movements and within vulnerable communities. Working with the Ministry, WHO provided essential supplies and rapid test kits to chiefly target the country’s eastern provinces, which are major hubs of cross-border movement and home to refugee communities.





