



WHO team member checks on shipment at the warehouse in Tehran. Photo: WHO/Islamic Republic of Iran

Monday 6 December – In response to a temporary shortage of intravenous (IV) fluids in the country, the World Health Organization has procured and delivered 260 000 packs of various types of IV fluids to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The shipment containing US\$ 156 000 worth of IV solutions was released from Customs in Bandar Abbas in the southern province of Hormozgan last week and arrived in the capital city of Tehran on Monday 6 December.

“The supply of these life-saving IV solutions to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education at a time when health systems are under pressure due to COVID-19, will greatly assist the Ministry in providing timely health services to the Iranian community as well as Afghan refugees,” said Dr Syed Jaffar Hussain, WHO Representative and Head of Mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It contains 160 000 of ringer’s solution packs, 50 000 sugar solution packs, and 50 000 saline solution packs, all of which are essential to medical care and treatment of various inpatient and outpatient medical conditions.

The procurement is intended to help remedy a brief unavailability of IV fluids following a surge in hospitalized COVID-19 patients during what was called the fifth wave of the epidemic in the country in August through September.



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