



23 December 2023 – WHO has successfully led efforts to enhance environmental and occupational health, as well as patient safety, in the Islamic Republic of Iran's public health sector. This work has been carried out as part of a strategic partnership with the Iranian Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

Over 6 weeks, WHO-designated assessors visited and evaluated 236 facilities: 68 hospitals and 168 laboratories. Assessments were based on both national and international benchmarks that reflect the environmental and social standards set by the World Bank.

This huge achievement is part of the Iran COVID-19 Emergency Response Project – Additional Financing (ICERP-AF), a joint venture by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, World Bank and WHO. Initiated in January 2022 with a €76.1 million loan agreement, the project seeks to improve access to life-saving medical equipment and services across the country.

