Loading oxygen concentrator shipment to transport to Ministry of Health warehouses for use in Iraqi hospitals Baghdad, Iraq, 2 July 2020 – In light of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Iraq and the severe shortage of oxygen in hospitals, WHO has succeeded in securing 300 oxygen concentrators to be used in Iraqi hospitals according to the Ministry of Health's distribution plan. The concentrators were airlifted from WHO's warehouses in the United Arab Emirates and delivered to the Ministry of Health.

The 300 oxygen concentrators have arrived at a time in which COVID-19 case management hospitals are suffering from a severe shortage in oxygen supplies needed to treat COVID-19 moderate and severe cases with respiratory difficulties.

"The new donated oxygen concentrators will save more lives," said WHO Iraq Representative Dr Adham Ismail, "Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, WHO has been fighting the pandemic with every tool at its disposal to save lives and support countries with limited response capacity, including Iraq".

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