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COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2017–2022

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UNFPA is the UN's Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) agency with the mission to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. During its Sixth Country Programme (2017-2022), UNFPA partnered with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cover the needs of the most vulnerable populations.

THEMATIC AREAS



**Afghan Refugee
Women and Girls**



Pregnant Women



Older Persons



Data and Evidence



**Women and Girls
in Vulnerable Situations**

MODES OF ENGAGEMENT WITH PARTNERS

- Advocacy
- Knowledge Management including research, studies, data generation and collection
- Capacity Development including skills, processes, procedures and resources
- Service Delivery
- Strengthening partnerships

PARTNERSHIPS

Implementing partners

Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MoHME); Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare (MCLSW); Secretariat of the National Council of Elderly (SNCE); State Welfare Organization (SWO); Statistical Research and Training Center of Iran (SRTC); Statistical Center of Iran (SCI); University of Tehran (UT); Iran University of Medical Sciences; Pars Development Activists (PDA); Relief International (RI)

Coordinating bodies

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA); Bureau of Aliens and Foreign Affairs (BAFIA)

Donors

Australia; European Commission Humanitarian Branch (ECHO); European Union (EU); Italy; Japan; Netherlands; Norway; UNFPA Humanitarian Thematic Fund

UN SISTER AGENCIES

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); UN Children's Fund (UNICEF); United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC); World Health Organization (WHO)

Other Partners

Asia-Pacific Development & Communication Centre (ADCC); Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO); HelpAge International; International Confederation of Midwives (ICM); Iran Scientific Association of Midwifery (ISAM); Statistics Korea (KOSTAT); United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD)

LESSONS LEARNED AND WAY FORWARD



The evaluation of the Sixth Country Programme (2017-2022) for UNFPA Iran found the programme to be relevant, efficient and effective. The evaluation also called for a greater focus on quality of care, a more structured data systems informed by significant attention to people living in vulnerable situations, strategic use of emerging demographic dynamics as the driving force for development; adoption of a holistic life-cycle approach in programming; and a more efficient and effective humanitarian response.



Challenges faced by UNFPA Iran in the Sixth Country Programme (2017-2022) included navigating natural disasters and responding to emerging crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic. In spite of challenges encountered, UNFPA was considered a credible partner by key stakeholders and United Nations organizations, with the ability to adapt flexibly to specific contexts.



UNFPA will further invest in supporting the government of Iran towards implementation of action plans and strategies jointly developed for building resilience and empowering youth, women, and older people, through innovation, creativity and partnership. This will be done with the spirit of delivering as One UN in close partnership with our UN sister agencies under the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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PREGNANT WOMEN



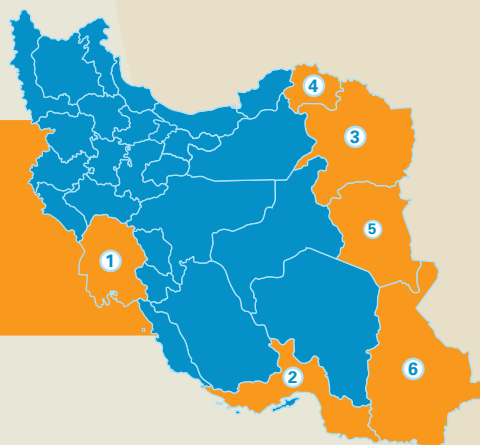
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UNFPA is the UN Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) agency. During the Sixth Country Programme (2017-2022), UNFPA and partners strived to ensure equitable access to quality safe motherhood in an effort to reduce maternal mortality.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

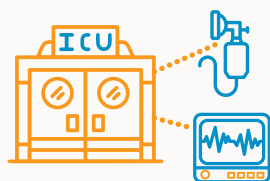
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| ②—Hormozgan | ⑤—North Khorasan |
| ③—Khorasan Razavi | ⑥—Sistan Baluchestan |



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



200 midwives in Zahedan (Sistan Baluchestan) trained in conducting natural delivery



12 Maternal Intensive Care Units in hospitals equipped with life-saving medical devices



488 fetal monitoring machines delivered to COVID-free health centers during the pandemic



3 oxygen generator systems delivered to 3 hospitals in Sistan and Baluchistan



31 portable sonography devices delivered to 31 hospitals in different cities during the COVID-19 pandemic



6 Universities of Medical Sciences equipped with ICT equipment during COVID-19 pandemic



124 midwives trained nationwide on advocacy planning processes including preparation of guidelines for respectful maternal care and normal delivery



Evidence-based actions plans to reduce preventable maternal mortality developed for 6 provinces with the highest maternal mortality ratios



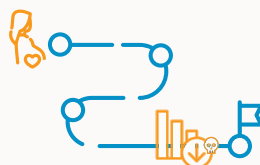
Antenatal Care & Postnatal Care guidelines tailored to COVID-19 pandemic developed and digitalized



Action plan for the policy document to promote natural delivery with focus on respectful maternity care developed



Costed package for maternal health developed



Roadmap on prevention of maternal mortality developed

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



- Assessment of midwifery education curriculum based on ICM standards (2022)
- Comprehensive situation analysis of midwifery in I.R. Iran (2022)
- Assessment of behaviors of pregnant women during COVID-19 pandemic (2021)
- Study on maternal mortality trends in the country (2018)
- Situation analysis for maternal deaths in 3 provinces of Sistan and Baluchestan, Hormozgan and Bushehr (2018)
- Situation analysis on preventable maternal deaths (2017)
- Fact sheets developed on causes of Maternal Mortality (MM) and trends (2016-2018)

PARTNERSHIPS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Health and Medical Education

OTHER PARTNERS:



ADCC
Enhancing Capacity in Development
Asia-Pacific Development & Communication Centre



International
Confederation
of Midwives

UN SISTER AGENCIES:



World Health
Organization



COORDINATING BODIES:



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

DONORS:



European Union
Civil Protection and
Humanitarian Aid

LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PLANS



As a result of sustained advocacy efforts, UNFPA succeeded in reviving its partnership on midwifery with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, international organizations and other UN agencies. The pivotal role of midwives will continue to be reinforced in the next programme cycle, to promote positive childbearing experiences and natural childbirth. Interventions will be targeted to women and mothers in vulnerable situations for their equitable access to quality maternal health services. Research and in-depth data analysis will remain central for evidence based interventions.

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WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VULNERABLE SITUATION



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GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

● Nationwide

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



400 female heads of households, including women with disability, provided with employment during COVID-19 in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) production units



494 households in a village in Qazvin province covered by community-based program to protect women and girls affected by disaster. This included the formation of local village groups, development of guidelines, and training on prevention and response to domestic violence among community members



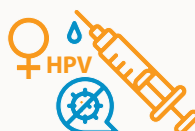
1,428 teachers and students from selected universities trained on risky behaviors for the prevention of HIV/AIDS, through attending a series of 38 workshops on the topic



883 women and youth trained on life skills and vocational skills, jointly with UNDP, and with the support of the European Union (EU)



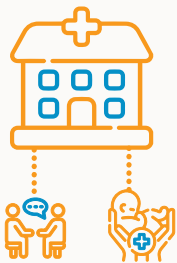
40 women counseling centers across the country trained on harm reduction to provide services to women at most risk of drug use, through various workshops



10,500 SRH commodities and **1,240** doses of HPV vaccines delivered to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education to cover the needs of women at risk of HIV



Single Window of Social Support developed, as an integrated social service delivery platform for social protection programmes offered to Female Heads of Households



21 women counseling centers were equipped and continued their operation through provision of salaries for 13 midwives and psychologists in 6 provinces to provide SRH and mental health services to the most at risk populations



91 health experts in the Ministry of Health and Medical Education trained on prevention of burnout, and 750 experts trained on HIV prevention innovative approaches, from the State Welfare Organization, Prison Organization, Ministry of Sciences, Medical Universities, and Iranian Red Crescent Society and others

ADVOCACY



Raised public awareness through National Campaign to Promote Healthy Family Relationships jointly with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education

Technical inter-sectoral roundtables held to discuss challenges of Female Heads of Households



Raised public awareness on women's reproductive health and choice, and women empowerment through social media campaigns: "My Life, My Health, My Choice" and "Break the Bias"



KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



- Mechanism (on-line dashboard, including construction of related indicators) to track socio-economic vulnerabilities of female heads of households in order to better respond to their needs through provision of social support services and social protection (2021)
- Women Economic Participation Report (2019)
- Impact Assessment of Female Head of Household Empowerment Programmes in Iran (2018)

SERVICE DELIVERY



5,000 vulnerable Female Heads of Households in reproductive age with disabilities provided with cash vouchers and PPEs in Sistan and Baluchestan (2021)



40 women centers and **229** Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) centers nationwide equipped with dignity kits to better serve over **25,000** vulnerable women

PARTNERSHIPS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare



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Ministry of Health and Medical Education

UN SISTER AGENCIES:



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UNAIDS
UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

COORDINATING BODIES:



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

DONORS:



European Union



European Union
Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid



Norway



Netherlands

LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PLANS



UNFPA Iran will continue to support the government in implementing national plans to empower Female Heads of Households through targeted training on life, entrepreneurial, and vocational skills. UNFPA Iran will also work towards developing the capacity of service providers to promote healthy family relationships and provide health and well-being services to women and girls in low-income households. It will generate evidence to scale up the provision of social welfare services for poor women living in vulnerable situations, including older women and women with disabilities.

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OLDER PERSONS



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UNFPA is the UN Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) agency. Using a lifecycle approach - where investment in SRH starting from childhood to youth and middle-age will secure healthy ageing- UNFPA supported its partners during the Sixth Country Programme (2017-2022), to address the needs of older persons.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

● — Nationwide

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



120 high level experts from selected cities and municipalities in Iran trained on age-friendly environment



280 professionals from the State Welfare Organization and Ministry of Health and Medical Education trained on health and social care of older people during COVID-19



113 centers for older persons under the State Welfare Organization equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Isfahan Age Friendly City Model developed and implemented



14,000 older persons including those with disabilities benefited from **1,000** portable oxygen concentrators in **310** centers under the State Welfare Organization (SWO) during the COVID-19 pandemic



Community-Driven Development (CDD) model to improve the welfare of older persons in select urban and suburban areas, developed and adopted



COVID-19 protocols for prevention, resilience and clinical measures for older persons developed and disseminated among communities



Guidelines and comprehensive book on Age Friendly Environment Developed

ADVOCACY



60 educational videos on infection control widely publicized through State Welfare Organization (SWO) centers for older persons during COVID-19



25 countries and **400** participants exchanged knowledge on income security, care, and social inclusion in the HelpAge Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on "Family, Community and State in Ageing Societies", held in Tehran



Bill of Rights to protect rights of older persons in place



National Strategic Document on Older Persons developed, approved, and announced to line ministries



8 countries and over 65 experts shared good practices on rapid population ageing in the Regional Forum on Policy Implications of Population Ageing in Tabriz

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



- Rapid situation assessment of older persons during the COVID-19 pandemic (2021)
- Situation analysis of older women living alone (2021)
- Study on socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on older persons (2020)

PARTNERSHIPS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:



State Welfare Organization of Iran



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Health and Medical Education

OTHER PARTNERS:



Islamic Republic of Iran
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UN SISTER AGENCIES:



COORDINATING BODIES:



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LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PLANS



UNFPA will continue its long standing partnership with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to intensify its outreach to older persons, especially older women and people with disabilities. This will be done through continued generation of evidence, capacity building including establishment of ageing information and management systems, continued advocacy for age-friendly and disability-friendly environments, promotion of active and healthy ageing, and analysis of various social protection programmes and social security schemes to cover the needs of older persons.

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GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

● Nationwide

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



35 senior managers and experts trained on conducting paperless census



Post Enumeration Census conducted ensuring generation of quality data



60 experts of the Statistical Center of Iran (SCI) trained on transitioning to Register Based Census (RBC). RBC relies on data collection from administrative registers, and has the advantage of reducing costs, improving data quality and producing more frequent information

ADVOCACY



South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) with Economic Cooperation Organization and Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT) on Register based Census (RBC) used efficiently in the development of an action plan for RBC (2022)



Widespread dissemination of the Population Situation Analysis Report including essential information on key population issues and the evolving age structure across various technical and policy platforms targeting government officials and academics



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LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PLANS



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AFGHAN REFUGEES



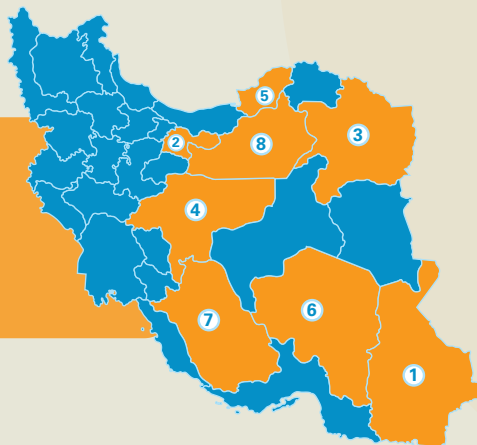
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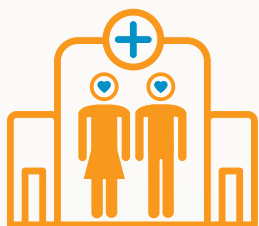
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GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

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| ①—Sistan & Baluchistan | ⑤—Golestan |
| ②—Tehran | ⑥—Kerman |
| ③—Khorasan Razavi | ⑦—Fars |
| ④—Isfahan | ⑧—Semnan |



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



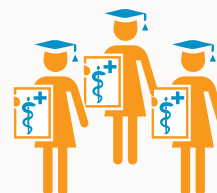
21 centers equipped for the provision of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services country wide



21 staff of local and international NGOs trained on protection of women and girls in emergencies



156 community volunteers trained on protection of women and girls in emergencies



50 Afghan students trained as midwives with Bachelor and Master's degrees



Partnership with private diagnostic laboratories to improve access to reproductive healthcare related primarily diagnostic services, amongst vulnerable Afghan women, across the country



Faculty strategic plan and curriculum developed for the Midwifery Department of Kabul Medical University, through a south-south partnership by carrying out needs assessment and consensus-building workshops in site using Iranian expertise

The following medical equipment were delivered to the Midwifery Office of the MoHME to save Afghans and host communities:

15 fetal monitors



12 labor beds



39 fetal heart rate detectors



7 sonography machines



8 fully equipped A2 standard ambulances procured and delivered to the MoHME, to respond to the needs of Afghan and Iranian women, especially pregnant women in remote areas



1,455 heaters distributed to respond to the Afghan refugee influx in the border provinces of the country



Maternity ward of Shahid Akbar Abadi Hospital located in the southern part of Tehran renovated and equipped

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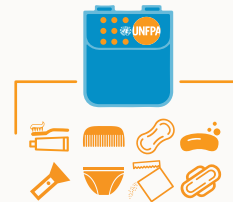


- Population situation analysis of Afghan refugees and immigrants in Iran (2022)
- Situation analysis on maternal and sexual and reproductive health status of Afghan refugee and immigrant women in Iran (2022)
- Review of the health situation, and HIV status of Afghan key population (2022)
- Assessment of the maternal health situation among Afghan refugees in Mashhad (2019)

SERVICE DELIVERY



21,020 households benefited from awareness building sessions on Sexual Reproductive Health and protection of women and girls



Over **10,000** dignity kits distributed

PARTNERSHIPS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Health and Medical Education



Iran University of Medical Sciences



Pars Development Activists (PDA)



UN SISTER AGENCIES:



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency



World Health Organization



UNICEF

COORDINATING BODIES:



BAFIA
Bureau for Afghan Affairs and Foreign Immigration



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

DONORS:



Japan



Italy



Australia



UNFPA Humanitarian Thematic Fund

LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PLANS



UNFPA will continue its long-standing partnership with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in humanitarian situations to enhance protection and promote health and well-being of women and girls. Service provision including Afghan community-based interventions and services such as cash assistance to the most vulnerable women and girls will be added to UNFPA programming. UNFPA will further focus on enhancing the capacity of the health system through mobilizing resources and medical commodities required for the immediate health care needs of Afghan women and girls and host communities.