

**Statement of the I.R. Iran on
"Progress Report of human organ and tissue transplantation"**

Organ transplantation in Iran started in 1968 with the aim of saving people's lives, ensuring their health and reducing their suffering. After the approval of the brain death protocol in 2000, the organ transplantation grew significantly. It has led to saving the lives of more than 70 thousand patients in need. Universities of medical sciences in different provinces have made possible to carry out all organ and tissue transplants with the training and education of specialized physicians. This is an area that we transfer our experiences to the other interested countries.

There are multitudes of actions in the area of national transplantation network, which I mention a few as such:

1. Increasing transplantable organs through early detection
2. Increasing public awareness and advocacy to increase organ transplant donors
3. Setting up fair allocation of recipient patients based on registry systems
4. Accepting experts from abroad in the field of transplantation and organ donation
5. Preservation of the organs of cardiac and brain dead donors for transplantation by DCD method
6. Leveraging country capacities for transfer of a transplanted organ, through air ambulances and the armed forces

Since Iran is a leading country in the EMR in the area of transplanting organs in the region; to strengthen the current capacity, we expect WHO to support the I.R. Iran in the following areas:

- To introduce Iran as educational hub in the EMR
- To support registering the donation and transplantation information in the international registry systems
- To introduce Iran's transplantation centers to donors and recipients of fellow citizens at the regional level.
- With the aim of rolling out the current services in the country and provide services to other countries in the region, to support I.R. Iran to receive the following equipment:

- Five ECMO devices
- Seven normothermic perfusion devices
- Five flexible bronchoscopy devices