Field Visit Programmes:

Primary Health Care Network, Islamic Republic of Iran
Tuesday, 17 Jan 2006

Commissioners visited three District Health Centers (DHCs) and Health Houses located in three different parts of Tehran province get to know the procedures and working of Primary Health Care network in local area and they had discussion with health workers on documentation and relationship between PHC network performances with social determinants of health that reflected comprehensive governmental action on social determinants. Commissioners visited IKRF which has 27 years of experience on social activities. The IKRF is under the direct supervision of His Eminence Ayatollah Khamenei, Leader of IRI, and its terms of association has been approved and signed by the late Imam Khomeini. During the visit Seyed Reza Nayyeri, Head of IKRF presented the work of IKRF and its vision and activities and invited the commission to work closely with them.

Islamic Republic of Iran's achievement in Social Determinants of Health:

During Commissioners meeting with Dr Kamran Bagheri Lankarani, Minister of Health and Medical Education, IRI. The Minister expressed the improvement of health condition over the past 27 years, including average Life expectancy years. Information from the Ministry is indicated below:

**Increased life expectancy in Iran between 1956 – 2001, according to a study by Iran Statistics Center and the Ministry of Health**
Infant Mortality rate:

The trend of change in child (1 – 59 months) and neonatal mortality rate in I.R. Iran during the recent 30 years (Mortality History-DHS)
The trend of change in neonatal and child mortality rate (1-59 months) in rural population according to vital horoscope among the years 1988 - 2002