

Statement of I.R. Iran on:

Poliomyelitis eradication and polio transition

- Regarding the provision of more financial resources from national and international resources, this action has a positive effect on accelerating the achievement of Polio eradication. Some international partners, whose mandate is the health of immigrants, refugees and displaced persons, can assist in providing resources. Thanking UNHCR, the Polio and measles vaccination campaign in 16 hosting provinces of vulnerable populations in 2023, is a valuable example of such a support. We call on WHO to strengthen coordination with other UN agencies/partners with an interest in public health and humanitarian efforts in vulnerable countries.
- Iran's vaccination coverage has always been around 99% at the national level and more than 95% in all cities. The most important factors of this achievement have been the integration of the program in the PHC system and the domestic production of oral polio vaccine
- One of the threatening factors of the overseas population relocation program is the refugee issue, which is very serious and affects many indicators.
- Vaccine evasion is a major threat to public health. IAG (Islamic Advisory Group) can be a good guide for member Muslim countries in the field of risk communication and increasing community participation
- We are really concerned about the VDPV outbreak issue in Gaza and we urge WHO and all UN agencies to address this issue at the earliest with all stakeholders and those countries engaged in the conflict.

Madam/Mr. chairperson, thank you for this opportunity and many thanks for your attention.