

Under Raisi's presidency

Iran's health system forever transformed for the better



Amidst the coronavirus pandemic, Iran's government, led by the late president Ebrahim Raisi, achieved significant milestones in various sectors, notably transforming the nation's health system. During the early days of Raisi's tenure, which started on August 3, 2021, the country was still grappling with the effects of the pandemic, but the government's swift procurement and distribution of vaccines turned the tide, ensuring the safety of countless citizens.

Within a brief five-month period after the administration took charge, over 131 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were imported into the country. According to data released by the customs and the Food and Drug Organization, Iran's vaccine imports surged sevenfold within those five months, compared to the entire term of the previous administration. This rapid scale-up in vaccine acquisition was a critical component of Iran's comprehensive efforts to protect its population from the devastating effects of the pandemic.

Nurses were heard this time

Ali Abbasi-Beglo, a board member of the Emergency Medical Association of Iran, highlighted the dedication of Raisi's government to nurses in an interview with Ana news agency. According to Abbasi-Beglo, Raisi's focus on the nation's health system was evident from the onset of his presidency, as demonstrated by the hiring of over 10,000 nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He further added that giving merit pay to healthcare workers was among other initiatives prioritized by Raisi's government that reflected its commitment to the well-being of healthcare professionals.

Pharmaceutical breakthroughs

Significant strides were made in the pharmaceutical sector, as confirmed by the head of the Food and Drug Organization, Seyyed Heydar Mohammadi. For example, according to Mohammadi, 17 new drug production lines were launched and several innovative medications were introduced during president Raisi's tenure.

The Darooyar project, another notable development, was first implemented in the Iranian calendar year of 1401 (ended March 20, 2023), paving the way for the domestic production of a range of high-tech medical equipment and supplies, such as linear accelerators, CT scan machines, defibrillators, respiratory ventilators, anesthesia machines, and specialized dialysis machines, along with a variety of required disposables. These advancements were made possible through the dedicated efforts of knowledge-based companies and the support of president Raisi.

Mohammadi emphasized the late president's commitment to bolstering food security and informing the public about healthy foods, which resulted in tangible improvements by the end of the calendar year of 1402 (ended March 19, 2024). The president's unwavering support for producers of healthcare products and his focus on improving the nation's health were evident in the prioritization of healthcare resources, such as medicine, equipment, and infant formula, as well as his frequent orders

to accelerate the provision of financial assistance to the health sector.

Knowledge-based health firms under spotlight

The focus of Raisi's government on knowledge-based companies in the health sector stands out as one of its exceptional accomplishments. Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini, vice president for parliamentary affairs in the cabinet of Ebrahim Raisi, underscored the government's dedication to supporting these companies, particularly in medicine and health. According to Hosseini, previous governments of Iran had not prioritized this area, resulting in a lack of support for knowledge-based companies and their innovative products. However, Raisi's government made a concerted effort to champion the nation's brightest minds and their groundbreaking ideas. In line with this vision, various ministries, including oil, energy, and industry, were mandated to provide backing to their relevant knowledge-based companies.

This new emphasis on nurturing Iran's exceptional talent is expected

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