

Pakistan, Iran to get together for enhancing health sector

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Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Co-ordination in Pakistan has recently conducted discussions with Iranian officials about the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries in the public health sector.

The minister lauded the universal public health coverage of Iran during her visit to Tehran. She stated that family planning, primary public health, pharmaceuticals, polio eradication, controlling infectious and non-infectious diseases and Iran's health insurance system and health reform plan are areas in which both countries can collaborate and benefit from each other's experiences.

Both sides also agreed to enhance cooperation in the public health sector, including medical education and follow upon the memoranda of understanding signed between the two countries, when Iranian President Hassan Rouhani visited Islamabad in March last year.