Infection prevention and control
• 8 vaccination sites in 8 districts assessed and recommendations provided on infection prevention and control measures.

Supporting national vaccination systems and data management
• National Deployment and Vaccination Plan assessed and recommendations provided to address issues affecting the COVID-19 vaccination uptake.
• National working group established to develop action plan, including tailored interventions to reach unvaccinated older adults.
• 102 computers, 79 printers, 79 uninterruptable power systems (UPS), and software programs for real-time data management procured.
• Meetings between national and international health experts addressed the importance of collecting data to tailor COVID-19-related strategies, digitalizing the immunization information system, and introducing new vaccines to the routine immunization schedule.

Providing health professionals with capacity-building opportunities
• 12-hour training course developed on COVID-19 vaccines with integrated adult learning principles.
• Training of Trainers courses conducted and 56 local trainers prepared to pass on knowledge regarding COVID-19 vaccination.
• 550 health-care workers (HCWs) from more than 20 districts trained on COVID-19 vaccines.
• 2900 HCWs trained on administering COVID-19 vaccines, including 1800 vaccinators from 63 regions (out of 68), representing 70% of all HCWs involved in the vaccination process.
• 1093 nurses, 513 doctors, and 80 people from various disciplinary backgrounds, completed courses on Basic and Advanced Life Support.
• 2000 folders distributed containing information on the OpenWHO platform, offering free training courses on COVID-19 vaccine-related topics.
• 18 000 enrolments of HCWs registered at the OpenWHO knowledge-transfer platform, supporting continued medical education across the country.
• 350 posters distributed across 218 vaccination sites with information on COVID-19 vaccines and QR code to download additional information.
• 200 posters on hand hygiene practices distributed widely, including in 5 conflict-affected regions.
Risk communication and community engagement
• 2 rounds of behavioural insight surveys conducted to better understand people's attitudes towards COVID-19 vaccination.
• 10 focus group discussions with doctors, nurses, older adults and 10 in-depth interviews with people with underlying conditions conducted, to develop effective interventions for the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines among priority groups.
• 6000 copies of communication materials distributed to medical facilities covering COVID-19-related information on vaccination of older people, vaccine side effects, infection prevention and control measures, and pregnancy.

Strengthening vaccine cold-chain storage, transportation, and administration system
• 300 vaccine refrigerators, voltage stabilizers, temperature monitoring devices, and 622 vaccine carriers delivered to improve vaccine storage and transportation capacities.

VOICES FROM THE GROUND

In the training, I gained knowledge about best vaccine storage and administration practices. I also developed my communication skills.
- Shafa Huseynova, Nurse

During the training, we gained knowledge on the preparation and use of vaccines approved by the World Health Organization.
- Gulnar Hajiyeva, Pediatrician