

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM (MCHEEP)

### KEY ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to improving maternal and child health programs
- Develop professional and personal relationships between American and Iranian health professionals and institutions

### PROJECT PLAN

- Professional exchange and education program for 21 Iranian and American health professionals



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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Initiated in 2007, the Maternal and Child Health Education and Exchange Program (MCHEEP) is a people-to-people program providing opportunities for Iranian and American public health professionals to meet and observe each others' maternal and child health care systems and initiatives. MCHEEP is supported by grants from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and the Starr Foundation.

### PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- **Exchange of Best Practices:** Through meetings with counterparts and public health organizations as well as site visits to medical schools, clinics, hospitals and other facilities, MCHEEP will initiate a dialogue between maternal and child health professionals from Iran and the U.S. on models for effective maternal and child health practices.
- **Public Health Education and Research:** Program participants will also have an opportunity to share and discuss research on current maternal and child health issues and practices.

### CONTACT

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