

# Press Statement

In continuation of the blessed comprehensive development renaissance across all sectors and fields, the Sultanate of Oman continues its renewed march of progress with competence, confidence, and ambitious aspirations for the advancement of this nation and its people, in alignment with **Oman Vision 2040**.

The health sector stands as one of the core pillars of this vision, having witnessed steady growth and expansion since the establishment of the Ministry of Health in 1970. The Ministry remains steadfast in delivering its national vision of fostering a society that enjoys high-quality care and sustainable health, ensuring the provision of comprehensive and integrated healthcare services (preventive, curative, rehabilitative, and promotive) in accordance with national health policy, for both citizens and residents alike.

This is achieved through elevating the level and quality of healthcare services and systems, enhancing their performance and standards, and ensuring equitable distribution of healthcare services, both quantitatively and qualitatively, across all governorates and wilayats of the Sultanate of Oman.

Today, achievements stand as tangible testimony to the remarkable and accelerated growth of healthcare services in Oman, made possible through the generous support and gracious patronage of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, may God protect and preserve him, who has placed health at the forefront of Oman Vision 2040 priorities, while closely following the sector's development to ensure it meets national aspirations and keeps pace with leading global health systems.

## Health Affairs Undersecretariat

Within the framework of strengthening institutional transparency and embedding governance principles, and as part of the ongoing national efforts to develop the healthcare system in line with Oman Vision 2040, the Undersecretariat affirms that the year 2025 marked a qualitative transformation in healthcare service delivery. This transformation was characterized by the expansion of subspecialties, reductions in waiting times, the acceleration of digital transformation, and the enhancement of health equity across governorates.

### First: A Qualitative Leap in Referral Hospitals

- The year 2025 witnessed a historic milestone with the successful performance of the first heart transplant in the Sultanate of Oman, representing a strategic step toward localizing highly complex medical services and reducing overseas medical referrals.
- Additional achievements included:
  - Introduction of advanced genetic testing using Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology.

- Activation of day-care oncology services, enabling treatment of an additional 250 patients per month without hospitalization.
  - Upgrading radiotherapy equipment and reducing session duration by 35%.
  - Performing over 120 complex spinal surgeries during the first half of the year.
  - Introduction of microsurgical neurosurgery techniques and completion of the first artificial cervical disc replacement surgery in Oman.
- Emergency departments also underwent significant expansions, reducing waiting times by up to 40% compared to 2024.

## **Second: Noticeable Improvement in Waiting Times and Quality of Service**

Indicators showed substantial reductions in waiting lists following expansion initiatives, with some specialties achieving improvements exceeding 50%, including:

- Genetic clinics: Reduced from 8 weeks to 3 weeks (62% improvement).
- Endocrinology: Reduced from 6 weeks to 2 weeks (67% improvement).
- Chemotherapy services: Reduced from 4 weeks to 10 days (60% improvement).
- Spinal surgery: Reduced from 12 weeks to 6 weeks (50% improvement).
- Rehabilitation services: Reduced from 6 weeks to 2 weeks (67% improvement).

These improvements reflect effective planning and optimized operational resource management.

## **Third: Digital Transformation and Virtual Health**

The year 2025 witnessed accelerated digital health transformation through:

- Introduction of QR code system for medication dispensing, reducing pharmacy waiting times from 40 minutes to 15 minutes.
- Delivery of 45,000 virtual medical consultations, with a target of reaching 70,000.
- Integration of 65% of health institutions into PACS/Shifa systems, with plans to reach 90%.
- Expansion of telemedicine services across six specialties, providing remote follow-up for more than 1,200 patients.

This strategic direction enhances service accessibility and reduces pressure on conventional outpatient clinics.

## **Fourth: Strengthening Governorate-Level Services**

Health equity was advanced through qualitative expansions across all governorates, including:

- Activation of cardiac catheterization units in Sohar, Nizwa, and Sur hospitals.
- Operation of Al Suwaiq Hospital, Khasab Hospital, and Al Mazyouna Hospital.

- Operation of the Public Health Laboratory.
- Opening of new health centers across several wilayats.
- Introduction of day-surgery services in multiple governorates to reduce referrals to Muscat.

These expansions contributed to reducing emergency department congestion in governorates by 30–40%, enhancing the beneficiary experience.

### **Fifth: National Organ Transplant Program**

The program witnessed notable institutional and legislative development through:

- Issuance of the Human Organ and Tissue Transplantation Law.
- Establishment of national electronic registries and waiting lists.
- Performance of 38 kidney transplants, 16 liver transplants, 113 corneal transplants, and the first heart transplant.

This marks a pivotal step toward building a fully integrated national organ transplantation system.

### **Sixth: Emergency and Health Risk Management**

Strengthening the preparedness of the health sector through:

- Updating the National Risk Register.
- Conducting specialized workshops across the governorates.
- Preparing a draft guideline for the management of radiological and nuclear incidents.
- Enhancing regional and international cooperation in the field of emergency management.

### **Seventh: Localization of Therapeutic Services**

Within the framework of expenditure optimization and efficiency enhancement, the following measures were implemented:

- Reducing overseas medical referrals through the engagement of visiting specialist physicians.
- Initiating a localization plan for CAR-T Cell therapy services and Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS).
- Presenting 2,302 cases to the National Committee for Abroad Treatment, of which 1,236 cases were approved in accordance with the established regulations.
- Strengthening referrals to private healthcare institutions within the country to ensure quality and competitiveness.

# Health Planning and Regulation Undersecretariat

## Key Achievements under the Tenth Five-Year Development Plan for the Health Priority (2021–2025) – 2025

### 1. Universal Health Coverage

The Ministry launched the National Health Policy as a strategic framework aligned with Oman Vision 2040. Its key pillars include:

- Health in All Policies
- Digital Transformation and Governance
- Quality and Sustainability of Services
- Health Financing
- Preparedness and Prevention

### National Virtual Health Center

#### Description and Objectives

The Center is equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, systems, and infrastructure to provide healthcare services virtually through multiple channels, including:

- Individual health consultations
- Multidisciplinary professional consultations
- Utilization of advanced technologies and artificial intelligence in diagnostics

#### Services Piloted

##### 1. Teleradiology Service:

A diagnostic consultation service whereby medical images from various health institutions are transmitted to the National Virtual Health Center for analysis and reporting (MRI, CT scans, and conventional radiology). The objective is to accelerate diagnosis without requiring patient travel.

##### 2. Second Medical Opinion Service in Subspecialties:

Including hematology and coagulation disorders.

##### 3. AI-Based Diabetic Retinopathy Screening:

Over 25,000 diabetic patients have been screened since launch, with significant reduction in waiting lists.

## Services Planned for 2026

- Virtual urgent care services in general medicine
- Remote pre-marital screening consultations
- Second medical opinion services in emergency medicine, toxicology, and cardiology

## Services Under Evaluation

- Tele-Intensive Care
- Tele-Stroke Services

## Healthcare Service Planning Standards

- Development of unified national methodologies for healthcare planning
- Gap analysis in service and resource distribution
- Prioritization of investments based on objective criteria
- Support to governorates in developing service improvement plans

*The Offices of the Governors were actively engaged in healthcare service planning, resulting in the completion of the National Guideline on the Methodology for Healthcare Service Planning.*

## Major National Projects Defined

- National Women and Child Health Center (Sultan Haitham City)
- National Eye Center
- National Genome Program
- National Rehabilitation Center
- Seeb Referral Hospital

## 2. Governance and Restructuring of the Health Sector

- The Minister of Health chairs the Board of the University Medical City.
- Issuance of Royal Decree No. 10/2024 approving the Ministry's new organizational structure and defining its competencies.
- Issuance of Ministerial Decision No. 252/2025 approving organizational titles and structures.
- Establishment of a Health System Governance Center under the Undersecretary for Health Planning and Regulation.

- Creation of a National Health Observatory System responsible for continuous monitoring, research, and evidence-based knowledge production.
- Formation of the Private Health Sector Advisory Committee.
- Establishment of a Department for Alternative and Complementary Medicine to regulate the operations of traditional and alternative medicine centers.

## One-Stop Station Project

Launched in June 2025 to:

- Simplify procedures
- Accelerate service delivery
- Improve beneficiary experience
- Support institutional digital transformation

## Omani Healthcare Accreditation System

- Aimed at ensuring safe, high-quality healthcare services while safeguarding healthcare workers and beneficiaries.

## Aman System

- An electronic system for reporting and learning from adverse events in Ministry institutions.

## WHO Patient Safety Initiative

- Launched in 19 hospitals, all achieved international recognition as Patient Safety-Friendly Hospitals.
- In primary healthcare, the initiative was launched in 27 health centers, with 7 centers recently achieving international recognition.

**3. The health sector planning and financing system is more efficient and characterized by sustainability**

## National Survey of Non-Communicable Diseases (2025)

Conducted in 2025 in accordance with World Health Organization methodology using a nationally representative sample.

The survey collected data on behavioral factors, physical measurements, and laboratory medical tests, ensuring the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the results.

The response rate reached **83%** in the first phase (interviews and behavioral data collection), **82%** in the second phase (physical measurements), and **81%** in the third phase (biological/biochemical tests), reflecting a high level of community cooperation and trust in this national effort.

#### Key Findings

- 93.1% of adults have at least one risk factor.
- 27.9% do not meet recommended physical activity levels.
- 64.7% are overweight or obese.
- 28.8% prevalence of hypertension.
- 13.4% prevalence of diabetes.

### 4. Human Resources for Health

- 13,394 licensed private-sector health professionals.
- 8,095 license renewals.
- 1,639 competency assessment interviews.
- 90% acceleration in permit issuance procedures.

### Training & Scholarships (2025)

- 430 physicians enrolled in specialty and fellowship programs, including:
  - Specialty: 1
  - Fellowship: 104
  - Doctorate (PhD): 1
  - Specialty Certificate: 2
  - Master's degree: 2
- As for dentists:
  - 2 fellows (Canada – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery / USA – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)
  - 2 doctorate holders (Australia – Endodontics / Jordan – Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics)
- 106 professionals enrolled in Higher Institute of Health Specialties programs.
- 57 enrolled in Oman College of Health Sciences.
- Regulatory frameworks were established for conference participation and postgraduate study leave.

### 5. Sustainability Pharmaceutical and Medical Supplies

#### Regulatory Efficiency

- Reducing the evaluation period for priority medicines from 180 days to a maximum of 90 days.
- Registration of 30 medicines from national companies during 2025.
- Registration of 224 biological medicines, 43 biosimilars, and 46 vaccines.

- Registration of advanced therapies, including a gene therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, medicines for immunodeficiency disorders, and new anti-obesity treatments at a unified GCC price with a significant price reduction.

**Impact on patients:** Providing a number of new treatments within the Sultanate of Oman and reducing the waiting time for the registration of priority medicines.

## **Pricing Review**

- Price reductions for 227 medicines in 2025.
- Total of 591 medicines reduced since 2021.
- Average reduction: 27%.
- Price reductions for some medicines reached up to 30%.

**Impact on the community:** Enhancing access to treatment and supporting the sustainability of healthcare spending for families.

## **Local Manufacturing**

- 20 licensed medical factories.
- 6 newly licensed in 2025.
- 18 under construction.
- 389 medicines registered by national companies.
- 16 products had their manufacturing technology transferred or were fully manufactured domestically in 2025.
- 94 preparations are manufactured under the contract manufacturing system.

## **Strengthening Oversight and Protecting the Community**

- More than 13,500 pharmaceutical shipments processed through customs.
- 1,612 inspection visits conducted at pharmaceutical institutions.

## **Agreements to Enhance Pharmaceutical Security**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Health of the Sultanate of Oman and each of the following companies: OncoTrajects, Axel Pharma, and C Teraz Pharmaceuticals Trading, aiming to strengthen cooperation in the exchange of medicines and medical devices.

The MoU aims to support collaboration in regulatory and oversight aspects, facilitate product registration procedures, enhance supply chains, and transfer technologies and expertise, in addition to cooperation in training and scientific research, contributing to the development of the pharmaceutical and medical industries and reinforcing pharmaceutical security in the Sultanate of Oman.

## **Establishing an Investment Database (Medical Industries – Medical Services – Health Technologies)**

In collaboration with the relevant directorates within the Ministry of Health, including the Drug Safety Center, the Directorate General of Medical Supply, and the Directorate General of Private Health Establishments, the Ministry is working to activate the health investment map and transform it into a practical analytical framework based on accurate and up-to-date data reflecting the health sector reality and its actual needs. This is achieved by aligning regulatory and oversight priorities with investment directions, ensuring that investments are guided toward areas with the highest impact.

## **6. Digital Transformation in the Health Sector**

### **Key Achievements in 2025**

#### **1. Digital Transformation and E-Services**

In 2025, the Digital Transformation Department at the Directorate General of Information Technology and Digital Health achieved significant progress in service automation and enhancement of beneficiary experience. Key achievements include:

##### **A. Launch and Activation of New Electronic Services**

A wide range of electronic services were launched and activated for both businesses and individuals, including:

- Introduction of the (VIVA) test for the healthcare workforce.
- Private Healthcare Institution Licensing Services
- Pharmacists and Pharmacy Assistant Licensing Services
- Overseas Medical Treatment Services
- Medical Malpractice Claim Services
- Medical Fitness Examination Services
- Automation of several Drug Safety Center services
- Development of On-Call Pharmacy Services
- Activation of Preliminary Approval Services for Private Health Institutions

Contracts were also signed with specialized companies to automate more than 15 electronic services using Low-Code technologies such as the OutSystems platform, supporting rapid deployment and reducing manual workload.

## **B. User Experience and Health Portal Enhancement**

- Restructuring of the digital health portal content
- Development of a tablet-compatible application
- Enhancement of smart dashboards
- Updating and indexing 230 services within the unified digital directory
- Improving digital accessibility and compliance with national digital transformation standards

## **2. Development of the National Health Record (Shifa Application)**

The unified electronic health record project achieved tangible progress, including:

- Development of patient self-registration functionality
- 50% improvement in user interfaces
- 90% enhancement of API integrations
- Addition of new electronic clinical forms
- Integration with private healthcare institutions via FHIR standards
- Comprehensive study for restructuring the National Health Record using modern technologies.

## **3. Enhancement of the Shifa System and Health Systems**

Extensive upgrades were implemented in Shifa 3+, including:

- Development of specialized clinical forms
- Enhancement of primary healthcare programs
- Development of the Omani Drug Formulary Program
- Improvement of alert and appointment systems
- Enhancement of chronic disease registries
- Automation of multiple processes across clinics, pharmacies, laboratories, and radiology departments

Most enhancements were completed at a 100% completion rate.

## **4. Integration with Government Authorities**

Full electronic integration was achieved with several government authorities, including:

- Supreme Judicial Council

- Ministry of Social Development
- Pre-marital Screening Systems
- Eligibility and Death Certification Services

All integration initiatives were completed with achievement rates reaching 100%.

### Digital Transformation & Service Improvement

- Automation of 57 out of more than 80 services (71%)
- Processing over 200,000 electronic requests
- Activation of electronic community consultation mechanisms
- Implementation of an electronic visitor management system

## The 2026 Strategic Plan under the Eleventh Five-Year Development Plan – Health Priority

### Eleventh Five-Year Development Plan (2026–2030)

#### Strategic Programs

1. Developing Health System Governance
2. Human Resources Development for Health
3. Strengthening Universal Health Coverage
4. Promoting Public Health
5. Advancing Digital Health
6. Developing Private Sector Healthcare Services
7. Strengthening Pharmaceutical Economics and Drug Safety
8. Developing the Health System Financing Framework

Building upon the achievements of 2025 and aligned with the implementation phase of the Eleventh Five-Year Plan (2026–2030), the Undersecretariat’s 2026 plan focuses on transitioning from design and preparation to institutional execution and structured transformation through the following pillars:

1. Future Digital Transformation Targets (2026–2027)

#### Expansion of E-Services

- Automation of remaining non-digital government health services
- Development of new patient and public-facing services

- Completion of digital transformation of legal and HR business services
- Expansion of services delivered through the Shifa application

## **Development of the National Health Record**

- Comprehensive restructuring of the Shifa application
- Enhanced integration with private hospitals
- Expanded implementation of FHIR standards
- Strengthening health data security

## **Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics**

- Development of predictive analytics tools
- Deployment of AI in healthcare decision support
- Advanced dashboard development
- Establishment of early warning systems

## **Infrastructure Development**

- Equipment replacement plan through 2030
- Network infrastructure upgrades
- Expansion of data center capacity
- Strengthening disaster recovery services

## **Digital Readiness Enhancement**

- Improved user experience
  - Strengthened cybersecurity frameworks
  - Development of monitoring systems
  - Training and upskilling of national workforce
2. Strengthening evidence-based strategic planning
  3. Launch of the Population Health Needs Assessment Project
  4. Establishment of an integrated system for managing strategic programs and Eleventh Plan projects
  5. Empowerment of the Innovation Lab at the National Health Research Center
  6. Development of the Health Information System framework
  7. Strengthening decentralization and planning capacity in governorates
  8. Enhancing institutional sustainability
  9. Elevating clinical practice quality and patient safety
  10. Expansion of the Omani Accreditation System
  11. Strengthening governance of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms

12. Activation of the National Policy for Health Information Governance in private hospitals
13. Implementation of the National Digital Health Strategy
14. Completion of the Unified Health Service Pricing Study
15. Completion of the Revenue Cycle Management System
16. Execution of a portfolio of digital transformation projects in 2026
17. Completion of business sector service automation in private health institutions and the Drug Safety Center
18. Expansion of electronic connectivity and health information exchange with public and private institutions
19. Completion of integration with other government entities
20. Introduction of new services within the Shifa application
21. Full integration with the unified government services portal (Gov.om)
22. Issuance of the Health Sector Investment Guide
23. Completion of a comprehensive industrial survey of pharmaceutical and medical supply factories in coordination with the National Center for Statistics and Information
24. Adoption of an electronic system for medicine tracking and monitoring.

## **Key Achievements and Targets of the Undersecretariat for Administrative and Financial Affairs (2025–2026)**

The Ministry of Health continues its journey of transformative development within its administrative and financial systems, driven by an ambitious vision aimed at achieving sustainability and health sovereignty. This report reflects the Ministry's distinguished performance across four integrated strategic pillars, demonstrating the efficient utilization of resources in service of the nation and its citizens.

### **First Pillar: Ministry of Health Budget**

- The Ministry of Health's budget for 2026 reached approximately **OMR 1 billion**, reflecting the government's strong commitment to advancing the health sector and expanding universal coverage.



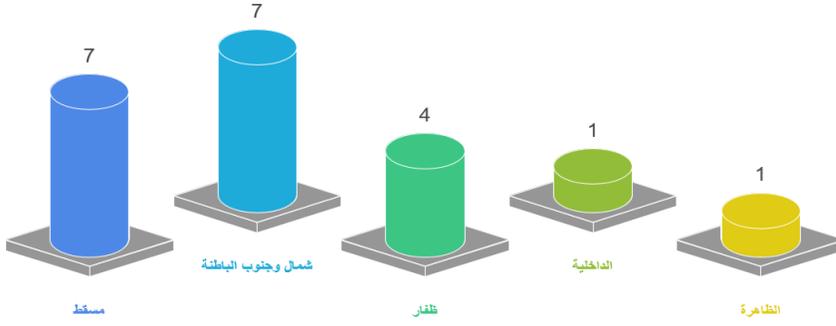
## Second Pillar: Enhancing Spending Efficiency and Pharmaceutical Security

- **Growth in Pharmaceutical Investment:** The value of the unified tender for medicines and sera increased by 35.5%, reaching OMR 202 million for 2025–2026, compared to OMR 149 million in 2023.
- The Ministry achieved exceptional growth in procurement from national companies, with a 150% increase, reaching OMR 18.65 million in 2025.
- Total savings achieved (from the national and GCC unified tenders) amounted to OMR 27.4 million, compared to OMR 20.4 million in 2023 (an increase of 34%).

### ❖ Localization of the Pharmaceutical Industry

- The number of Omani-manufactured medicine items purchased increased by 105%, with the proportion of bids submitted by national companies rising to 44%, covering 154 pharmaceutical items.
- The Ministry supports 20 pharmaceutical and medical supplies factories, categorized as follows:
  - 7 pharmaceutical manufacturing plants
  - 2 pharmaceutical raw material plants
  - 11 medical supplies factories

These facilities are strategically distributed across various governorates of the Sultanate, as illustrated in the chart below.



- **Contracting Innovation:** The 2026 vision seeks to implement innovative contracting models, including Outcome-Based Contracts and framework agreements, to ensure price stability and reduce risks.

#### ❖ Average Expenditure on Medicines and Medical Supplies (2021–2026):

The average expenditure on medicines and medical supplies amounted to approximately OMR 110 million.



- The proportion of purchases from national companies within the Unified National Pharmaceutical Procurement Tender for 2024–2025 increased from 5% to 9% in the 2026–2027 tenders, with the share of bids submitted by national companies rising to 44% compared to 19% previously (covering 154 items).
- The total value of purchases from national companies grew by 150%, reaching OMR 18.65 million in the 2026–2027 Unified National Pharmaceutical Procurement tenders, compared to OMR 7.43 million in the 2024–2025 tenders, alongside an expansion of the number of items from 75 to 154.

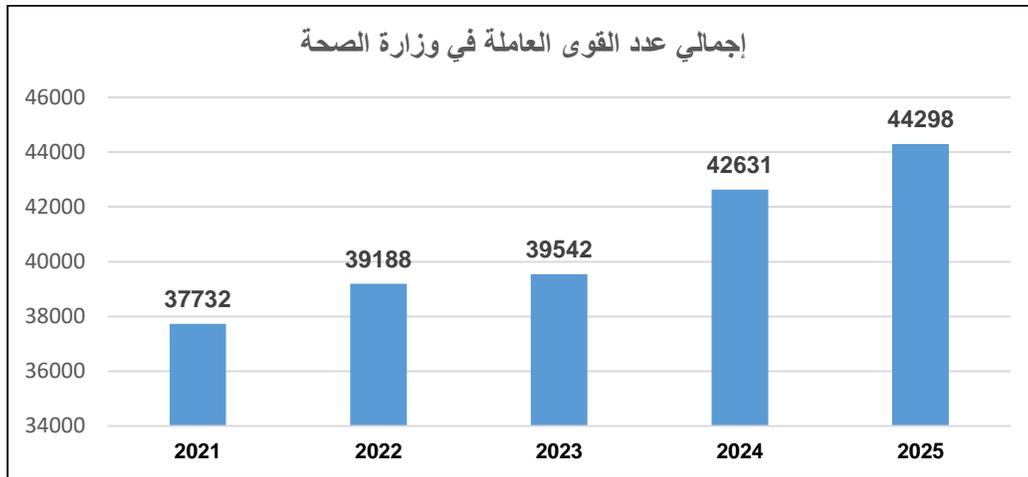
- Direct coordination with local manufacturers to localize strategic stock items, enhancing national preparedness and reducing reliance on external supply chains, particularly during crises and export restrictions.

### **Pillar Three: Human Resources**

The strength of the health sector is not measured by facilities alone, but by the competencies that manage them. The Ministry has achieved record figures in “Omanization” and capacity building:

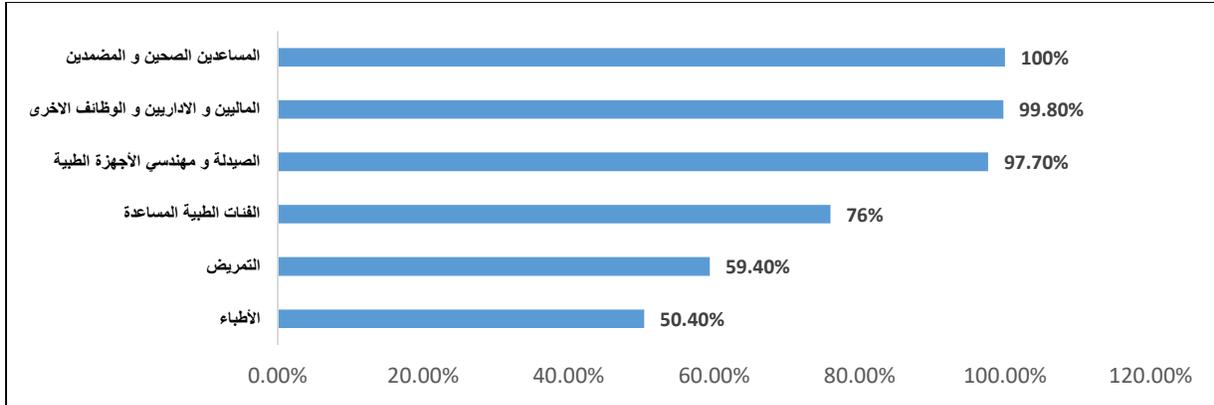
#### **❖ Workforce Growth:**

- The total workforce at the Ministry of Health grew from 37,732 employees in 2021 to 44,298 employees in 2025, representing a 17% increase. This growth reflects the expansion of health services.



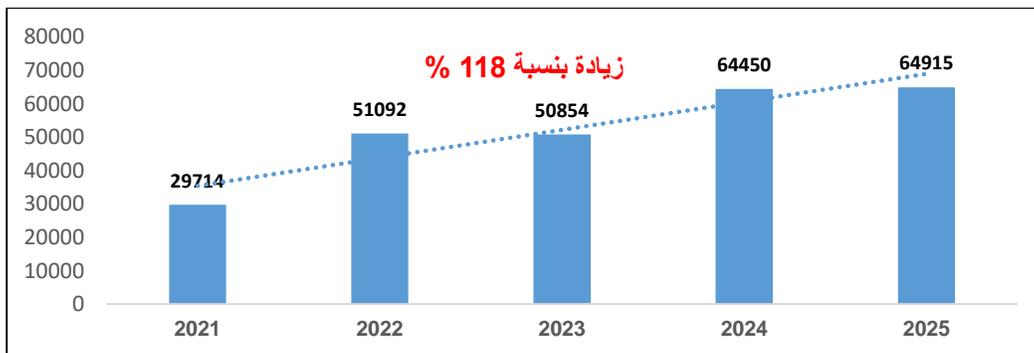
#### **❖ Omanization of National Staff:**

- The Omanization rate at the Ministry of Health increased to 71.4% in 2025.
- High Omanization rates were achieved in critical categories, such as nursing and allied medical professions, while continued reliance on expatriate staff remains in certain specialized medical fields that require long-term solutions through education and scholarships.



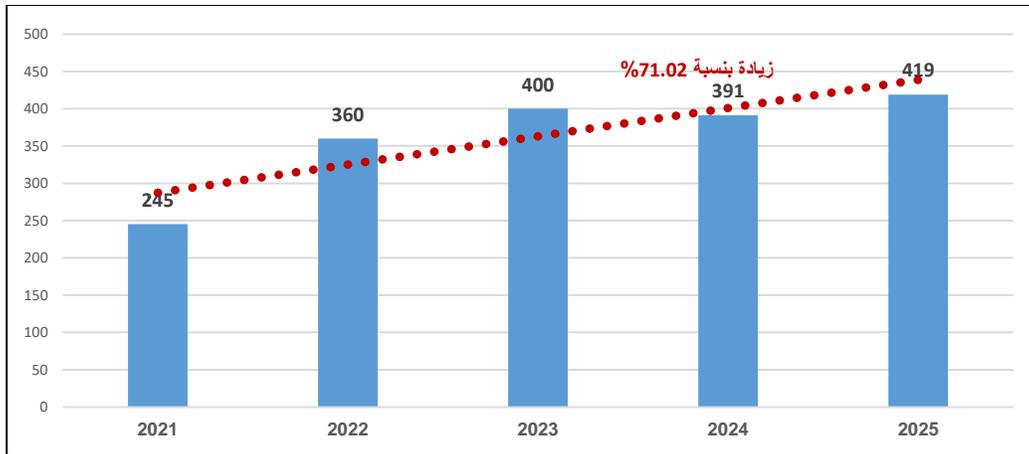
### ❖ Investment in Human Capital:

The number of participants in training courses exceeded 64,000 trainees annually, representing a substantial increase of 118% compared to 2021. This reflects the Ministry of Health's investment in enhancing the competencies of national staff and developing professional capacities.



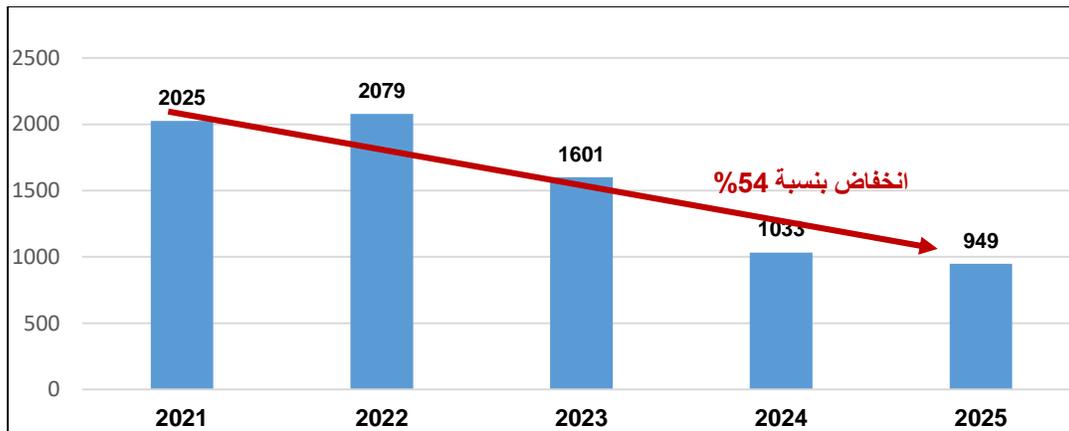
### ❖ Number of Scholarship Trainees (Inside and Outside Oman) Who Started Studies During 2021–2025:

- The Ministry of Health is keen on empowering health personnel through education and scholarships to address future gaps, promote Omanization, and reduce reliance on expatriate staff. The Omanization rate increased to 71.02% in 2025 compared to 2021.



#### ❖ Number of Employees Who Completed Service During 2021–2025:

- There has been a 54% decrease in the number of employees completing their service, indicating a relative improvement in job stability. However, certain categories, such as physicians and nurses, still require more sustainable retention policies due to the critical role they play in delivering health services.



#### **Pillar Four: Ministry of Health Projects**

The health infrastructure is experiencing unprecedented expansion, ensuring high-quality service access across all governorates.

❖ **Completed Projects:** More than 11 projects have been completed, most notably the Central Public Health Laboratory and Khasab Referral Hospital, as well as:

- Sur Dialysis Unit

- Khasab Referral Hospital
- Wadi Bani Khalid Hospital
- Al-Mazyunah Hospital
- AlKhaboura Kidney Unit
- Muscat Rehabilitation Center (First Stage)
- AlHalanyat Health Center
- Al-Suwaiq Referral Hospital
- Hay Al-Salam Health Center - Al-Maabilah
- Saih Al-Ma'ashi Health Center
- Al-Jarda Health Center
- Maqshan Hospital

❖ **Ongoing Projects:** There are more than 15 projects currently underway during 2026–2027, the most notable of which include:

### **The Hospitals:**

- Al-Nama Hospital
- Samail Hospital
- Al-Falah Hospital
- Mahout Hospital
- Sultan Qaboos Hospital
- Madha Hospital

### **Health Centers:**

- Sur Al-Blush Health Center
- Jal'an Bani Bu Ali Health Center
- Ibra Health Center
- Abu Abali Health Center
- Al-Dariz Health Center
- Al-Mudhibi Health Center

### **Medical Warehouses:**

- Musinah Medical Warehouse
- Nizwa Medical Warehouse
- Khassib Regional Warehouse

## **Other Projects:**

- Expansion of Boushar Blood Bank
- Multi-story parking facilities at the Royal Hospital
- Emergency and trauma unit - Duqum
- Renovation of the VIP Ward at the Royal Hospital
- Dialysis unit in Sohar
- Dialysis unit in Bidiyah

## **❖ Future Projects:**

Investing in a sustainable healthcare system, the Ministry of Health aims to expand the reach of health services to cover all regions of the country, in line with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040, to establish a leading healthcare system characterized by flexibility and quality, with plans to implement 20 projects.

## **Future Projects**

### **1. Reference Hospitals**

- Referral Seeb Hospital
- Expansion of Sohar Hospital
- Expansion of Nizwa Hospital

### **2. Medical Units**

- Accidents Unit at Ibri Hospital
- Liwa Medial Warehouse
- Dialysis Unit in Samad Al-Shan
- Dialysis Unit in Al-Mabaylah
- Dialysis Unit at Bidiyah Hospital
- Isolation Ward at Haima Hospital
- Expansion of Pediatric Emergency Unit at the Royal Hospital
- Intensive Care and Day Care Unit at the Royal Hospital

### **3. Local Hospitals**

- Dhalkout Hospital
- Al Jabal Al Akhdar Hospital
- Duqum Hospital
- Yunqul Hospital
- Bahla Hospital

### **4. Specialized Centers**

- Genomics Center

- National Rehabilitation Center
- Mother & Child Center
- Expansion of Al Ainain Center
- Secondary Stage Expansion at Al Muscat Rehabilitation Center (Taafi Center)

**5. Health Centers**

- Kimzar Health Center
- Mukhilb Health Center
- Al-Quraitan Central Health Center
- Expansion of Hijirnat Health Center
- Hay Assim Health Center – South Al-Batinah

## **Ministry of Health's Key Achievements 2025**

- Opening of Maqshin Hospital in Dhofar Governorate.
- Launch of Tobacco Control Campaign.
- Health Sector Operational Governance Meetings.
- Opening of Hay Al Salam Polyclinic.
- The Ministry's participation in the 156th Session of the WHO Executive Board in Geneva.
- Health Leadership Forum.
- Opening of Al Amerat Heights Polyclinic.
- Launch of an updated package for premarital and newborn screening tests.
- Launch of the National Premarital Medical Screening Campaign.
- Signing of six agreements to support advanced purchasing from local medical factories.
- Oman hosts the 21<sup>st</sup> Regional Meeting of Medical Students' Associations in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in Muscat.
- Opening of Al Hallaniyat Health Center in Dhofar Governorate.
- Investment in the health sector to enhance local self-sufficiency.
- The Fertility Center recorded 79 pregnancy cases and received more than 5,000 patients.
- Opening of the Environmental Surveillance Diagnostic Laboratory for Poliovirus.
- Launch of the Latent Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment.
- Activation of the child follow-up service at ages three and four within the Child Health Record.
- Launch of the 15<sup>th</sup> Muscat International Oncology Conference.
- Signing of an agreement to purchase medical equipment and surgical instruments for the Day Care Unit at Khoula Hospital.
- Activation of the blood donation awareness campaign #ThankYouForYourGiving and honoring blood donors.
- Al Masarra Hospital organizes the first Emergency Psychiatry Conference in Oman.

- The 14th Middle East and North Africa Clinical Toxicology Association Conference (MENATOX).
- Signing of an agreement for the operation, management, and expansion of the new Taafi Center in Sohar.
- Implementation of the National Clinical Risk Management Guidelines in Muscat Governorate.
- Signing of a funding agreement to introduce microsurgery and endoscopic spine surgery services.
- Al Nahdha Hospital launches several improvement services for data digitization and workflow development.
- Conducting the first human organ transfer experiment through Oman Airports.
- Launch of the National Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Project using artificial intelligence technologies.
- Agreement to establish a National Rehabilitation Center.
- Activation of the health workforce examinations application service in private health establishments via the e-health portal.
- Royal directives issued to establish an Autism Center.
- Launch of Oman International Pharmacy Congress and Exhibition (OIPCX) Regional Forum.
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- Launch of Oman National Health Policy.
- Al Nahdha Hospital successfully performs the world's smallest cochlear implant surgery on a 9-week-old infant.
- Signing of a funding agreement to purchase medical devices and equipment for Al Buraimi Hospital.
- The Ministry of Health participates in the Book Fair.
- Issuance of the Public Health Law and the Law Regulating the Transfer and Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues.
- Launch of the Event-Based Surveillance System Project.

- Signing of several agreements with Petroleum Development Oman to enhance medical services.
- Signing of two agreements to purchase medical devices with Al Yusr Charitable Foundation.
- Launch of the First National Critical Care Conference.
- The Second Muscat Dermatology Forum.
- Health Cooperation Memorandum between Oman and Cuba.
- Oman and the Philippines sign a Memorandum of Cooperation.
- Performing the first corneal transplant at Ibra Hospital.
- New regulations for advertising medicines.
- Signing of a cooperation agreement to enhance the Health-Promoting Schools Initiative.
- Oman wins the Health Capability Award from Saudi Arabia.
- Ministry of Health participates in the repatriation of citizens from Iran.
- A medical team at Khoula Hospital successfully performs replantation of an amputated hand and two fingers.
- Signing of an MOU between the Oman Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health of Belarus.
- Launch of HIV Guidelines Manual.
- Meeting of Health Leaders at the Ministry of Health.
- The Ministry of Health participates in Expo 2025 Osaka during Health and Well-being Week.
- Opening of Muscat Taafi Center.
- In community partnership: signing of a funding agreement for the Nakhal Health Center expansion project.
- Ministry of Health Engineers Forum.
- Opening of Al Fay Health Center in Al Buraimi Governorate.
- Khoula Hospital establishes a comprehensive surgical program for the treatment of scoliosis.
- Expansion of diabetic retinopathy screening services in Oman.

- Signing of an agreement to purchase home ventilators funded by Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO).
- Holding the Dhofar Health Digital Transformation Forum.
- Royal directives to provide treatment for eligible zakat beneficiaries.
- Directorate General of Khoula Hospital launches a package of new health initiatives.
- Pilot launch of the patient self-registration service via the “Shifa” application.
- Inclusion of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in the preventive health system.
- Sohar Taafi Center wins the Best Specialized Project Award in the field of recovery.
- Launch of the National Platform for Awareness of Dangers of Addiction and Psychotropic Substances ‘Hayat’.
- Celebration of the 8<sup>th</sup> National and 7<sup>th</sup> World Patient Safety Day.
- Meeting to enhance cooperation between the Governor of Dhofar and the Operational Governance Committee.
- Muscat Alzheimer’s Forum.
- The Quality Assurance Center wins the Gold Award for Excellence in Patient Experience.
- The Ministry of Health launches Disclosure of Medical Events: Policy and Procedures.
- The Ministry participates in the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
- The Ministry of Health leads an international dialogue on “Health and Peace” at the UN.
- Oman affirms its international standing and pivotal role by hosting a high-level event at the United Nations on combating non-communicable diseases.
- Oman participates in the GCC Health Ministers’ Meetings in Kuwait.
- Launch of an initiative to treat dermatology patients in remote villages across several governorates.
- The Ministry of Health wins the Digital Government Award among GCC countries.
- Launch of the GCC Mental Health Conference.
- The Third Muscat Dermatology Forum.
- Al Buraimi Hospital becomes the first Mother-Friendly Hospital and the second Baby-Friendly Hospital.

- Issuance of the National Risk Register – Community Edition in cooperation with the Ministry of Information.
- The Ministry participates in the second edition of the Oman Childhood Conference and Expo.
- Oman Participation in the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo.
- An Omani female physician wins the State of Kuwait Award for Diabetes Control.
- Launch of National Ophthalmology Conference.
- Khoula Hospital demonstrates leadership in vascular surgery using innovative therapeutic techniques.
- The First National Green Hospitals & Net Zero Conference.
- Launch of an advanced laser device at Al Buraimi Hospital.
- A high-level American delegation explores areas of health and academic cooperation with Oman.
- The Ministry of Health completes the inventory of its government assets under the National Register of Government Assets ‘Osool’.
- Announcement of ambassadors for the National “One Government Team” Initiative.
- New update to the “Shifa” application.
- Activation of the on-call pharmacy service via e-health portal.
- The Ministry of Health organizes the Patient Experience Forum.
- His Excellency, the Minister of Health, visits Ibra Hospital to review services and workflow.
- The Ministry of Health is honored as a leading entity in intellectual capital research.
- Announcement of the availability of vaccinations for Hajj pilgrims for the year 1447.
- World Cancer Congress, Summit & Exhibition 2025
- Al Nahdha Hospital organizes the First National Neuro-Ophthalmology Conference.
- Royal Hospital celebrates the launch of cardiac defibrillator devices.
- Opening of Al Jarda Health Center.
- Khoula Hospital and Al Yusr Charitable Foundation sign two funding agreements.
- Launch of the “Health Supply” Program to empower national talents in the health sector.

- Women's Health Conference.
  - For the first time in the history of the health sector, Royal Hospital successfully performed the first remote surgery.
  - Opening of Saih Al Ma'ashi Health Center in Bahla.
  - Opening of Khasab Hospital.
  - Opening of the Central Public Health Laboratory.
  - Opening of Al Suwaiq Hospital.
  - Opening of the Dialysis Center in Al Khaboura.
  - Opening of the Peritoneal Dialysis Unit at Ibri Hospital.
  - Successful completion of the first conjoined twins' separation surgery in Oman.
  - Performing the first heart transplant in the healthcare journey of Oman by a specialized Omani medical team at the National Heart Center at Royal Hospital.
  - Oman, among nine countries worldwide, receives a recognition certificate from the World Health Organization for eliminating industrially produced trans fats in food products, becoming the second Arab country to achieve this distinction.
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- The Ministry of Health wins the Best Team Award for implementing the "Ejada" Individual Performance Measurement System 2024.
  - MOH wins the Best E-Government Service Platform Award for "Shifa" application at COMEX Technology Exhibition 2025.
  - Oman, represented by the Ministry of Health, wins the GCC Digital Government Award (Best Use of Artificial Intelligence category), hosted by Kuwait during its sixth edition on the sidelines of the Ninth Meeting of the GCC Digital Government Ministerial Committee.
  - The Royal Hospital, in cooperation with the Sabah Al-Ahmad Center in Kuwait, successfully performed the first remote urology surgery using advanced robotic surgery.
  - The Royal Hospital successfully performed the first artificial heart transplant using the HeartMate 3 device.
  - The Royal Hospital successfully conducts the first surgical procedure using a surgical robot in Oman.

