

# Comoros

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## Selected achievements

**2024:** The Comprehensive Nuclear Law is adopted by the National Assembly on 28 June 2024 and promulgated by the Head of State on 30 October 2024.

**2024:** The construction of the new University Hospital in Moroni is close to being finalized with plans for a radiotherapy centre.

**2022:** Comoros joins the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA).



During the imPACT Review mission carried out in December 2023, the team of experts met with local partners active in the country to explore synergies to improve access to diagnostic imaging and cancer care. (Photo: OMS Comores)

## Project successes

### Building national legislative and regulatory infrastructures for radiation protection

The IAEA helped Comoros to finalize the draft of its comprehensive national nuclear law that was approved by the Council of Ministers in 2023. The law has been adopted by the National Assembly in June 2024 and promulgated by the President on 30 October 2024.

The national priority has been to build an appropriate safety infrastructure and expand the capacities of regulatory body staff to ensure a comprehensive and sustainable regulatory control of all nuclear applications in the country, especially for the medical sector.

### Radiation oncology in cancer management

In late 2023, the IAEA, World Health Organization (WHO) and International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) conducted a comprehensive imPACT Review in Comoros to provide guidance to the Ministry of Health on cancer control needs and priorities. The comprehensive review covered all the aspects of cancer control including prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care.

## National priorities

- Legislative and regulatory infrastructures in radiation safety
- Radioactive waste management
- Agriculture and livestock
- Cancer control and treatment
- Sustainable energy development
- Improved water and environment management
- Human resource development in nuclear science and technology

## Main areas of IAEA support

- Nuclear regulation
- Nuclear law
- Radiation protection
- Capacity building for cancer diagnosis and treatment

The mission’s findings are expected to guide the development of a National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) and pave the way for the safe introduction of Oncology services for cancer care in the country. Through the Rays of Hope initiative, the IAEA will support Comoros in establishing its first national cancer imaging and therapy services.

Participation in the major initiatives

- NUTEC Plastics
- Rays of Hope
- ZODIAC

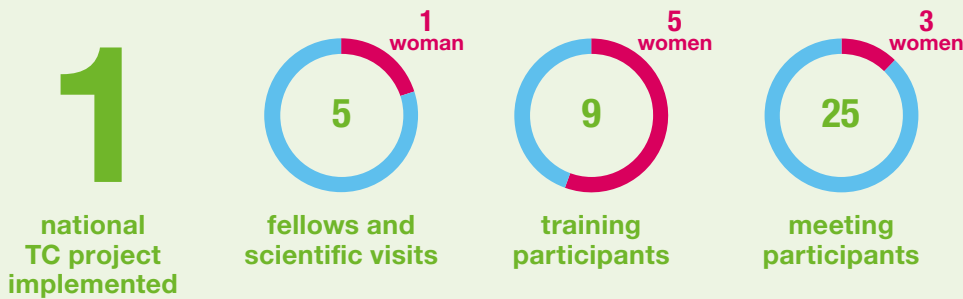
Date of imPACT Review(s)

2023



An IAEA legislative assistance meeting with senior officials of Comoros was implemented within the framework of the IAEA Legislative Assistance Programme under the Agency’s TC Programme. (Photo: O. Yusuf/IAEA)

IAEA support received in the 21st century



Contributions to South-South and triangular cooperation

