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Islamabad; May 28, 2021: President Dr Arif Alvi has underlined the need for establishing primary healthcare telemedicine clinics to provide equitable facilities to the population living in remote areas of Pakistan. He said that the tele-health services had played a very useful role in disseminating information regarding Covid-19 pandemic by providing guidelines and educating the people about the disease. He underscored the need for investing on tele-medicine and strengthening the capacity of health professionals in the fields of public health and artificial intelligence to analyse various datasets and predict outbreaks and epidemics. He made these remarks while chairing a follow-up meeting on tele-health, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

The meeting was attended by SAPM on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC), Dr. Faisal Sultan, Secretary NHSRC, Mr. Aamir Khawaja, Consultant, Digital Technology, Ms. Tania Aidrus, Director General Health, Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar, Director General, NITB, Mr. Faisal Iqbal Ratyal and other senior officials of the government.

Ministry of NHSRC gave a presentation about tele-health and proposed various solutions for the promotion of tele-health in Pakistan. Addressing the meeting, the President said that there was a need to transform health delivery sector of the country by using digital infrastructure to ensure connectivity among health professionals and patients to provide consultative services to the latter. He emphasized the need to develop a legal framework to promote virtual care network in the country. M/o NHSRC informed the meeting that the Regulatory Legal Framework would be finalized in six weeks.
