

Provision of Healthcare Services in Afghanistan

Delivery of a Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS), Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS) and other health services in Afghanistan



Country
Afghanistan

Location
Kunar and Paktia

Duration
Feb 2023 - Dec 2026

Donor
UNICEF

Background

Afghanistan is experiencing an extensive and protracted humanitarian crisis caused by several decades of conflict, large-scale internal displacement, loss of livelihoods, increasing poverty, major drought, increasing food insecurity and malnutrition, and a rise in disease and mortality.

The reduction in financial and technical development support for Afghanistan's public health system since 2021, has severely harmed the country's healthcare system. The lack of sufficient healthcare services has undermined the right to health for millions of Afghans.

Adequate health facilities are still lacking, particularly for communities living in rural areas, where the need is greatest. An estimated 9.5 million Afghans are still underserved and do not have any regular access to health services particularly in rural area. The outbreak of diseases, including measles, Dengue fever and acute watery disease, and the rise in malnutrition and mental health concerns stretch the already overburdened and underfunded health system.

Objectives

- Ensure uninterrupted delivery of BPHS and EPHS services across all supported facilities, expanding access, improving quality, and enhancing service utilisation.
- Improve child survival, maternal health, and nutrition outcomes through expanded immunisation, quality nutrition services, and strengthened maternal and newborn care.
- Strengthen accountability, resilience, and monitoring through robust implementation of feedback and grievance systems, health and logistics management information systems, and performance-based frameworks.
- Address barriers to access for women, children, internally displaced persons, and vulnerable groups by enhancing genderresponsive services and ensuring female health worker availability.

Expected outcomes

- Improved access to and quality of primary and secondary healthcare services in four provinces.
- Increased immunisation coverage, institutional deliveries, and access to essential maternal and newborn care.
- Strengthened resilience and accountability of the health system through effective monitoring, feedback, and performance-based incentives.
- Enhanced community engagement, gender equity, and protection in health service delivery

Activities

- Providing quality health services to the people of Afghanistan via
 - 97 Sub Health Centers, 58 Basic Health Centers, 36 Comprehensive Health Centers, 7 District Hospitals, 2 Mobile Health Teams, 3 Provincial Hospitals, 1 Regional Hospital, 1440 Health Posts
- Provide training to health staff, project staff and managers to improve knowledge and capacity
- Improve gender equity, expanding access to female providers, gender awareness training and preparing health promotion materials
- Manage pharmaceutical supplies and other medical and non-medical logistics
- Infrastructure and WASH maintenance of health facilities
- Infection prevention and control and medical waste management; Strengthen health management information system
- Support the integrated surveillance systems
- Oversee and coordinate the work of mobile health teams and community health workers
- Management of health emergencies due to outbreaks and natural disasters.
- Service provision to internally displaced people, nomads, returnees, and prisoners
- Routine supplies and preparedness through the Early Warning System and winterisation support
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), disability and physical rehabilitation, and Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat (EENT) care

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