



Maternal and Newborn Emergency Care in Afghanistan

Saving lives of mothers and new-born children in Khost Province.

Country

Afghanistan

Location

Khost Province

Duration

Jan - Dec 2023

Donors

Médecins Sans Frontières

Background

Maternal and newborn health has seen significant improvements over the last two decades. However, there remains factors that make Afghanistan one of the highest countries for maternal and child mortality. These include limited access to healthcare services due to lack of transportation, low economic condition, remote and hard-to-reach geographies and scattered locations of the communities, unstable climate issues among others. These factors are requiring serious attention to be eliminated or even mitigated.

MSF opened a maternity hospital in Khost province in March 2012, providing comprehensive emergency maternal obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC), to reduce morbidity and mortality related to reproductive health. HNTPO began implementing the provision of health services under BPHS/EPHS in Khost province in 2022 through 1 provisional hospital, 12 comprehensive-, 8 basic- and 20 primary-health centres and 349 health posts. MSF will provide additional support to HNTPO health facilities in order to provide free of charge, quality BEmONC and CEmONC to the target population through the health facilities managed by HNTPO at the Khost Maternity Hospital.

Objectives

To save the lives of mothers and new-born children by improving the availability and quality of Basic Emergency Obstetric and New-Born Care (BEmONC) and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and New-Born Care (CEmONC) that is free of charge to the population in Khost province.

Activities

- Maintain and improve the referral system for complicated obstetric cases between Khost Maternity Hospital and the provincial health facilities;
- Funding 40 staff in Khost Provincial Hospital and 8 supported comprehensive health centres;
- Deliver health promotion activities on maternal health within health facilities.
- Training maternity staff in public health facilities.
- Training of technical and sanitation staff and maintenance of waste zones and solar systems.
- Rehabilitation and construction support to Mandozai comprehensive health centre.

Previous results

MSF has supported around 40 midwives and nurses since 2022 in order to strengthen and support newborn and maternal healthcare and provide the required services to women and children of Khost province.

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