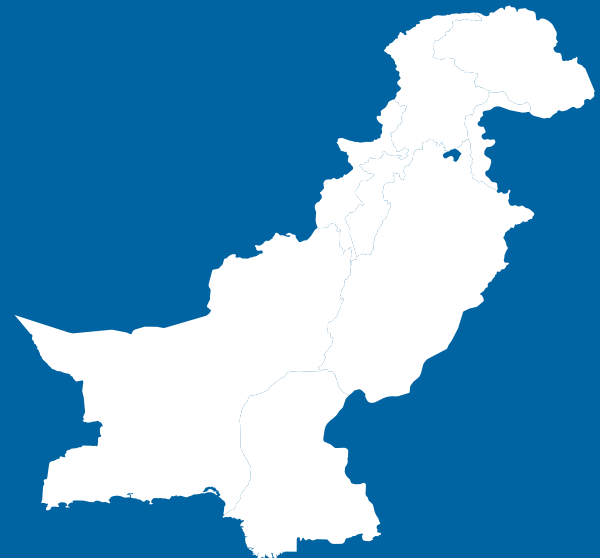


Pakistan



International Medical Corps has worked in Pakistan since 1985, initially providing basic paramedical training to young Afghans recruited from their home areas inside Afghanistan, who then returned to provide basic health care in their communities whose health professions had fled following the 1979 Soviet invasion.

In 1999, we extended this training to include the local Afghan refugee population in Pakistan's volatile northwest frontier, in an area now called Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (KPK). In 2005, our medical response teams were on the scene within 12 hours treating survivors of a massive earthquake that struck the region triggering a catastrophe that claimed over 70,000 lives. Since that disaster, International Medical Corps has responded to all the country's major emergencies.



Prior to the 2005 earthquake, International Medical Corps programming in Pakistan focused on two major initiatives:

- ▶ Strengthening the capacity of the national health care system and providing primary and secondary health care services to the burgeoning Afghan refugee population in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Immediately following the 2005 earthquake, International Medical Corps expanded beyond these programs and dispatched medical and relief teams to remote and nearly inaccessible locations within twelve hours to administer emergency medical care and establish basic health units to meet the long-term needs of the earthquake-affected communities.
- ▶ International Medical Corps also deployed local health teams and provided water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), nutrition and mental health services in the immediate aftermath of the 2008-09 internally displaced person (IDP) crisis and in the devastating floods in 2010 and 2011, to provide emergency response services.



Today, we work in several districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province providing assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and engaging in preventative actions, such as raising awareness of GBV's corrosive effects on a community and its families.

International Medical Corps has been addressing gender-based violence in Pakistan since 2008, approaching this humanitarian issue with a comprehensive community-based strategy in refugee villages in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Our program served over 100,000 people and in coordination with the Basic Health Unit and its services, we offer psychosocial, medical and referral services to gender-based violence survivors.

In 2016 and 2017, our achievements under protection programming has included:

- ▶ Psychosocial support, counselling and referral for 44 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), bringing the total number of those supported since we first began our GBV support work in 2008 to 550.
- ▶ The formation of 28 male and female community Gender Support Groups (GSGs) in 14 Afghan refugee camps. The GSGs provide awareness within their communities on identification of, and response to, gender-based violence. These support groups also provide basic counseling and referral to survivors of gender-based violence.
- ▶ Training for 33 medical staff on clinical management of rape. Additional trainings on the basic concepts of GBV were also provided to 306 Community Health Workers and Traditional Birth Attendants (165 men, 141 women).
- ▶ Orientation sessions for 376 religious leaders and community local leaders (200 men and 176 women) who provide support within the community on the development of gender equitable social norms and ending violence against women.
- ▶ Awareness-raising sessions attended by more than 25,200 community members including men, women and adolescents on basic GBV concepts, human rights and the dangers of harmful traditional practices.
- ▶ A robust community-based feedback and complaint mechanism that provides a platform to those affected by a crisis, not only on what is needed, but how it might best be provided. International Medical Corps installed mail boxes at prominent locations in all targeted refugee villages to encourage community feedback and complaints.



EVERY DISASTER

International Medical Corps has responded to every major disaster in Pakistan since 2005



1 MILLION INDIVIDUALS

in Pakistan have benefitted from International Medical Corps' programming



OVER 100,000

Our gender-based violence program serves over 100,000 people



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A preeminent First Responder for more than 30 years, International Medical Corps has provided emergency relief to those struck by disaster, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions, working with them to recover, rebuild and, through training, gain the skills and tools required to achieve self-reliance.

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