

Pakistan



International Medical Corps has worked in Pakistan since 1985, when we began training young Afghan refugees to return to their communities and provide basic healthcare in places that medical professionals had fled following the 1979 Soviet invasion.

In 1999, we extended our training to the Afghan refugee population in Pakistan's northwest frontier, an area now called Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. When a massive earthquake struck the region in 2005, claiming more than 70,000 lives, our medical response teams were on the scene, treating survivors, within 12 hours.

Before the 2005 earthquake, International Medical Corps' Pakistan team focused on two major initiatives: strengthening the national healthcare system, and providing primary and secondary healthcare services to the growing Afghan refugee population in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Immediately following the 2005 quake, International Medical Corps dispatched medical and relief teams to remote and nearly inaccessible locations to administer emergency medical care and establish basic health units to meet the long-term needs of affected communities.

International Medical Corps provided water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, as well as nutrition support and mental health services, for those displaced by fighting in the 2008–09 refugee crisis, and during the devastating floods of 2010 and 2011.



EVERY DISASTER

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

- ▶ 2005: The devastating earthquake in northern Pakistan
- ▶ 2008: Baluchistan earthquake
- ▶ 2008-14: Massive civilian displacement due to militant activities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas
- ▶ 2010, 2011 and 2012: The monsoon floods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh
- ▶ 2015: Earthquake in northern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- ▶ 2020: COVID-19 pandemic



1 MILLION INDIVIDUALS

in Pakistan have directly benefited from International Medical Corps' programming



Today, International Medical Corps works in several districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, providing the following services for Afghan refugees and vulnerable Pakistanis:

- ▶ Sexual and reproductive healthcare (SRH)
- ▶ Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services
- ▶ Assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV)
- ▶ Community education and awareness-raising
- ▶ Capacity-building of healthcare providers for COVID-19 response
- ▶ Technical support to RAPID, a funding mechanism established by Concern and USAID
- ▶ Personal protective equipment (PPE) to stakeholders and healthcare providers
- ▶ Educational materials about COVID-19—banners, posters and radio broadcasts—in local Pashtu languages



Our SRH program serves more than 325,000 people, and our GBV program serves more than 100,000; both are integrated with our MHPSS services.

In addition, our teams helped form 18 male and female community gender-support groups (GSGs) in nine Afghan refugee villages, to educate community members on how to identify and prevent GBV, and provide basic counseling and referral services to survivors.

In 2020, our teams provided services to 201,246 people, including the following.

- ▶ We supported 330 GBV survivors with case management services.
- ▶ We conducted awareness-raising sessions with 151,806 people, including reaching 60,124 about GBV, 41,996 about MHPSS and 49,686 about SRH.
- ▶ We conducted in-person and online training sessions for 986 public healthcare providers, other NGO workers and community volunteers (643 male and 343 female) on maternal newborn healthcare strategies; communicable disease management and control; basic concepts and referral mechanisms of GBV; MHPSS; infection prevention and control (IPC); engaging men through accountable practices (EMAP); psychological first aid (PFA); and minimum initial service package for reproductive health.
- ▶ We provided 25,594 people with SRH services, including antenatal care, prenatal care, deliveries and modern family planning methods, distributing 9,071 kits, including 3,087 clean delivery kits, 1,130 newborn baby kits, 3,370 women dignity kits and 1,484 male dignity kits.
- ▶ We registered 936 MHPSS cases (147 male and 789 female).





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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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