

SITUATION UPDATE



A staff member conducts an awareness session on protection in Khogiani district, Nangarhar province.

FAST FACTS

- In January, International Medical Corps' three mobile health teams in Nuristan and five mobile health teams in Kabul provided 7,595 people with lifesaving healthcare services.
- In Afghanistan, International Medical Corps reached 157,852 people with WASH, health and protection services in January.
- In addition to these activities, International Medical Corps established eight emergency latrines in Torkham at the zero point of the Durand Line between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In 2022, more than half the population of Afghanistan will need lifesaving humanitarian assistance. Decades of conflict and economic decline, compounded by the takeover of the country in August 2021 and the worst drought in nearly 30 years, have led to a staggering four-time increase in the amount of people requiring humanitarian support compared to 2019. The country's health system is struggling, and an increasing number of people are facing food insecurity.¹ The humanitarian community is working hard to respond to the increasing health, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs of the population.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps continues to provide humanitarian assistance to people in various parts of Afghanistan. Since the takeover of the country in August 2021, International Medical Corps has supported three hospitals and two comprehensive health centers with lifesaving medicines and medical supplies, which have supported 1,294 major and minor surgeries.

In addition, since August, International Medical Corps has deployed five mobile health teams in Kabul and three mobile health teams in Nuristan. The mobile health teams have reached 82,074 people so far, including 39,269 people attending the mobile clinic for primary healthcare consultations; 3,458 women receiving antenatal care; 16,952 people accessing basic psychosocial support services; 3,827 people attending the clinic for family planning services; 5,113 receiving hygiene awareness; and 23,926 receiving health education. International Medical Corps has also provided hygiene and dignity kits to 685 families. Alongside this, in January 2022,



One of our mobile health team in Nuristan delivers healthcare services.

¹ UNOCHA Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan 2022

International Medical Corps continued to provide WASH, health and protection services covering 157,852 people across 15 provinces.

In March, International Medical Corps plans to set up a static health facility in Kabul, which will reach 3,800 people with primary healthcare services.

Health

During January 2022, International Medical Corps continued to respond to health needs across Afghanistan by supporting the health system, strengthening community capacity, and operating mobile services in remote, hard-to-reach areas. International Medical Corps supports nine mobile health teams, 11 first aid trauma posts and 11 static health centers, which provide vital healthcare services that include outpatient consultations, nutrition screening, antenatal care and postnatal care for women, and health and hygiene awareness. In January 2022, International Medical Corps reached 36,184 people through healthcare services across Afghanistan.

Alongside this, International Medical Corps raised awareness about COVID-19 prevention and vaccines. As a result of these efforts, 80,798 men and women went on to get vaccinated in various parts of Afghanistan, particularly in Kunar, in the Eastern Region of Afghanistan.

WASH

In January 2022, 4,236 people attended hygiene promotion sessions that provided key messages on acute watery diarrhea (AWD), including prevention measures and water treatment at the household level. Alongside this, people received hygiene supplies for handwashing and appropriate information education and communication (IEC) materials with information on handwashing, personal and environmental hygiene, and sanitation and food hygiene.

International Medical Corps formed three water-management committees, which are groups of community members working together to ensure that water resources are properly utilized and that all the surrounding villages have access to safe drinking water. International Medical Corps also built eight emergency latrines in Torkham, at the zero point of the Durand Line between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Protection

Over the last month, International Medical Corps has continued to deliver community-based education sessions. The topics have included COVID-19 prevention measures, menstrual health and hygiene, antenatal care, pregnancy care, safe delivery, postnatal care, family planning, vaccinations, breastfeeding, early detection of breast cancer, diarrhea, and disease transmission (including tuberculosis and malaria). Through these sessions, International Medical Corps has reached 25,394 people. The community-based health education program, alongside regular meetings with governmental and non-governmental organizations, establishes effective referral systems that enable community members to access timely support and quality services

International Medical Corps is collaborating closely with affected communities to understand their needs and identify the most appropriate and long-term solutions. International Medical Corps has been providing one-on-one and group psychological assistance to internally displaced people, host communities, and returnees, reaching 12,181 men and women in January 2022.



Community-based health education session for women in Marmal District, Balkh province.