

## SITUATION UPDATE



*An International Medical Corps doctor provides an outpatient consultation to a woman in our Kabul health center.*

### FAST FACTS

- International Medical Corps supports 15 mobile health teams, 11 first-aid trauma posts, 11 static health centers and a 50-bed COVID-19 hospital.
- International Medical Corps reached 80,927 people with health, WASH and protection services in April 2022.
- In the last month, we have distributed 118 hygiene kits and 2,180 water kits in Balkh, Faryab, Kunar, Nangarhar and Sari-Pul provinces.

The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is worsening. In 2022, more than 24.4 million people—almost two thirds of the population—will require humanitarian health assistance. The World Health Organization (WHO) warned earlier this year that Afghanistan's health sector was on the verge of collapse. As a result of Afghanistan's deteriorating economic situation and lack of financial resources, most healthcare workers have not been paid in months, and clinics and hospitals are running out of critical drugs and supplies.<sup>1</sup>

## International Medical Corps Response

Since August 2021, International Medical Corps has been expanding its humanitarian assistance in north, east and south Afghanistan. We have set up mobile health teams to respond to the increasing humanitarian needs since August of last year. In April of this year, our 15 mobile health teams reached 14,073 people through outpatient consultations, fully immunized 51 children and provided 18,303 people with basic psychosocial support. In addition, 1,535 women visited the mobile health teams for antenatal and postnatal care, while 413 received family planning services. Our mobile health teams also raised awareness about hygiene and health education, reaching 19,048 and 5,593 people on the topics, respectively.

### Health

In April, International Medical Corps continued to provide health services in Afghanistan. In addition to our 15 mobile health teams, we support 11 first-aid trauma posts, 11 static health centers and a 50-bed COVID-19 hospital that together work to provide vital healthcare services. By month's end, International Medical Corps had provided 37,983 people across Afghanistan with healthcare services.

In April, through International Medical Corps' static health centers, we reached 17,924 people through outpatient consultations. In addition, 658 women visited the clinics for family planning, 1,034 women attended the health centers for antenatal and postnatal care, and we managed 113 deliveries. In addition, we fully immunized 811 children and provided trauma care to 972 people. International Medical Corps also provided three hospitals and two comprehensive health centers with lifesaving medicines and medical supplies that supported 1,679 major and minor surgeries in April.

### WASH

In April, 19,048 people attended hygiene promotion sessions that covered acute watery diarrhea prevention measures and water treatment at the household level. International Medical Corps also distributed handwashing supplies and

<sup>1</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/afghans-dying-lack-medicine-endari>

educational materials about sanitation, food hygiene, handwashing, personal care and environmental hygiene. Additionally, we distributed 2,180 water kits and 118 hygiene kits in Balkh, Faryab, Kunar, Nangarhar and Sari-Pul.

### **Protection**

International Medical Corps works closely alongside communities to understand protection needs and provide appropriate support. This includes providing one-on-one and group psychological assistance. In April, we reached 18,303 men and women through these services.

In April, International Medical Corps continued to deliver community-based education sessions, reaching a total of 5,593 people in the past month. The sessions have covered numerous topics, such as COVID-19 prevention measures, menstrual health, 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). Alongside this, we provide communication materials on various topics, including COVID-19 and psychosocial support, as well as stress and mental health.



*A woman in Afghanistan washes her hands before entering an International Medical Corps health center.*



*An International Medical Corps midwife prescribes medicine to a pregnant woman after an antenatal care visit.*