

Humanitarian Aid and Stabilisation



Tackling Hardship and Disasters

With average life expectancy of almost 63 years and persistently high rates of child and maternal mortality, Afghanistan has identified the expansion of the health system as a key priority in its National Development Strategy. The German Government is therefore assisting Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health to build properly functioning health facilities. The aim is to give communities in remote districts easier and faster access to health care and the benefits of adequate medical treatment.

Furthermore, over a third of the Afghan population lives in poverty. Internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have fled their homes and settled in other regions of Afghanistan face particular hardship. According to estimated figures from the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), there were more than 1,200,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Afghanistan in 2016. The supply situation for IDPs is in some cases even worse than for local people. This has occasionally caused conflicts between host communities and IDPs.

Natural disasters, as well as conflicts, can force people out of their homes. Extreme events such as floods, mudslides, droughts and earthquakes pose real threats to people's livelihoods in Afghanistan.

The German Government is working with Afghanistan's Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations, the Ministry of Finance and provincial and local authorities to improve the situation for IDPs and build communities'

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PROJECT NEWS

- New Health Clinic in Yaftal-e-Payeen, Badakhshan, Hosts 100 Patients (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/new-health-clinic-yaftal-e-payeen-badakhshan-hosts-100-patients>)
21.02.2018 | Press release
- Public Health and Education (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/public-health-and-education>)
20.11.2017 | Press release
- Flood Protection (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/flood-protection>)
15.11.2017 | Press release

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- Fact sheet: Integrating Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-IDPP-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Improving Health Care Provision for the Afghan People (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-Health-EN.pdf>)

resilience to natural disasters.

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OUR WORK IN THIS SECTOR



[Integrating Internally Displaced Persons \(IDPs\) – More than a Logistical Challenge](#)

In order to improve conditions for IDPs over the long term, the German Government is assisting Afghanistan with the implementation of the National Policy on Internally Displaced Persons which, among other things, supports their local integration.

<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/project/integrating-internally-displaced-persons-idps-%E2%80%93-more-logistical-challenge>



Improving Health Care Provision for the Afghan People

In order to safeguard public health in areas outside the capital Kabul, the German Government is supporting the reconstruction of, and the provision of adequate medical equipment for, health centres across Afghanistan. Measures to eradicate wild poliovirus in Afghanistan – one of the three countries where it is still endemic (the others being Nigeria and Pakistan) – are also funded by the German Government.

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