

Humanitarian Assistance 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

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Refugees and Repatriations, the Ministry of Finance and provincial and local authorities to improve the situation for IDPs and build communities' 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.

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Integrated Experts in Afghanistan

In order to improve the management skills of Afghan Government ministries, key institutions and administrative bodies, the German Government is assisting with the placement of integrated experts on the Afghan labour market.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1758>)



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.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1954>)



Mining in Afghanistan – Improving University Education, Supporting Innovation

In order to make better use of the potential offered by the raw materials sector, the German Government is assisting Afghanistan to improve its system of academic mining education, to align it to industry and labour market needs and to build its international networks.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1724>)



Promoting Cross-Border Development and Cooperation

In order to improve the livelihoods of the people living in highly inaccessible border regions in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan, facilitate their cooperation and integration, and drive economic development, the German Government is supporting the expansion of the local socio-economic infrastructure.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1736>)



Improving Quality of Life and Creating Job Opportunities in the Heart of Kabul

In order to create appropriate facilities for young people and women, the German Government is helping to revitalise the historic Chihilsitoun Park ('40 Columns Park') in southern Kabul. The park, at 12 ha Kabul's largest, will now be given a modern layout and revitalised.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1734>)



School Sponsorship in Afghanistan – Improving the Quality of Education

In order to achieve continuous improvements in the quality of education for young Afghans, the German Government is sponsoring three schools in Kabul – the Amani High School for Boys, the Aysha-e-Durani High School for Girls and the Lycée Jamhuriat (a secondary business school for girls) – to become schools of excellence. These model schools will serve as an example for others.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1716>)



Strong Local Government Structures to Stabilise Northern Afghanistan

In order to strengthen local governance structures at district level and at the same time improve living conditions for Afghanistan's rural population, the German Government is supporting the necessary capacity development measures and smaller infrastructure initiatives in Afghanistan.

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