



In Afghanistan, every two hours a mother dies from pregnancy-related complications

The current crisis could make the situation worse



Four decades of conflict



Natural disasters



High levels of poverty



Food insecurity



COVID-19

AFGHANISTAN HAS LONG FACED MULTIPLE HUMANITARIAN CRISES.

Now, the ongoing increased insecurity and instability is only worsening the situation, particularly for women and girls.

18.4 million people

ARE IN NEED OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

20%

are women of childbearing age

4%

are pregnant women

51% needed

UNFPA'S APPEAL COVERS THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 2022

\$29.2M

49% funded

\$29.2 million is needed to respond to immediate humanitarian needs

WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE AT ACUTE RISK AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT CRISIS AND WILL BE LEFT WITHOUT ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES AND PROTECTION SERVICES.

Since the events of 15 August, independent sources have documented violence directed at women and girls and imposition of restrictions on their capacity to function independently in society.

This rollback of fundamental rights and restricted access to services risks the progress of the last 20 years.

UNFPA's Strategic Priorities for Women and Girls



PROVIDING LIFESAVING MATERNAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

including basic emergency obstetric and newborn care, as well as antenatal and postnatal care services



STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION

through telehealth initiatives



ENSURING A CONSISTENT SUPPLY

of lifesaving maternal health drugs



PROVIDING LIFESAVING MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

to women and girls



CO-LEAD COORDINATION OF WOMEN'S PROTECTION RESPONSE

through the GBV sub-cluster



PROVIDING SURVIVOR-CENTERED GBV RESPONSE SERVICES

linked to the GBV referral mechanism



PROVIDING AWARENESS

raising and ensuring supply of PPE in response to COVID-19



MATERNAL
MORTALITY
RATIO

638

HIGHEST
IN ASIA

TOTAL
FERTILITY
RATE

5.1

ONE
OF THE HIGHEST
IN THE WORLD

UNMET NEED
FOR FAMILY
PLANNING

25.7%

1 in 3

GIRLS
ARE MARRIED
BEFORE
THE AGE OF 18

1 in 2

WOMEN
WILL EXPERIENCE
SOME FORM OF GBV
THROUGHOUT
THE COURSE
OF HER LIFE

51%

OF WOMEN
WHO HAVE EVER
BEEN MARRIED
HAVE EXPERIENCED
PHYSICAL AND/OR
SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Delivering Integrated Reproductive Health and Gender-based Violence Services for Women and Girls

To respond to the lifesaving humanitarian needs of women and girls, UNFPA continues to deliver an integrated reproductive health and gender-based violence response package at community, village and district levels, as well as in camps, through expansion and scaling up of UNFPA's existing service delivery points.



FAMILY PROTECTION CENTERS (FPC) are female-staffed, one-stop clinics that provide free, confidential health and psychosocial counselling services for survivors of gender-based violence.



WOMEN FRIENDLY HEALTH SPACES (WFHS) are safe spaces for women and girls to gather, providing survivor-centered psychosocial counselling and vocational services to women and girls.



FAMILY HEALTH HOUSES (FHH) are community based, owned and sustainable facilities run by a community midwife from the same locality, providing essential lifesaving RMNCH health services to people living in underserved areas.



MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS (MHT) respond to the needs of internally displaced persons, providing integrated reproductive health and gender-based violence response services.



MOBILE OUTREACH TEAMS (MOT) provide gender-based violence and psycho-social support services.



EMERGENCY CLINICS are set up along border areas to provide integrated reproductive health, gender-based violence response and psychosocial support services to returnees, internally displaced persons and host communities.



YOUTH HEALTH CORNERS (YHC), are an integrated approach within the structure of public regional, provincial, and district hospitals, which provide vital health advice and services for young people.



YOUTH HEALTH LINE (YHL), a telehealth initiative, is a nationwide toll-free phone line staffed with male and female counselors, providing young people with immediate, anonymous and professional reproductive health information and advice. It also provides information, counseling, and referral services to IDPs on RH, GBV and COVID-19.



MIDWIFERY HEALTH LINE is a toll-free number accessible across Afghanistan, functional 24/7, providing RMNCAH technical information, consultation, and guidance to midwives and other health workers on duty.





FAMILY HEALTH HOUSES (FHHs)
172 (2022)



FAMILY PROTECTION CENTERS (FPCs)
37



HEALTH FACILITIES RECEIVING IARH KITS
30



YOUTH HEALTH CORNERS (YHCs)
26



MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS (MHTs)
20



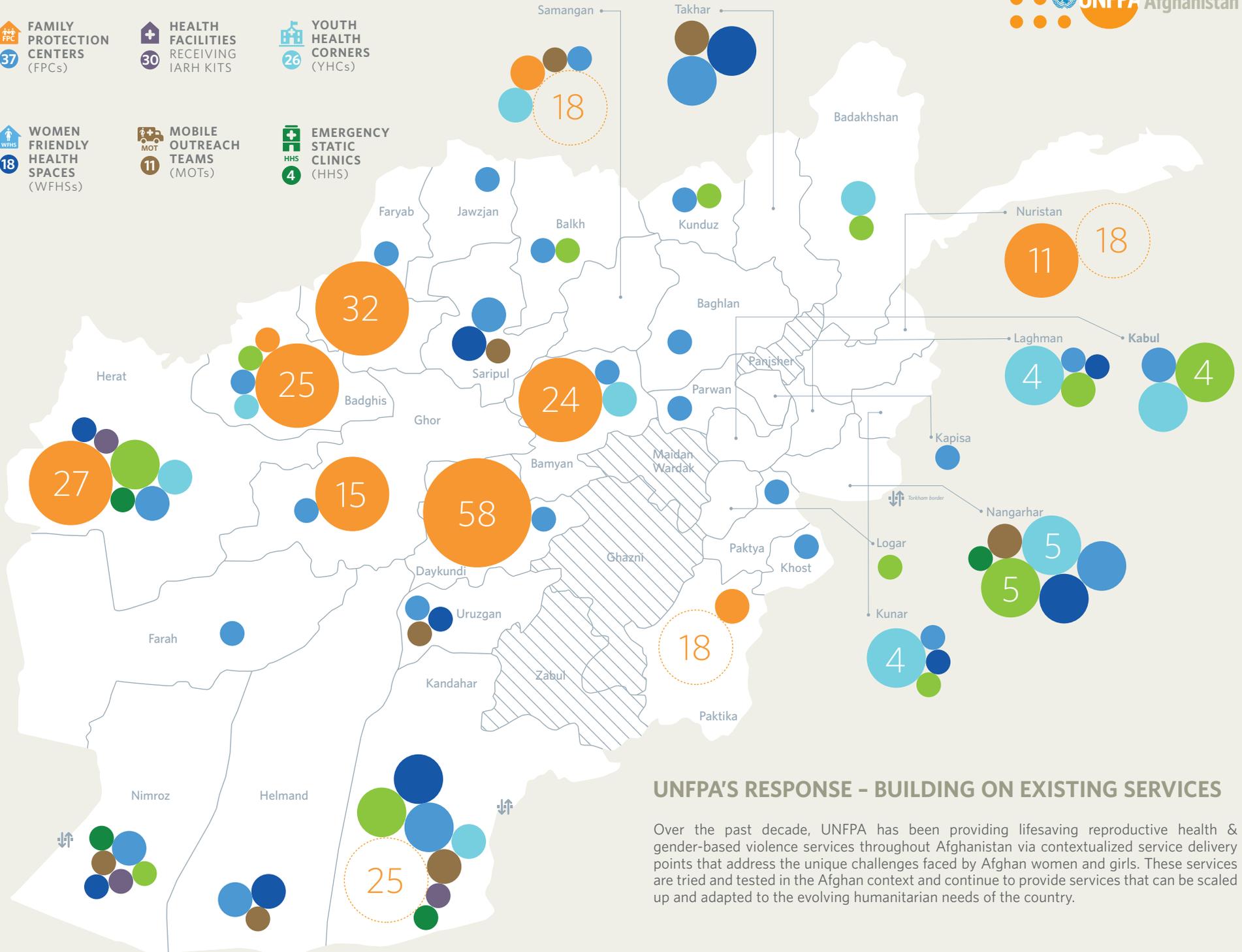
WOMEN FRIENDLY HEALTH SPACES (WFHSs)
18



MOBILE OUTREACH TEAMS (MOTs)
11



EMERGENCY STATIC CLINICS (HHS)
4



UNFPA'S RESPONSE - BUILDING ON EXISTING SERVICES

Over the past decade, UNFPA has been providing lifesaving reproductive health & gender-based violence services throughout Afghanistan via contextualized service delivery points that address the unique challenges faced by Afghan women and girls. These services are tried and tested in the Afghan context and continue to provide services that can be scaled up and adapted to the evolving humanitarian needs of the country.

Supplies to meet humanitarian needs

PROTECTION

ACCORDING TO THE HRP, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN) OF PROTECTION ASSISTANCE IS 4 MILLION; of these, the GBV sub-cluster has planned to reach 1.4 million women and girls with integrated services by December 31, 2021.

The essential contents of dignity kits can connect survivors to life-saving GBV services, provide tools for GBV risk mitigation and enable their access to other humanitarian aid.



DIGNITY KITS (DK)

Based on the persons in need (PiN) estimates for the next 12 months, an estimated 264,000 women and girls in especially vulnerable circumstances need to be reached twice with dignity kits. The kits will be distributed via UNFPA service delivery points (FHH, FPC, MHT).



WINTERIZATION ASSISTANCE (WINTERIZED KITS)

According to the Emergency Shelter and NFI cluster, the total number of people to be reached by December 31, 2021 is 1 million, of whom 195,000 are women. These kits are in response to the expected harsh winter season and prolonged lean season which increase the vulnerability of women and girls, especially those without shelter.

UNFPA will prioritize female-headed households for winterized kits, which will provide assistance to 6 individuals per household.

HEALTH

To ensure that the reproductive and maternal health needs of women are met during crises, IARH kits, which contain essential drugs, supplies and equipment, are used to facilitate the provision of lifesaving reproductive health services - ensuring safe pregnancy and childbirth.

According to HRP, the number of persons in need (PiN) of health assistance is 14.2 million and the health cluster has planned to reach 2.3 million women with health assistance by December 31, 2021. Based on this, the number of women to be covered by IARH kits is estimated to be 700,000.



INTERAGENCY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (IARH) KITS

The Afghanistan health system is already overburdened and the provision of IASC-endorsed Interagency Reproductive Health (IARH) kits allows facilities to provide safe RH support and services. These services are provided via 12 unique types of kits which cover needs related to clean delivery, STIs and the clinical management of rape, among other urgent needs.



CUSTOMIZED PROTECTION KITS

In view of the vulnerability of displaced women and girls during these crises with the upsurge of COVID-19 cases, UNFPA will distribute customized COVID-19 protection kits to the same number of beneficiaries under dignity kits (DK) distribution. This is intended to shield vulnerable women and girls from community transmission.



UNFPA's Funding Requirement

TOTAL COST:

\$29,222,608

TIME:

12 months

POPULATION COVERAGE:

1,600,000+

Source: UNFPA Afghanistan CO

► ESTABLISHMENT EXPANSION AND ADAPTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY POINTS



Establishment, continuation and expansion of integrated PSS/Health Mobile Teams in targeted provinces



Integrated youth and midwifery health lines



Pilot establishment of FPCs and FHH to provide integrated GBV & health services



Technical support to integrated GBV/SRH/PSS service provision



Apportioned costs (security, etc)

Quantity	36	4	37	1	1
Cost	\$2,160,000	\$240,000	\$1,626,651	\$352,835	\$83,528

► COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION



Community mobilization using community health workers and community volunteers; radio messages; IEC materials and BCC sessions



Technical support to community mobilization and engagement



Humanitarian coordination and service monitoring cost



Apportioned costs (security, etc)

Cost	\$240,000	\$163,506	\$151,200	\$9,827
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► AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS



Availability of dignity kits



Availability of IARH kits (1 to 12)



Protection kits (customized COVID-19 kits)



Winterized Kits



Technical support to community mobilization and engagement



Apportioned costs (security, etc)



Operations Support Cost

Quantity	528,000	4,920	264,000	20,000	1	1	1
Cost	\$9,504,000	\$3,870,000	\$3,960,000	\$4,000,000	\$298,438	\$397,985	\$2,164,637

