



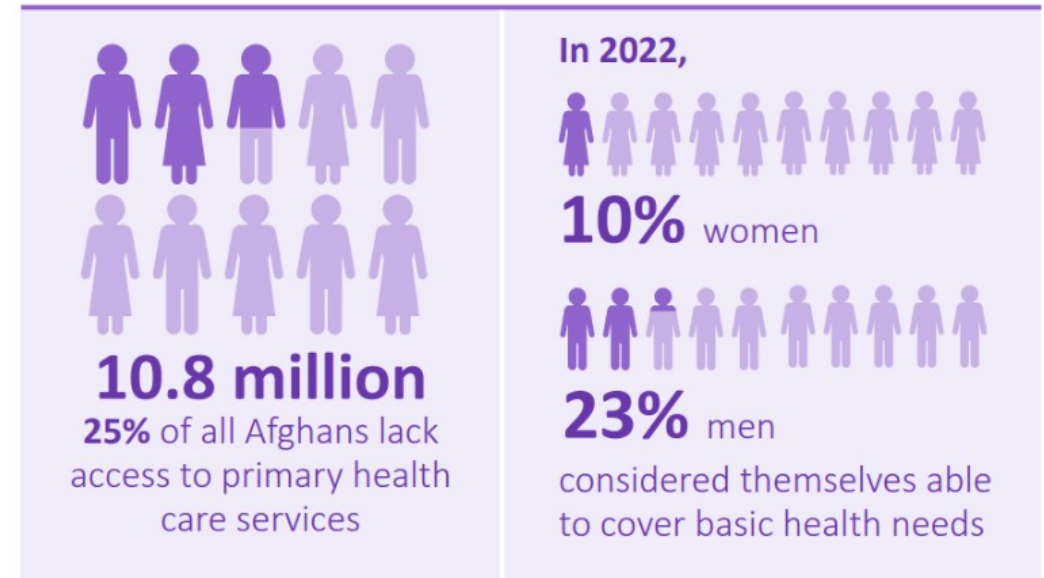
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Enhancing access to BEmONC Services in Rural Laghman, Afghanistan: Navigating Complexity in a Humanitarian-Development Context





Afghanistan Context



Source: OCHA.2022; WHO.2022.

- Fragile States Index 2023: high alert
- Poverty – 2/3 of the population (in need of humanitarian aid)
- With 17.9 million people (53% children) urgently needing assistance in the health sector
- A near-collapse of the national public health system



The crisis of maternal and child health in Afghanistan

- Until August 2021: Creation of a functioning system of primary and secondary health system
- After August 2021: halt or drastic reduction of support for health care and other services
- September 2021: ban on secondary education for girls
- December 2022: ban on higher education for women & on women to work for NGO
- January 2023: Oral statement that decree is not applicable to the health sector
- Health worker arrests and detentions almost doubled in 2023

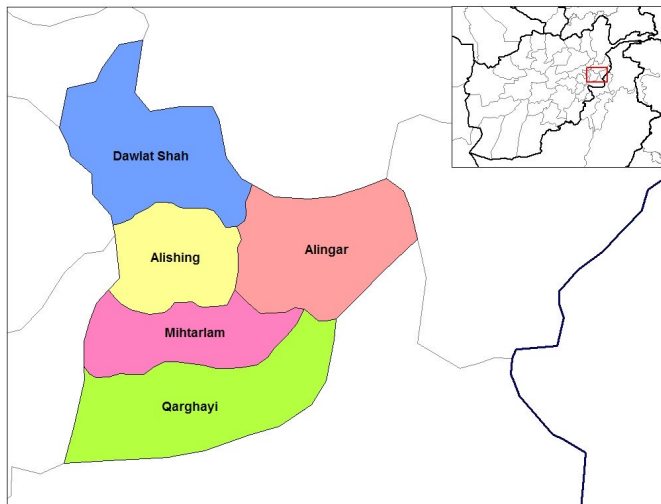
➡ **Maternal mortality: 638 per 100,000 live births**

➡ **A near-collapse of the national public health system**





Improving access to Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) services for women in rural areas of Laghman Province, Afghanistan



Duration: 2021 - 2024

Budget: CHF 856'209

Partner: Première Urgence – Aide Médicale Internationale

Outcome 1

Meaningful access to quality maternal and neonatal health care services is ensured 24/7 for women living in hard-to-reach communities





Maternal and Neonatal Health Care

- ✓ Accommodation for 3 midwives
- ✓ Rehabilitation and upgrading of 3 delivery rooms
- ✓ Buffer stock of essential drugs



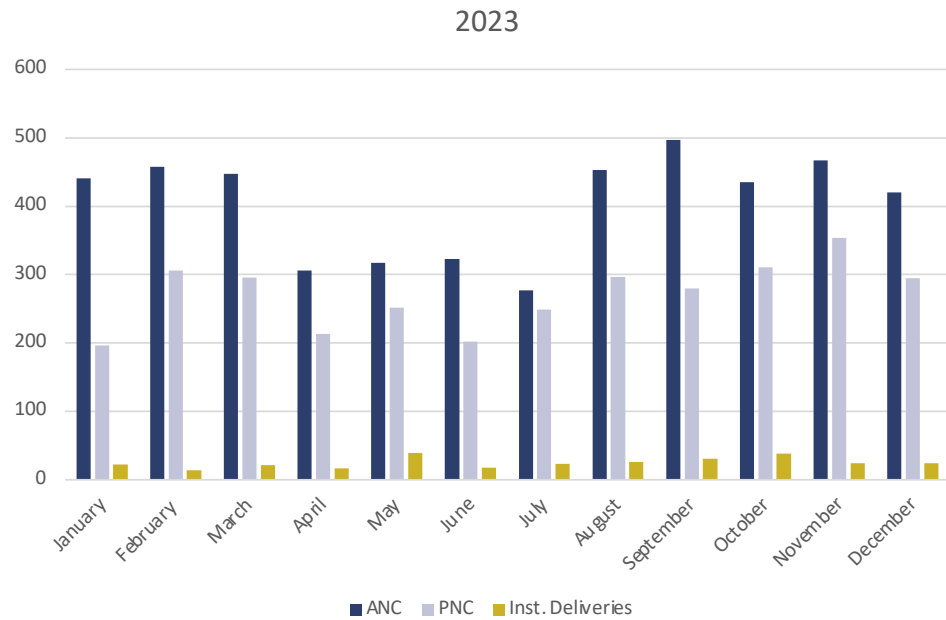


Allowances and trainings for midwives





Conditional cash for transportation and food





Outcome 2

Local barriers to access maternal and neonatal health care services are overcome by changing the perception of the communities on institutional deliveries and antenatal and post-natal care





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