



Sustaining Essential Services

in Ataturk and Baghlan Hospitals

Quarterly Report

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PROJECT START DATE	01-May-2022	PROJECT END DATE	31-December-2022
REPORTING QUARTER & YEAR	Quarter 2-Year 1	REPORT SUBMISSION DATE	15-August-2022

CONTRIBUTION TO STFA PRIORITY AREAS	
STFA PRIORITY AREAS	TOTAL ALLOCATION IN USD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provision of Essential Services	2,475,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Livelihoods & Local Economic Activities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting Farm Based Livelihood from Natural Disasters	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Resilience and Social Cohesion	

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE	
REGIONS COVERED	PROVINCES COVERED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kabul <input type="checkbox"/> Logar, <input type="checkbox"/> Wardak, <input type="checkbox"/> Parwan, <input type="checkbox"/> Kapisa, <input type="checkbox"/> Panjshir
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North-eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Kunduz, <input type="checkbox"/> Takhar, <input type="checkbox"/> Badakhshan, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baghlan

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PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The sectoral project “Sustaining Essential Services in Ataturk and Baghlan Hospitals” contributes directly to the two main outcomes of the TEF: Sustain essential services (outcome 2); and preserve social investments and community-level systems essential to meeting basic human needs (outcome 3). The project aims to support the provision of uninterrupted health services of two strategic health care facilities in Afghanistan, as part of the immediate response to the potential collapse of the health system in the country - benefiting over 144,000 individuals, including women and children from vulnerable communities, during the period May to December 2022.

As part of this overarching objective, the initiative is expected to also support (i) access to information on reproductive health care services and COVID-19 prevention and awareness raising on GBV; (ii) enhancement of technical capacities of medical personnel (nurses and doctors) and (iii) improvements in the water and sanitation facilities and systems.

The roles of UN agencies are complementary: WHO is supporting the main operations of the two hospitals (including procurement of health supplies and equipment; personnel management and training); UNFPA is providing technical assistance for Ataturk Hospital to establish and support an integrated youth center in the hospital; UNDP’s role is to support the rehabilitation of the WASH systems based on the needs assessment, which has identified areas that require targeted support, including procurement and construction. All three agencies are contributing their technical expertise, management, and oversight capacities, and are engaging with implementing partners to capacitate and ensure quality health service delivery.

PART 1. PROGRESS AGAINST INTENDED RESULTS

The Sectoral Project “Sustaining Essential Services in Ataturk and Baghlan Hospitals” approved in May 2022 is implemented collectively by three Participating UN Organisations (PUNOs) in the Central (Kabul Province) and North (Baghlan Province) regions of Afghanistan. Specifically, the project aims to support the provision of uninterrupted health services to two strategic health care facilities namely, Ataturk Children’s Hospital and Baghlan Provincial Hospital.

This is the first report of the project that provides a progress update from 1 May to 30 June 2022 and gives a snapshot of cumulative progress made by the end of the second quarter of implementation. The report is consolidated using updates received from all three PUNOs including WHO, UNDP and UNFPA that are jointly implementing this project. Below is a summary of the PUNOs that are implementing this project:

Participating UN Organization	Output 1- Provision of Essential Services	
	Central Region- Ataturk Hospital	North Eastern Region- Baghlan Hospital
UNDP	Yes	No
UNFPA	Yes	No
WHO	Yes	Yes
# PUNOs that implemented the Sectoral Project	3	1

Table 1: Number of PUNOs by output and region

Progress against the output 1

This section provides an overview of the progress made during the reporting period against the output:

OUTPUT 1 - Essential services and community infrastructure - including for health, agriculture, education and energy supply - are functional, sustained and expanded to meet different needs of women and men.

Under this output, all three PUNOs are expected to jointly provide support to the Ataturk Children’s Hospital and Baghlan Provincial Hospital, ensuring that both health facilities are sustained, and uninterrupted health services are provided to the communities during the project duration. As part of the overarching objective of the project, the initiative will also support provision of access to information on reproductive health care services, enhancement of technical capacities of medical personnel (nurses and doctors) and improvements in WASH facilities in the mentioned healthcare facilities.

Below is a summary of contributions made by PUNOs who submitted updates in the period under review. The key achievements are related to the provision of health services, including technical and operational support to the targeted hospitals for uninterrupted delivery of services.

Indicators:

- Number of beneficiaries community members that benefit from essential services (disaggregated by gender) [STFA]
- Number of total surgeries
- Number of adolescent girls and boys reached by the youth center (UNFPA)
- Number of Youth Center established and providing services (UNFPA)
- Number of Counseling sessions of adolescent through UNPFA
- Fill rate of required medical and surgical supplies (%)
- Fill rate of food supplies (%)
- Number of trained personnel, including nurses and doctors
- Number of enabled diagnostic procedures: Laboratory testing in-house
- Number of enabled diagnostic procedures: Radiology procedures

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The project started in May 2022. So far, no results have been generated by PUNOs as the preliminary work/arrangements are in progress. As per PUNOs, activities under the output have been planned and are expected to complete/initiate its delivery during the third quarter of the current year. The following section discusses the key achievements/progress as reported by the PUNOs.

Achievements on essential basic services including preliminary work:

- As part of the operational support to the targeted hospitals, a total of **147 paediatric surgical procedures** have been performed during the reporting period. This includes both major and minor surgeries.
- **Technical support** provided to the targeted facilities ensuring uninterrupted service delivery. So far, support in terms of rehabilitation/refurbishment, procurement and management of facilities and equipment have been provided to various units of the said facilities including, Outpatient Department (OPD), dispensary work, laboratories, blood bank and waste management, among others.
- The **design** of the **Integrated Youth Centre** in Ataturk hospital has been coordinated with the hospital authorities and finalised. The **site for the construction** of the centre has also been selected in collaboration with the hospital authorities. The location of the centre is separate from the hospital to ensure active adolescents and youth engagement in the services, without being exposed to patients visiting the hospital.

CROSS PUNOs COLLABORATION

This project is one of the good examples of collaborative work among the PUNOs that has been in place among **UNDP, UNFPA, and WHO** since the design stage of the project. Since inception, all three PUNOs have managed to collaboratively identify the needs of targeted hospitals and develop synergies based on their technical and operational capacities. Since the start of project implementation in May 2022, all three PUNOs have been engaged in preliminary activities and have commitments to keep the collaboration intact for smooth implementation.

PART 2. MONITORING & EVALUATION

The project launched in May 2022. While all three PUNOs have been engaged in the preliminary activities of the project, PUNOs have been also focusing on developing their M&E tools specific for this project and some have even started using them. **UNFPA** reported to have been closely monitoring the project activities implemented through their IP to track the progress the against the workplan, identify bottlenecks and follow up on previously proposed corrective measures. Similarly, **WHO** through its Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) are harmonising M&E tools with those of similar project.

PART 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Contributor/Partner	Commitments (US \$)	Deposits (US \$)
Government of Turkey	3,000,000	3,000,000

3.2. PROGRAMME FINANCIAL DELIVERY

PUNO	Approved Allocation	Cumulative Fund Disbursed	Commitment During The Reporting Quarter	Expenditure During The Reporting Quarter	Commitment TO DATE	Expenditure TO DATE	UNSPENT BALANCE
WHO	2,144,750	2,144,750	-	495,097	-	495,097	1,649,653
UNFPA	250,000	250,000	-	138	-	138	249,862
UNDP	80,250	80,250	-		-		80,250
TOTAL	2,475,000	2,475,000	-	495,235	-	495,235	1,979,765

PART 4. RISKS AND CHALLENGES

Considering that it has been only two months since the project started and PUNOs are yet to initiate core activities under the project, the majority of risks that were initially thought out and documented in the risk log of the project document have not yet realized. However, all PUNOs are monitoring risks and will employ mitigation measures as applicable.

In terms of emerging challenges during the reporting period, the followings issues were reported:

1. Programme related risks/challenges

As per the signed Prodoc, this project was expected to cover two hospitals (i.e., 1. Ataturk Hospital in Kabul Province and, 2. Baghlan Provincial Hospital in Baghlan Province). However, during the project implementation stage, it was observed by PUNOs that the Baghlan Hospital was already being covered by ICRC, which would have caused duplication of efforts should the PUNOs

continued proceeding as per the Prodoc. Based on this, **WHO** substituted the Baghlan Provincial Hospital with two maternity hospitals, namely, **60-Bed Badakhshan OB-Gyne Hopsital** in the Badakhshan province, and the **Aino Mena OB-Gyne Hospital in Kandahar** province. With this change, while the integrated results and overall Output as per the signed Prodoc are not affected, respective project parameters such as, targets, budget, duration etc. may change. The change of targeted hospitals requires further discussion with the Technical Coordination Working Group to identify steps required to formalise this change under the given circumstances.

2. Logistics and management related risks/challenges

- **UNFPA** reported that Afghan Family Guidance Association (AFGA) as the implementing partner have been facing delays in finalising the competitive procurement process for the construction of Integrated Youth Center at the Ataturk Hospital due to inability to find a competent vendor/supplier. To address this issue, UNFPA, UNFPA, together with AFGA, have further increased their follow up to complete the procurement process and established contracts with the successful bidder for the construction activity to commence in a timely fashion.
- In addition to the above, UNFPA have also been facing challenges in identifying qualified females to fill vacant positions (including Communication Officer and Youth Educators) for the Integrated Youth Centre at Ataturk Hospital. As a mitigation measure, UNFPA's IP have re-announced the positions, and will encourage female candidates to apply and will follow up until qualified female staff are recruited.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 – See attached excel sheet

ANNEX 2 – HUMAN INTEREST STORIES, IF ANY.

N/A for the quarter.

ANNEX 3 – PHOTOS

N/A for the quarter.