

Afghanistan continues to recover from 23 years of conflict. It is ranked 168 out of 189 countries in the HDI Index. Vulnerability is high, food insecurity widespread, and access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities are limited. An estimated 3.7 million children (60% girls) are out-of-school, and the quality of education is poor. GDP is not growing, unemployment is rising, and the country is highly reliant on imported supplies. Chronic malnutrition has been identified by the WHO as the major threat to health.



OUR PROGRAMMES

BRAC Afghanistan remains a reliable development partner for donors and the government, providing services to vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities in the country. Current programmes are in Education, Health, Citizen's Charter and Capacity Development reaching 95 districts under 16 provinces (out of 34).

OUR TEAM

We have a total of **1,639** staff, of whom **98%** are nationals of Afghanistan. **30%** of the total staff are women – a **3%** improvement on 2017 – and **14%** of the Country Management team are women.

CURRENT GRANTS

PROGRAMME	PROJECT	DONOR	STARTING DATE	DURATION	BUDGET (USD IN MILLIONS)
Education	Girls Education Challenge-Transition	UKaid	April 2017	8 Years	38.3
Health	Strengthening and Scaling-up Malaria Prevention and Case Management to improve Health Status in Afghanistan	UNDP Afghanistan/The Global Fund	January 2018	3 years	0.5
	Deliver the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) in Helmand province	Ministry of Public Health/ World Bank	July 2017	1 year	10
Citizen Charter National Priority Programme (CCNPP)	Citizens' Charter Afghanistan Project (CCAP)	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation Development, World Bank/International Development Association (WB/IDA) and the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF)	May 2017	3 years	7.9
Citizen Charter National Priority Programme (CCNPP)	Citizens' Charter Additional Financing and Social Inclusion Grant	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation Development, World Bank/International Development Association (WB/IDA) and the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF)	October 2017	3 years	2.6

MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAMME/PROJECT	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	ANNUAL TARGET 2018	ACHIEVEMENT (SEPTEMBER 2018)	% ACHIEVED
Education/ Girls Education Challenge-Transition (GEC-T)	Average daily attendance of enrolled girls in secondary CBGS per class (class size 30)	24	28	116.7
Basic Packages of Health Sciences-BPHS (Helmand)	Number of deliveries attended by skilled workers	16,023	14,975	93.4
Citizen Charter National Priority Programme (CCNPP)	Number of CDCs developed Community Development Plans	675	437	64.7

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- BRAC Afghanistan received Provincial Public Health Directorate (PPHD) Award as a recognition of ensuring proper health services.
- An impact evaluation entitled “Nutrition promotion and collective vegetable gardening by adolescent girls: Feasibility assessment from a pilot in Afghanistan” from the LANSAs research project is published in the Asian Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- 69% of the Education Programme learners have transitioned to further education or employment.
- 97% of confirmed malaria cases were cured after taking a full cycle of anti-malarial treatment.

CHALLENGES

- Difficult to get experienced national staff, and consequently staff are often not able to perform at the required level.
- Difficult for our expat staff to obtain visas, work permits and to get income tax certificates from the relevant departments.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Financial support has a substantial impact on learner’s attendance rates, and help prevent drop-out
- Inclusive community development strategies are an effective approach for reducing vulnerability of most marginalized households
- Ensuring the presence of midwives during night shifts showed a significant impact on safe birth rates.

PRIORITIES FOR 2019



- Improve security measures for all offices across the country
- Develop a Country Strategy for the next five years