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## 2024 Annual Report

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#### **Foreword from the Board of Trustees**

We are pleased to announce a strong set of results showing improved performance across our non-profit for positively impacting the lives of targeted population in various parts of Afghanistan. FY2024 was a year of significant change for Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCD).

We have made substantial and rapid progress, and this has established solid foundations for the next phase of our strategic plan.

Board of Trustees Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCD)

#### **Foreword from CEO**

With great honor, I would like to state that 2024 was a year in which ORCD kept its momentum for forward movement toward expansion. Going through numerous challenges, ORCD made sure that the year accomplishments are a success. This is not only a honor and privilege for me but all members of ORCD including its management staff, volunteers and trustees who put in place dedicated efforts, expertise and displayed great enthusiasm for having ORCD emerging as a strong Afghan national NGO in the country firmly linked with its sister organizations in Pakistan, Zimbabwe and in the United States pursuing same mission, vision and strategic goals across the world.

In line with our strategic plan that was adopted in 2012, ORCD kept up its momentum and had its all projects aligned with its mission, vision, and strategic objectives. ORCD services ranged spanning from health, nutrition, protection, rural development, gender mainstreaming and women empowerment by integrating innovative approaches aimed at addressing complex needs of communities and individuals in different parts of the country especially in rural areas.

Our projects adopted innovative approaches in their efforts to have refined and diffuse innovative community-based development activities and replicated the best practices ORCD got in different parts of the country.

The projects implemented by ORCD in 2024 were not only contractual obligations with donors but were also part of a social obligation it has established with the target communities. They were not only achieving deliverables set by donors but were also documenting best practices and learning from beneficiaries so that they could be used for better service provision in future.

The dedicated staff of ORCD both at central and field level as well as the generous support of donors such as UN Women, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Program (WFP), Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), Penny Appeal UK, Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and UNFPA made all these achievements possible. Their generous and professional support proved highly crucial in all accomplishments of ORCD during the year 2024. Let me thank you all for your continued support and invite you to continue joining us in working towards improved access to and provision of humanitarian and development services to the needy people across the country.

Sincerely,

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BPHS Basic Package of Health Services
CDC Community Development Councils

GAVI Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
DRRD Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Development

DoRR Department of Refugees and Repatriation NCDI Non-Communicable Disease and Injury ESRP Economically Stressed Rural Population

EVAW End Violence Against Women
WPC Women Protection Centre
GBV Gender-based Violence
IDP Internally Displaced Population

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JICA Japanese International Cooperation Agency
MRRD Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development

MSI Marie Stopes International UN-Women United Nations for Women

CCNPP Citizens' Charter National Priority Program

AKF Agha Khan Foundation WFP World Food Program WAG Women Action Group

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
TSFP Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program
SAVE Secure Access in Volatile Environment

BGE Block Grant Entitlement

PDC Provincial Development Council IDP Internally Displaced Population

SHC Sub Health Center BHC Basic Health Center

CHC Comprehensive Health Center

DH District Hospital

CHW Community Health Worker

HF Health Facility
FATP First Aid Trauma Post
PHP Private Healthcare Provider

CB-DOTs Community Based-Directly Observed Treatments UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNOCHA United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

PPP Public Private Partnership

WB World Bank

MoPH Ministry of Public Health

MAIL Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock

UNDP United Nations Development Program

MoWA Ministry of Women Affairs

MoRR Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation RUTF Ready to Use Therapeutic Food

PA Penny Appeal

BADILL Boost Alternative Development Interventions through Licit Livelihoods

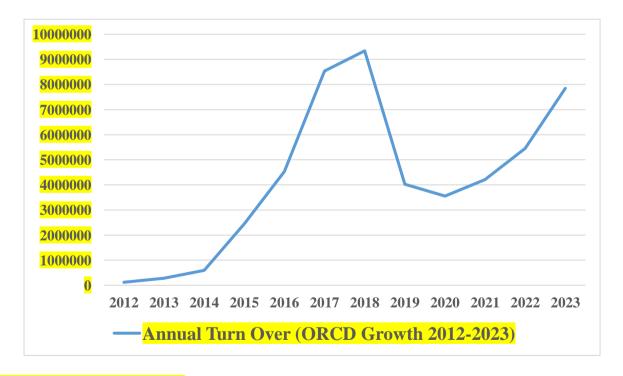
AAH Action Against Hunger
IRW Islamic Relief Worldwide
AHF Afghanistan Humanitarian Funds
IOM International Organization for Migration
BHA Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance

### **List of ORCD Projects in 2024**

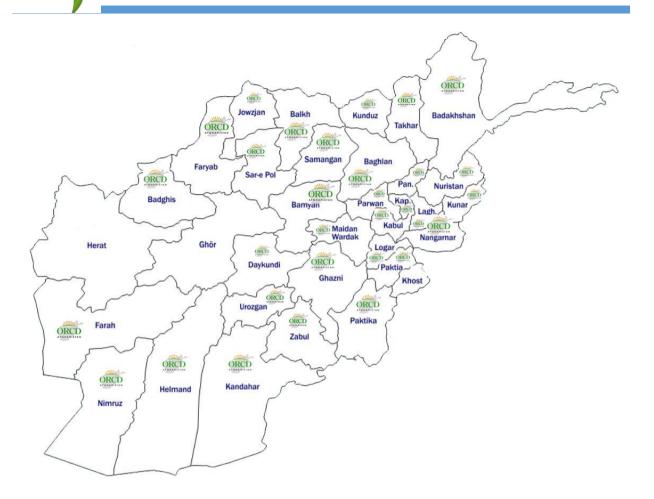
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SIN	Title of the Project	Donor	Start Date	End Date	Location	
1	Nutrition Services Delivery at the Health Facilities and Community Level in Kabul, Kapisa, Parwan and Panjshir Provinces	UNICEF	19.09.2023	17.09.2025	(1)Kabul,(2)Kapisa,(3 )Parwan,(4)Panjshir	
2	Implementation of Community Based Nutrition Program (CBNP)	UNICEF	23.08.2023	31.10.2024	Nimroz	
3	Increasing Access to RMNCH and PSS Services	UNFPA	01.09.2022	31.12.2024	(1) Nuristan,(2) Nangarhar,(3) Baghlan,(4) Kunduz,(5)Balkh, (6) Badakhshan(7)Kabul, (8)Logar, (9) Ghazni,(10) Jawzjan,(11)Samang an,(12)Faryab,(13)Ka ndahar,(14)Zabul,(15 )Helmand,(16)Oruzg an,(17)Laghman(18) Farah(19)Badghis(20 )Bamyan(21)Paktya( 22)Paktika(23)Daikun di(24)Maidan Wardak(25)Kunar(26 )Saripul(27)Takhar	
4	Sustainable Employment and Profit through Vocational Skills Training Value Chain and Enterprise Development Kabul	NCA	01.06.2020	31.12.2024	Kabul	
5	Emergency / Humanitarian interventions - SBC: Social Mobilization, Community Engagement & Accountability to Affected Population	UNICEF	16.02.2023	31.03.2024	Kunar	
6	Amna Refugee Healing Network CIO in Baghlan Province	RTI, AMNA	21.04.2024	20.03.2025	Baghlan	
7	Health Based Centres in Baghlan	UN Women	07.11.2023	18.10.2024	Baghlan	
8	CR-ORCD Afghanistan School Feeding Programme and Ramadhan Food Packs Programme	Charity Right	22.03.2022	23.03.2024	Kabul	

#### **Bulleted Accomplishments during 2024**

- **HBC** in **Baghlan** Two HBCs were established in Wazir Abad and Fabrika Qand, offering integrated health, psychosocial, and livelihood support to women and girls who are survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services were provided to 805 women, including antenatal care (ANC) for 348 women and postnatal care (PNC) for 103 women. Family planning counseling reached 354 beneficiaries, while general outpatient services benefited 6,238 individuals.
- **CBNP UNICEF Project** The Community-Based Nutrition Program (CBNP), funded by UNICEF and implemented by ORCD in Kabul province, started in 2023-18-sep to 2024-18-sep and continued into 2024. This project is being implemented in all districts of Kabul. According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the CBNP program in 637 health posts.
- RMNCH and PSS Services, This project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), aimed to improve access to reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services as well as psychosocial support (PSS) services in remote and hard-to-reach areas. The project focused on providing health services to both nomadic and non-nomadic populations through the establishment and operation of 166 Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) across various provinces.
- AMNA project Integration of Returnees into host communities through Psychosocial Counselling started from April 2024 – March 2025.
   The long-term program goal of the project is that the returnees will be able to achieve their level of optimal functioning within the community by changing their behaviors, perception, and social relationships



**Annual Growth Rate Since 2012** 



**Operating Areas of ORCD in Afghanistan** 

## Nutrition Services Delivery at the Health Facilities and Community Level in Kabul, Kapisa, Parwan and Panjshir Provinces

The Community-Based Nutrition Program (CBNP), funded by UNICEF and implemented by ORCD in Kabul province, started in 2023-18-sep to 2024-18-sep and continued into 2024. This project is being implemented in all districts of Kabul. According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the CBNP program in 637 health posts, so we will have CBNP Follow up in all HPs in all 14 Districts of Kabul, last year we had MIYCN training for health staff from different Parts and Health Facilities of Kabul.

- Oriented Participant's
- Nutrition counselors
- Nutrition Nurse
- Female MD
- Male MD
- Midwife
- Male Nurse

Trained Healthcare Providers: A total of [277] healthcare providers, including nutrition counselors, doctors, nurses, and midwives, received comprehensive MIYCN training.





Figure 1 Meeting with PND Directorate Kabul

Figure 2 Kabul Male MIYCN Training

#### Recommendations

- Sustainability: Ensure that the trained healthcare workers receive ongoing support and mentoring to sustain their knowledge and skills.
- Scaling Up: Scale up the MIYCN training program to reach more healthcare workers and expand the program's coverage.

#### • Monitoring and Evaluation:

Regularly monitor and evaluate the impact of the training program on the health and nutrition outcomes of mothers, infants, and young children

#### **Annual Report CBNP Project Parwan Province 2024:**

The Community-Based Nutrition Program (CBNP), funded by UNICEF and implemented by ORCD in Parwan province, started in 2023-18-sep to 2024-18-sep and continued into 2024. This project is being implemented in all districts of Kabul. According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the CBNP program in 479 health posts. In this session we had CBNP follow up from different parts of Parwan.

#### 1. Achievement Vs Target

- Connected MIYCN Training For (81) Female Healthcare Providers
- MNP and C-WIFS Campaigns
- Screening In 15 Health Facilities
- Nutrition counselors
- Nutrition Nurse in 2 HFs





Figure 1 Parwan Female MIYCN Training

Figure 2 Parwan MNP NFI Monitoring

S.NO	MNP/IFA Campaigns	Date	Target	Achievement	Remarks
1	MNP Campaign	21-Dec-23	81000	108463	
2	IFA Campaign	15-Jul-24	58000	68455	
3	MNP Campaign	15-Jul-24	81000	122731	
4	IFA Campaign	16-Dec-24	68455	61015	

#### **Summary**

 The MIYCN (Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition) refresher training was successfully conducted from February 10 to February 15 2024, at the ORCD training hall in Parwan. The training workshop commenced with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran, setting a respectful tone for the sessions.

#### **Achievements:**

- Partnership with local government, CHSs, CHWs, and BPHs Implementer Organizations.
- Launching of C-WIFS Campaigns.
- Attendance at All related Meetings, including (Coordination Meeting with BPHS Implementer, NPC, PHCC, PDC, NGO s Coordination meeting, cluster Meeting.
- Supportive Supervision and Joint Monitoring.
- Recruitment of CBNP master trainer for Parwan province.
- Distribution of C-WIFS (Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation) tablets to adolescent girls aged 10-19 years via female community health workers.
- Conducting awareness and education sessions for parents on the importance of iron-folic acid supplementation during the distribution sessions.



Figure 1 Taking Exam of Nutrition Nurse, Consular and screener

#### Annual Report CBNP Project Kabul Kapisa 2024:

The Community-Based Nutrition Program (CBNP), funded by UNICEF and implemented by ORCD in Kapisa, started in 2023-18-sep to 2024-18-sep and continued into 2024. This project is being implemented in all districts of Kabul. According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the CBNP program in 400 health posts, so we will have CBNP Follow up in all HPs in all districts of Kapisa, last year we had MIYCN training for health staff from Difference Parts and Health Facilities of Kapisa.



Figure 1 Kapisa MNP NFI Campaign Ceremony



Figure 2 Female MIYCN Training

#### **Objective**

- 1. Implementation of community-based nutrition interventions CBNIs in four provinces of Afghanistan (Parwan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Kabul)
- 2. Provision of nutrition services for infants, Mothers, and children on the health facility level in Kabul, Kapisa, and Panjshir.
- 3. To follow up community base

#### **Executive Summary**

- 4. Main activities of CBNP- Central Project in Kapisa included:
- 5. MNP and CWIFS campaign (two rounds)
- 6. MIYCN training for 237 personnel (191MDs, nurses, midwives, 46 nutrition counselors)
- 7. Nutrition screening in 12 health facilities

#### **MIYCN Trainings**

Improving health awareness and capacity building of health workers.

#### **Target:**

Main targets was to provide MIYCN training to 237 health workers which included 191 Mds, nurses, midwives and 46 nutrition counselors

**Result:** Training was provided to 237 health workers in different batches for better results.

#### Panjshir CBNP Annual Report 2024

The Community-Based Nutrition Program (CBNP), funded by UNICEF and implemented by ORCD in Panjshir province, started in 2023-18-sep to 2024-18-sep and continued into 2024. This project is being implemented in all districts of Kabul. According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the CBNP program in 179 health posts, so we will have CBNP Follow up in these all Hps in all districts of Panjshir, last year we had MIYCN training for health staff from Difference Parts and Health Facilities of Panjshir .

#### **Objective**

- 1. Implementation of community base nutrition interventions CBNIs in four provinces of Afghanistan (Parwan, Kapisa, Panjshir and Kabul)
- 2. Provision of nutrition services for infant, Mother and children on health facility level in Kabul, Kapisa and Panjshir.
- 3. To follow up community base

#### **Increased capacity:**

Trained Healthcare Providers: A total of 111 healthcare providers, including nutrition counselors, doctors, nurses, and midwives, received comprehensive MIYCN training.





Figure 1 Panjshir MNP NFI Compaign

Figure 2 Male MIYCN Training

Health workers demonstrated improved knowledge and skills in promoting good nutrition practices for mothers, infants, and young children by acquiring good knowledge and skills. The project increased the capacity of health care providers to provide high-quality nutrition services to their clients.

Capacity building in maternal, infant, young and child nutrition (MIYCN)					
Province	Indicators	Target	Cumulative	Percentag e %	
Panjshir	تعداد از کارکنان صحی آموزش دیده در MIYCN (داکتر، قابله، پرستاران)	120	111	93%	
Panjshir	تعداد از مشاوران تغذیه آموزش دیده در MIYCN اولیه	31	31	100%	
Panjshir	تعداد از مشاوران تغذیه آموزش دیده در .Refresher MIYCN	31	31	100%	

#### MNP and C-WIFS campaign:

By conducting two campaigns in 2024, the Micronutrient Powder (MNP) Program for Children aged 6-59 months provided MNP fortification powder to [39,114] children in all districts, villages, and remote areas of the province, and the Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation for Adolescent Girls (C-WIFS) program, IFA tablets have been distributed to [27755] adolescent girls in all districts, villages and remote areas of the province.

#### Screening of (0-59 months) children and PLW Women:

- 1. In 2024, female nutrition screeners screened 37,156 children in 13 clinics. Of these, 25,192 were normal, 8,846 had acute moderate malnutrition, and 3,118 had severe moderate malnutrition. 92 patients were referred to the relevant clinics for better treatment.
- 2. A total of 8,250 lactating and pregnant women were screened. Of these, 3,418 were normal, and 4,832 had acute moderate malnutrition. 24 mothers were referred to relevant hospitals for better treatment.
- 3. During this period, 8,250 mothers of children under two years of age received counseling on infant and young child nutrition.

#### **Conclusion:**

- The MNP and C-WIFS programs have shown significant positive impacts on the nutritional status of children under five and the health of adolescent girls. Continued efforts and improved strategies can further enhance these outcomes, contributing to better health and development for these populations. Overall, the campaign successfully reached a significant number of children and was executed with the help of dedicated personnel.
- The MIYCN training project has made significant progress in enhancing the capacity of healthcare providers to promote optimal nutrition practices for mothers, infants, and young children. We recommend that the project be sustained and scaled up to reach more healthcare providers and clients.

#### Implementation of Community Based Nutrition Program (CBNP) Nimroz

The Community-Based Nutrition Program (CBNP), funded by UNICEF and implemented by ORCD in Nimroz province, started in 2023 and continued into 2024. This project is being implemented in all districts of Nimroz. According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the CBNP program in 139 health posts, conducted two-day Community Mobilization Sessions (CMS) for community members, and following the completion of CMS, provided a two-day refresher training on CBNP to all CHWs and nutrition volunteers. Additionally, the system for growth monitoring of children under five was activated, along with the referral of malnourished children to health centers.

In 2024, two MNP (Micronutrient Powder) distribution campaigns were conducted for children aged 6-59 months in all areas covered by health posts, as well as in white areas. Additionally, in 2024, ORCD conducted three C-WIFs campaigns in Nimroz province, distributing community-based weekly iron and folic acid supplementation to adolescent girls aged 10-19 years in both health post coverage areas and white areas.



Figure 1 MNP Campaign



Figure 2 Community Mobilization Session

#### **Increasing Access to RMNCH and PSS Services**

This project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), aimed to improve access to reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services as well as psychosocial support (PSS) services in remote and hard-to-reach areas.

The project focused on providing health services to both nomadic and non-nomadic populations through the establishment and operation of 166 Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) across various provinces.

These provinces included Badakhshan (15 MHTs), Kunduz (8 MHTs), Takhar (2 MHTs), Baghlan (13 MHTs), Balkh (12 MHTs), Faryab (5 MHTs), Jawzjan (6 MHTs), Sar-e-Pol (1 MHT), Nuristan (16 MHTs/ 2MCHCs), Kunar(9 MHTs), Nangarhar (14 MHTs), Laghman (5 MHTs), Kabul (3 MHTs), Maidan Wardak (3 MHTs), Bamyan, (4 MHTs), Daikundi (1MHT), Logar (6 MHTs), Paktia (3 MHTs), Paktika (5MHTs), Ghazni (7MHTs), Kandahar (8MHTs), Zabul (5 MHTs), Urozgan (4MHTs), Helmand (2 MHTs), Badghis (3MHTs), Farah (2MHTs) and Samangan (4 MHTs).

The key priority activities for the project's implementation included:

- 1. The provision of RMNCH services, ensuring that essential reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health care was accessible to underserved populations.
- 2.Distribution of dignity kits and Mama Baby Kits to vulnerable women, to help address hygiene and maternal needs.
- 3. The integration of psychosocial support (PSS) services within the MHTs to address the mental health and well-being of the population, especially in crisis situations.
- 4.The provision of emergency sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, as well as PSS prevention and response strategies in high-need areas.

The project aimed to ensure that vulnerable women in these regions received dignity kits and Mama Baby Kits, based on a set of criteria, to improve their health and well-being.

Notable achievements during the project's implementation included the establishment of nine provincial offices, the recruitment of staff for new nomadic MHTs, and the establishment of 25 MHTs serving nomadic populations and 41 MHTs for non-nomadic populations.

The scope and objectives of the project, along with its services, were communicated effectively to the project staff, provincial health departments (PHDs), district health offices (DHOs), and other relevant stakeholders through orientation sessions.

Through these efforts, a total of 2420221 individuals—including men, women, boys, and girls—benefited from the RMNCH and PSS services provided by the 166 MHTs across the 27 provinces. The project's activities were carefully monitored, and regular progress reports, including MIAR (Monthly Integrated Activity Reports), as well as weekly, monthly, and quarterly work plans, were submitted to ensure effective project management and service delivery.

#### **Key Achievements:**

During year 2024:

- 89,048 women received First ANC through MHTs,
- 48,476 women received first PNC services through MHTs,
- 3111 deliveries assisted in static health facilities,
- 1,581 referrals to EmONC facilities,
- 167,217 beneficiaries reached with family planning information and counselling,
- 92,811 users of modern family planning methods,
- 193,280 CBA women (15-49) received SRH services through MHTs,
- 1758502 IDPs, Returnees and Host communities reached through awareness raising sessions about available services,
- 1,498,617 women, girls, boys, and men received health services,
- 224,200 women, girls, boys, and men received Psychosocial (PSS) services,
- 21,010 pregnant women received TT2+ vaccines,

• 13,513 under one year-children received PENTA three vaccines



Figure 1 Midwife, After Childbirth Services



Figure 2 During Health Education



Figure 4 The Midwife of Doshi MHT- provided ANC services to a pregnant woman at Doshi district of Qaradaka village, Baghlan province.



Figure 3 The M&B kit has been distributed by Doshi MHT MW, at qaradaka village of doshi

## Sustainable Employment and Profit through Vocational Skills Training Value Chain and Enterprise Development Kabul

Sustainable employment through vocational skill and value chain development project which is funded by NCA implemented in Dehsabz and Charasiab district of Kabul province. The main goal of this project is economic empowerment of the community to have sustainable income.

In 2024,ORCD under sustatinable employment through vocational skills training, value chain and enterprise development established 11 small enterprises and 16 women lead micro enterprises based on the community resources and market demands. 11 saving groups were established at 11 targeted communities, 6 days CSA trainings conducted for 162 beneficiaries including men, young boys, Women and young girls,we also implemented 3 small DRM mitigation projects in two targeted communities. The implementation of these projects are an endeavour to increase the agricultural production and productivity to increase and generate income opportunities. Under this project two vocational skill classes conducted for 20 young boys in Dehsabz and Charasiab district of Kabul and by receiving toolkits they are linked with the Market.

Totally 7 greenhouse, 12 goat rearing enterprise, 2 turkey form enterprise and 4 laying hen form established in 12 targeted village of Dehsabz and Charasiab district and 178 individuals and 1246 HHs benefeted from this project.



Figure 6 CSA training to the farmers in Charasiab district of Kabul



Figure 5 Graduated trainees from Building electricity wiring in Charasiab district of Kabul



Figure 8 Constructed check dam in Dawood Shah khil village of Dehsabz



Figure 7 Established greenhouse in Seh Qala village of Dehsabz

## Emergency / Humanitarian interventions - SBC: Social Mobilization, Community Engagement & Accountability to Affected Population (SBC Kunar)

Social Behavior Change and Accountability to Affected Population integrated interventions in the humanitarian situation of Kunar province through Community-level integrated interventions targeting social groups and utilizing local capacities to drive behavioral change through collective engagement and participation among social community structures.

The project is targeting 12 districts and the central city of Kunar province. Per the project agreed document total 270,000 population (135,000 male, 135,000 female) will be reached and 135,000 individuals (67,500 male, 67,500 female affected population will be engaged with key behavior change messages and lifesaving information and practices. The duration of the project is 10.5 months starting from Feb 16, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023.

ORCD-SBC Kunar conducted the following main activities during the reporting period:

- The Total 110, 102 Children, caregivers and community members engaged in participatory behavior change interventions.
- The total 235, 206 Affected populations reached with timely, appropriate, gender/agesensitive life-saving information on humanitarian situations and outbreaks.
- The total 5,749 group meetings were conducted through agreed mechanisms.
- During the project period total 17,471 complaints/feedback and queries were collected out of which 6,518 through CEFCs, and 10,953 were collected through social mobilizer during the reporting period.
- Cascade training was conducted in which 1920 community frontliner were training.
- Household visits to 1516 houses were conducted jointly through SMs and community volunteers during the reporting period.
- So far 115 social maps and micro plans have been developed in 13 targeted districts.
- The trained Grandmother conducted 455 outreach session and reached 5906 women through Key lifesaving messages during the reporting quarter.
- During the reporting quarter Coordination meetings were conducted with DoPH, DoHRA, DoEc, HealthNet, Health facilities, UNICEF and other stake holders. Participated in the routine monthly coordination meetings and on the spot meetings with DoPH, DoEc and PGO representing SBC.
- 02 SBC team members- M&E and CEFC facilitator facilitated grandmother training organized by SBC-UNICEF team during the reporting quarter. Similarly, 01 female and 03 male from SBC team facilitated a one-day training for 03 session organized by UNCIEFSBC in Kunar province.
- O2 SMs, Provincial M&E officer, CEFC Narang facilitator and 02 guards were recruited during the reporting quarter.
- All social mobilizers received a refresher orientation on social map and micro-plan by SBC extenders on Oct 4th, 2023.
- The social Map and Micro plan exercise was started simultaneously in all targeted districts on Oct 05, 2023.







Figure 2 Hygiene kits distribution, Sept 21,2023

#### Amna Refugee Healing Network CIO in Baghlan Province

Integration of Returnees into host communities through Psychosocial Counselling started from April 2024 – March 2025.

The long-term program goal of the project is that the returnees will be able to achieve their level of optimal functioning within the community by changing their behaviors, perception, and social relationships.

The following activities have been successfully completed under the AMNA project:

- 1. **Psychosocial Training**: Five PS program staff members have been trained through the provision of psychosocial training sessions.
- 2. **Reintegration Information**: Necessary information about the reintegration process has been provided to 60 targeted returnees.
- 3. Needs Assessment:
  - o 140 questionnaires were developed, and interviews were conducted with participants through Focus Group Discussions (FGDs).
  - 140 questionnaires were also developed for a needs assessment, conducted with different groups of returnees. This assessment considered the economic, social, and psychosocial needs of the targeted returnees.
- 4. **Sustainable Reintegration**: A total of 270 returnees have received support to achieve sustainable reintegration, defined by economic self-sufficiency and social stability within their communities.
- 5. **Food Assistance**: 120 returnees, primarily recent immigrants from Iran and Pakistan, have received food items to help them cope with immediate financial difficulties and meet their necessities.
- 6. **Hygiene Kits Distribution**: 270 hygiene kits have been provided to returnees. Many returnees lack essential hygiene items upon their return, increasing their risk of diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, and respiratory infections. Given limited access to healthcare and overcrowded living conditions, these risks are particularly concerning. The hygiene kits, which include soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary pads, disinfectants, and other personal care products, help mitigate these risks and improve overall health and well-being.







Figure 2 Distribution of Food items

#### **Health Based Centers in Baghlan**

In response to Afghanistan's complex humanitarian crisis exacerbated by various challenges including Covid-19, displacement, and political changes, the proposed project aims to address the health and economic needs of vulnerable populations or survivors of violence like widows, orphans, nomads, and internally displaced families. By providing essential health services, livelihood support, and economic empowerment, the project seeks to strengthen community economies and reduce maternal and child mortality by addressing the three delays that hinder access to healthcare. Through the establishment of fixed health Based Centers and initiatives to promote sustainable livelihoods, the Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCD) in partnership with the United Nations (UN women)

aims to improve the well-being and resilience of marginalized families in Baghlan province of Afghanistan.

Two HBCs were established in Wazir Abad and Fabrika Qand, offering integrated health, psychosocial, and livelihood support to women and girls who are survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services were provided to 805 women, including antenatal care (ANC) for 348 women and postnatal care (PNC) for 103 women. Family planning counseling reached 354 beneficiaries, while general outpatient services benefited 6,238 individuals. Of these, 81 women and girls were referred to higher-level medical facilities for treatment of injuries and advanced care. Psychosocial support was provided to 1,183 women and girls individually and to 489 beneficiaries in groups. Specialized services were offered to 30 GBV survivors and 13 individuals with disabilities.

The project also emphasized economic empowerment through the establishment of 30 small enterprises, including greenhouses, poultry farms, and food processing units. Cash grants were distributed to 100 women to revive non-functional businesses, while 130 women and girls received training on managing small enterprises. Community awareness campaigns engaged 66,740 individuals via youth educators, social mobilizers, Islamic teachers, and local media channels. These campaigns addressed topics such as social norms, health habits, and GBV prevention. Additionally, 3,555 adolescents participated in sessions led by youth educators.



Figure 1 Greenhouse establishment



Figure 2 Meeting with women let enterprises



Figure 3 supplies for the home base enterprise



Figure 4: Products of the small homebased enterprises

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## **CR-ORCD** Afghanistan School Feeding Programme and Ramadhan Food Packs Programme

The School Feeding Program (SFP), funded by Charity Right and implemented by ORCD in Kabul province, began in 2022 and continued in 2023. This project has been carried out in four districts of Kabul: Surobi, Paghman, Shakardara, and Charasyab.

According to the project's contract and framework, ORCD implemented the SFP in four government schools: Khairabad Boys' Primary School in Charasyab District, Pushta Girls' School in Paghman District, Qala-e-Murad Bik Girls' School in Shakardara District, and Sarcheshma Girls' Secondary School in Surobi District.

Additionally, balanced meals were provided to 2,011 students, teachers, and kitchen staff across all four schools. It is worth mentioning that during each Ramadan, the donor also provided Ramadan food packs to the families of all students in these schools.

Meals were consistently provided according to the agreed menu and portion specifications. The primary outcomes of the program included improved school attendance, increased student registration, enhanced nutritional status of beneficiaries, and improved academic performance.



Figure 1 Ramadan Food Packs to Student families



Figure 2 Students taking balanced food at the school

#### **ORCD Donors and Partners**



## **UN Partners/Donors**















#### **Testimonials from 2023**

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of "Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCD)" (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in accumulated funds for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of preparation as described in note 2 to the financial statements.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are independent of ORCD in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statement in Afghanistan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation of this financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting requirements as described in note 2 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is responsible for assessing the ORCD ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.















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Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Economy Paktia Directorate of Economy ستاينليک

Appreciation letter

Bahram Bahir Paktia Director of Economy

تاريخ: ١٣٩٩/١٢/١٢

Respected Provincial office of (ORCD)!

پکتیا اقتصاد ریاست د مؤسساتو د همغږی، پر وخت را پور ورکړې، په جلساتو کې of coordination, timely reporting, active participation in meetings and عليه عليه عليه والمحاور المحاور المحاور المحاور والمحاور المحاور المحاور والمحاور و cooperation with Paktia Directorate of Economy in the arrangement of پایله ماخصونو په نظر کې نیولو سره ارزونه تر سره کړې، چې د یادې ارزونې په پایله کی ستاسو محترمه مؤسسه د (۴) برترو ولایتی مؤسسو په قطار کې ځای لري، نو 🔻 workshops & seminars. As a result, your esteemed organization got to be in the په همدي اساس اقتصاد رياست ستاسو هلو څلو ته د قدر په سترگه گوري او دا list of top four NGOs, therefore Paktia Directorate of Economy appreciates your ستاينليک د يوې معنوي ډالۍ په توګه درکوي، تر څو مو چارې لا پسې گړنډۍ او efforts and grants this letter of appreciation as an encouraging item to speed up your efforts, and May your spirit of service be strengthened.

Warm Regards

د (ORCD) مؤسسي محترم ولايتي دفتر! حيه مو لا پياوړې شي.