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Capacity Building and Access to Medicines (CBAM) Project

Some challenges faced by Afghan women and children:

- Afghanistan has the world's highest infant mortality rate, with 1 in 4 children dying before 5, or 311,000 children per year.
- 1 in 8 women will die from complications in pregnancy, giving birth or post-partum issues.
- Afghanistan's total expenditure on health per capita is \$29 (\$ 2006) - World Health Organization

About the project:

The goal of HPIC's Capacity Building and Access to Medicines (CBAM) project is to support Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health to effectively ensure greater and more equitable access to priority pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for all Afghans, with an emphasis on women and children.

The 5-year, \$10 million project, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), aims to enhance the direct supply of essential medicines in the short term and to build capacities within Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health to manage its independent supply chains of high quality medicines in an equitable manner in the long term.

The CBAM project has five major components: improving Afghanistan's national coordination of pharmaceutical donations; strengthening the capacity of Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health to manage the national supply chain of quality medicines; improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the national drug quality control procedures and systems; enhancing opportunities for the development of the local pharmaceutical manufacturing industry; and providing \$25 million in donated medicines and hospital supplies.

The medicines and supplies will go directly to partner hospitals in Afghanistan. Kabul's Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital, the largest children's hospital in the country, is a key partner. The facility has more than 350 beds and runs a large out-patient department that treats about 700 patients each day.

To learn more about the project visit:

http://www.hpicanada.ca/programs_afghanistan.cfm

<http://www.afghanistan.gc.ca/canada-afghanistan/projects-projets/institutions16.aspx>

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