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FACT SHEET

Technical Support to the Central and Provincial Ministry of Public Health (Tech-Serve)

OVERVIEW

USAID's Tech-Serve project develops the capacity of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) to manage health services to reduce maternal and child mortality. Tech-Serve works closely with the MoPH to strengthen its ability to manage the healthcare delivery system; improve the capacity of provincial health offices in 17 provinces; and support the planning, management, supervision, evaluation, and leadership capacity at the MoPH.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Pharmaceutical provision:** Provide pharmaceuticals to health centers and health posts implementing the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and the Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS) in 13 provinces
- **Contract management assistance:** Embed Afghan consultants to monitor and provide technical support to the MoPH to manage contracts to 10 NGOs delivering the BPHS and EPHS to approximately 10 million people in 13 provinces
- **Provincial management capacity building:** Provide full-time health advisors to 17 provincial health offices in order to facilitate development of management skills for the MoPH provincial health staff
- **Hospital improvement:** Provide technical support to five provincial hospitals to improve management capacity and to the central MoPH to improve hospital services nationwide
- **Health management information system:** Strengthen the capability of the MoPH to collect and use information for better decision-making
- **Ministerial capacity building:** Place advisors in the MoPH to help build the capacity of the policy and planning, child health, community-based health care (CBHC), and procurement units at the central level

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Distributed more than \$5.14 million worth of pharmaceuticals in 2010, including more than \$1.26 million worth of contraceptives to health facilities
- Revised the Health Management Information System procedures manual, forms, and training-of-trainer guidelines
- Assisted the MoPH in developing an EPHS monitoring checklist
- Assisted the MoPH in providing a basic EPHS health economics training
- Assisted the MoPH in developing a draft CBHC strategy on poor urban and nomad populations
- Assisted the MoPH in developing a training curriculum for community health supervisors and family health action groups
- Supported the MoPH in the development of the National Strategic Plan, 2011-2015
- Provided leadership training for 478 females and 1,600 males from provincial health offices, health facilities and non-governmental organizations