



AFGHANISTAN HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE (HER) PROJECT (P178775)

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Implementing Agencies: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

1. OBJECTIVE**1.1 Development Objective**

Original Development Objective (Approved as part of Approval package on 23-May-2022)

To increase the utilization and quality of essential health and nutrition services in Afghanistan.

Has the Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

2. COMPONENTS

Name

1. Urgent provision of essential primary and secondary health services:(Cost 439,260,000.00)

2. Strengthening service delivery and project coordination:(Cost 130,740,000.00)

3. Strengthening demand and access to enhance nutritional outcomes among the most vulnerable:(Cost 30,000,000.00)

3. OVERALL RATINGS

Name	Previous	Current
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	● Substantial	● Substantial

4. KEY ISSUES & STATUS**4.1 Implementation Status and Key Decisions**



Project Performance: The Project Development Objective (PDO) and Intermediate Result Indicators (IRIs) remain satisfactory. Service delivery volume indicators are at 86-87 percent of the adjusted target, and the quality of care score has improved from 36 to 41 percent, aiming for 51 percent. The Maternal and Child Benefit Program (MCBP) is in the early stages, pending the Ministry of Public Health's approval for cash transfer guidelines. Nearly half of the IRIs have been achieved and six are not yet applicable. The project's implementation is satisfactory. UNICEF and WFP are effectively addressing service delivery issues and aiding the MCBP rollout.

Key achievements include: (i) The performance of Service Providers enhanced from 69 to 77 percent, which has ensured an improved delivery of health and nutrition services for women and children (Component 1); (ii) Enhanced outbreak surveillance and response, with 558 outbreaks detected and 58,000 patients treated; (iii) Better quality performance via the Quantified Quality Metrics; (iv) Progress with UNICEF on a hybrid drug procurement model, including a draft Drug Procurement Strategy/Road Map (Component 2); (v) MCBP readiness in seven districts, promoting demand for health and nutrition services, with ongoing community engagement and beneficiary identification in areas with agreements (Component 3).

5. SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS RISK-RATING TOOL

Risk Category	Rating at Approval Approval Package - 24 May 2022	Last Approved Rating ISR Seq. 06 - 08 Mar 2024	Proposed Rating
Political and Governance	● High	● High	● High
Macroeconomic	● High	● High	● High
Sector Strategies and Policies	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Fiduciary	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Environment and Social	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Stakeholders	● Moderate	● Substantial	● Substantial
Overall	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial



6. RESULTS

6.1 PDO Indicators by PDO Outcomes

To increase the utilization of essential health services								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Children who have received the third dose of the Pentavalent vaccine through project-financed facilities (Number)	0.00	Jun/2022	1,691,566	31-Mar-2024	1,691,566	31-Mar-2024	2,752,271.00	Jun/2025
FEMALE - Children who have received the third dose of the Pentavalent vaccine through project-financed facilities (Number)	0.00	Jun/2022	584,149.00	30-Aug-2023			1,376,135.00	Jun/2025
Births occurring at project-financed facilities (Number)	0.00	Jun/2022	1,062,671	31-Mar-2024	1,062,671	31-Mar-2024	1,785,803.00	Jun/2025
To increase the quality of essential health services								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Average Quality Checklist score for BPHS and EPHS facilities (Text)	Tools for Quality of Care Checklist were under development	Jun/2022	41	31-Dec-2023	41	31-Dec-2023	51	Jun/2025



To increase the utilization and quality of essential nutrition services								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Visits for growth monitoring and counseling on age-appropriate infant and young child feeding among children age 0-23 months received at project-financed facilities (Number)	0.00	Jun/2022	6,911,311.00	30-Aug-2023			15,945,156.00	Jun/2025
FEMALE - The visits for growth monitoring and counselling on age-appropriate infant and young child feeding among children aged 0-23 months received at project-financed facilities (Number)	0.00	Jun/2022	5,052,315	30-Aug-2023	5,052,315	30-Aug-2023	7,972,578.00	Jun/2025
MCBP beneficiary children who attended visits for growth monitoring and IYCF counseling (Percentage)	0.00		0.00		0.00		70.00	
Beneficiaries of social safety net programs (Number)	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	07-Nov-2023			140,000.00	Jun/2025
MCBP beneficiaries who are women (Number)	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	21-May-2024	0.00	21-May-2024	70,000.00	Jun/2025



MCBP beneficiaries who are children under 2 (Number)	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	07-Nov-2023	0.00	07-Nov-2023	70,000.00	Jun/2025
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6.2 Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1. Urgent provision of essential primary and secondary health services								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Service providers who receive timely and complete payments from UNICEF as per contractual obligations (Text)	47%	Jun/2022	86%	21-May-2024	86%	21-May-2024	80%	Jun/2025
BPHS and EPHS health facility staff who receive at least 90% of their salary on time in the past month (Text)	74%	Jun/2022	72%	31-Dec-2023	72%	31-Dec-2023	80%	Jun/2025
BPHS and EPHS health facilities meeting minimum female staffing requirements (Text)	95%	Jun/2022	97%	31-Dec-2023	97%	31-Dec-2023	95%	Jun/2025
Vaccinators and CHWs who are female (Text)	37%	Jun/2022	37%	30-Aug-2023			40%	Jun/2025
Female nutrition counselors employed by Service providers (Text)	1,949	Jun/2022	2287	21-May-2024	2287	21-May-2024	2000	Jun/2025
Family planning couple-years of protection provided at	0.00	Jun/2022	659,770	31-Mar-2024	659,770	31-Mar-2024	1,076,070.00	Jun/2025



project-financed facilities (Number)								
Basic health and nutrition services provided to girls and women through the HER project (Number)	5,240,973.00	Apr/2023	9,863,927	31-Mar-2024	9,863,927	31-Mar-2024	8,323,898.00	Jun/2025
Female health workers employed at the HER project-financed health facilities (Number)	9,634.00	Apr/2023	10,322.00	31-Oct-2023	10,322.00	31-Oct-2023	9,634.00	Jun/2025
Children who have received the first dose of the Pentavalent vaccine through project-financed facilities (Number)	0.00	Nov/2023	257739	31-Mar-2024	257739	31-Mar-2024	1,581,299.00	Jun/2025
People receiving quality health, nutrition, and population services (Number)	0.00	Jul/2022	9908252	31-Mar-2024	9908252	31-Mar-2024	12,146,153.00	Jun/2025
2. Strengthening service delivery and project coordination								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
EPHS facilities where at least one female staff member has been trained on counseling for gender-based violence, implementation of GBV referral protocols and case management (Text)	N/A	Jun/2022	6%	30-Aug-2023			80%	Jun/2025
	0	Aug/2023	4	31-Dec-2023	4	31-Dec-2023	15	Jun/2025



Average score on the Quantified Quality Checklist subsection for pharmaceutical products (Text)	Comments on achieving targets		Note that this indicator requires a two-month stock available at the health facilities. So a 0% result does NOT necessarily indicate that no drugs are available at the facilities.					
Beneficiaries who are satisfied with services received by the project (Text)	No available	Jun/2022	93%	31-Dec-2023	93%	31-Dec-2023	75%	Jun/2025
3. Strengthening demand and access to enhance nutritional outcomes among the most vulnerable								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Pregnant women benefiting from MCBP who give birth at project-financed facilities (Percentage)	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	21-May-2024	0.00	21-May-2024	70.00	Jun/2025
MCBP beneficiaries participating in SBCC sessions (Percentage)	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	07-Nov-2023			80.00	Jun/2025
MCBP beneficiaries able to recall at least three key nutrition messages (Percentage)	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	21-May-2024	0.00	21-May-2024	70.00	Jun/2025
MCBP beneficiaries with children 0-5 months who are breastfeeding (Text)	TBD	Nov/2023	TBD	21-May-2024	TBD	21-May-2024	TBD	Jun/2025
Grievances, complaints, and inquiries related to the MCBP intervention addressed within timeframe outlined in	0.00	Nov/2023	0.00	21-May-2024	0.00	21-May-2024	80.00	Jun/2025

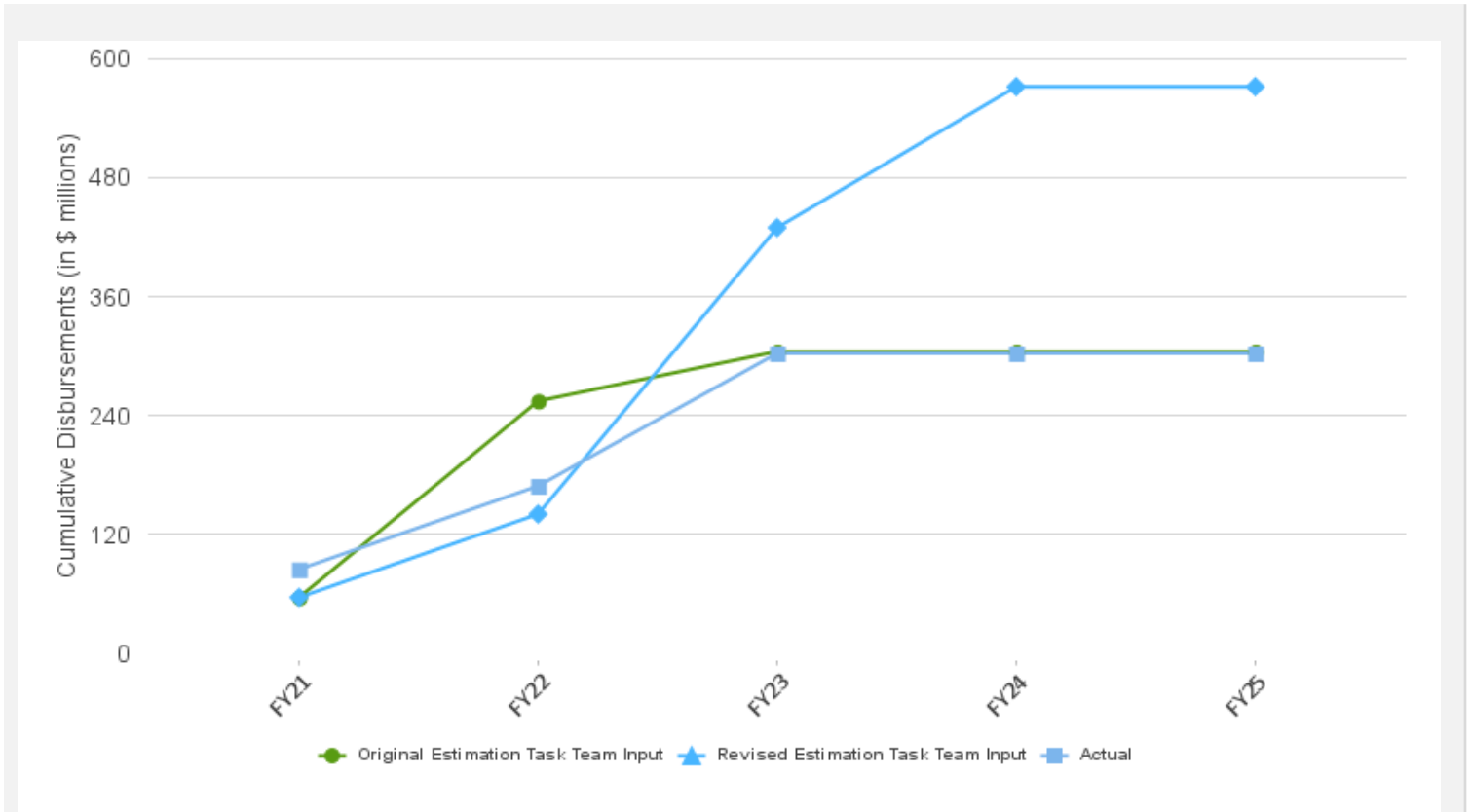


project operations manual (Percentage)								
Food Consumption Score among MCBP beneficiary households (Text)	TBD	Nov/2023	TBD	21-May-2024	TBD	21-May-2024	>35	Jun/2025



7. DATA ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

7.1 Cumulative Disbursements



7.2 Disbursements (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
TF-B8514	Effective	19.00	19.00	0.00	19.00	0.00	100.00%
TF-B8512	Effective	314.00	314.00	0.00	264.81	49.19	84.33%
TF-C3368	Effective	20.00	20.00	0.00	18.96	1.04	94.79%
TF-C3373	Effective	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0%
TF-C3372	Effective	130.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	0%



7.3 Key Dates (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Orig. Closing	Rev. Closing
TF-B8512	Effective	24-May-2022	26-May-2022	26-May-2022	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2025
TF-B8514	Effective	24-May-2022	26-May-2022	26-May-2022	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2025
TF-C3368	Effective	16-Nov-2023	15-Dec-2023	15-Dec-2023	30-Jun-2025	30-Jun-2025
TF-C3372	Effective	16-Nov-2023	15-Dec-2023	15-Dec-2023	30-Jun-2025	30-Jun-2025
TF-C3373	Effective	16-Nov-2023	15-Dec-2023	15-Dec-2023	30-Jun-2025	30-Jun-2025

8. KEY DATES

Key Events	Planned	Actual
Approval	24-May-2022	24-May-2022
Effectiveness	30-May-2022	26-May-2022
Mid-Term Review No. 01	16-Jan-2023	18-Jan-2023
Operation Closing/Cancellation	30-Jun-2025	

9. RESTRUCTURING HISTORY

Restructuring Level 2 Approved on 26-Apr-2024
Restructuring Level 2 Approved on 24-May-2023

10. ASSOCIATED OPERATION(S)

There are no associated operations