



World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) knows that there is a critical shortage of health care workers and appropriate facilities at every level in Afghanistan, and also a lack of medicines, medical supplies and equipment. An estimated 6 million people have no, or insufficient access to health care. As a response, we work with Japan Platform to update the health knowledge and skills of health care workers who play a vital role in improving the health status of people in the western region of Afghanistan.



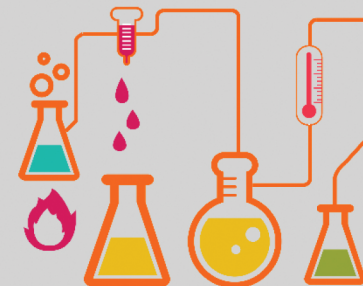
To help current midwifery and nursing students obtain work experience in communities, WVA organizes mobile clinics as a way to not only provide capacity development to students, but also to provide valuable services to vulnerable communities free of charge.

HOW WE DO IT



WVA has been providing refresher courses and additional trainings to update the knowledge and practices of 1,070 health care professionals (midwives, nurses and doctors), especially those coming from remote areas. Today, they are able to deliver comprehensive and integrated services and to develop self-help health mechanisms at community and family levels.

“Since I participated in the trainings conducted by World Vision, I learned new information and the number of cases I refer has been reduced,” said Shokria, who plans to replicate the training with other health staff in her area.



WVA equipped a laboratory in the Institute with modern medical supplies for lab technician and pharmacy students where they can practice what they have learnt during theory classes.

“The training will make us aware of the new trends, new methods of treatment and technological advancements in health care,” says Saadat. “Such trainings increase our skills and knowledge,” she added.



WVA completed construction of a new and modern Institute of Health Sciences (I.H.S.) training centre, complete with equipment for laboratories where health care technicians receive refresher and practical training conducted by WVA and government medical staff.



To provide a model for inquiry learning to allow students to not only rely on the institute’s textbooks, but enable them to explore more information through supplementary digital and non-digital books, WVA established a library within the institute with sufficient capacity for 60 nursing and midwifery students.