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## PROJECT FACT SHEET

Tajikistan: Improving Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health  
(MNCH) Services in Four Districts of Khatlon Region

### Country Context

- The project derives from the National Development Strategy (2016-2030) and the National Health Strategy (2010-2020) with the goal of improving availability, accessibility and utilization of quality, client-oriented, cost-effective health care including maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH) services
- Maternal and child mortality in Tajikistan remain high, representing one of the main problems of the health sector.
- Currently in Tajikistan, access to maternal, child and adolescent care is inadequate due to limited funding, ineffective health care system, low level of population awareness, insufficient analysis of the service quality, and a low-level of monitoring and evaluation.
- Tajikistan's health system faces a series of challenges, including high share of Private Out-Of-pocket Payment (OOP) payments (60.1% of THE). Many patients, particularly among poorer groups of the population, simply cannot afford the care they require.

### Project Rationale

- Khatlon Region has a high density of population residing in challenging geographic and economic conditions with high rates of child and maternal mortality. The Governmental financial resources are limited and there is a need for development assistance to address the shortage of hospital facilities, medical supplies, operating procedures/protocols, efficient referral system and public awareness.
- The project will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goal (Good Health and Well Being).



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## Project Objectives

- Enhancing availability/accessibility of Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (MNCH) services.
- Institutional and human resources capacity building in the targeted health facilities.
- Improving public awareness and health-seeking behavior.
- Establishment of a functional referral system.

## Project Components

The project activities are based on the following components:

- **Component A** = Equipment supplies and development of health facilities infrastructure.
- **Component B** = Inter-related studies and training courses for supporting institutional and human resource capacity building.
- **Component C** = Demand creation and awareness campaigns.
- **Component D** = Support to the Project Management.

## Key project information

- Total Project Amount: US\$ 26.87 million
- **LLF Financing: US\$ 23 million, OCR US\$, grant US\$ 8.05 million**
- **Co-financing US\$ 2.86 million (Government)**
- Effective Date: September 2019
- Project implementation period: 4 years from effectiveness

## Expected Outcomes

- Reducing maternal mortality from 45 to 25 per 100,000 Live Births (LBs).
- Reducing under 5 Years mortality from 43 to less than 25 per 1000 LBs.
- Reducing infant mortality from 34 to 20 per 1000 LBs.
- Reducing neonatal mortality from 19 to 16 LBs.

## Benefits and impact

- The project benefits nearly 300,000 people in the four target districts including 62,238 women of childbearing age, 10,118 pregnant women, 9,903 newborns and 45,264 children <5 years of age.
- The project involves the construction/rehabilitation of 4 central district hospitals, provision of equipment to four targeted CDHs, supply of essential equipment to 87 primary health care Health Houses, 42 Rural and City Health Centers, provision of nine sets of fully equipped ambulances, 24 awareness campaigns to increase awareness for access to MNCH services and to improve children nutritional diversity in rural areas.
- The percentage of pregnant women benefiting from adequate Antenatal Care( ANC) will increase from 50% to 70%, Health facility-based deliveries increased by 10%, and at least 20% of pregnant women benefitting from robust referral services in public ambulances.

## Key Stakeholders and Implementing Partners



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- Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population
- UN Agencies ( UNICEF, UNFPA, and WHO)



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## **Donor Partners**

- **Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD)**

The Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) is an aid agency established by the government of Abu Dhabi in 1971. ADFD aims to help developing countries to achieve sustainable socio-economic growth; through financial assistance in the forms of concessionary loans, managing government grants and equities. ADFD also peruses investments in order to encourage the private sector in the recipient countries to play an essential part in accelerating the economic development process, and at the same time playing a pivotal role in strengthening and diversifying the future resources of the Fund.

- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) is an American private foundation based in Seattle, Washington. The primary goal of the foundation is to enhance healthcare and reduce extreme poverty across the globe and to expand educational opportunities and access to information technology in the U.S.

- **Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)**

The Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) is dedicated to reducing poverty in its member countries by promoting pro-poor growth, emphasizing human development, especially improvements in health care and education, and providing financial support to enhance the productive capacity and sustainable means of income for the poor, including financing employment opportunities, providing market outlets especially for the rural poor and improving basic rural and pre-urban infrastructure.

- **King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief)**

Saudi Arabia established the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) in 2015. KSRelief works in 46 countries around the world with a focus

on humanitarian and relief work in the Middle East and North Africa region.

- **Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)**

QFFD is a public development institution committed, on behalf of the State of Qatar, to improving the livelihood of communities around the world by Providing financial tools to developing countries in the Arab and Muslim world and beyond for responsive and effective humanitarian and development aid.

- **UK Aid – The Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO)**

UK Aid Direct is DFID's main centrally managed funding mechanism for small and medium sized civil society organizations, based in the UK and overseas, who are working to achieve the global goals. Formerly known as the Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF), the fund was relaunched in 2014 as UK Aid Direct.