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2024 Project Summary

During 2024, War Child Canada implemented this project to support youth-led civil society organizations, youth networks, and multipurpose youth centers to enhance adolescent and youth engagement. It also improved access to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) services by expanding youth-friendly spaces and integrating comprehensive mother and child health services.

War Child Canada established Multipurpose Youth Centers (MYCs) in Kabul, Balkh, and Samangan, delivering a wide range of services to adolescents and youth. These included psychosocial support, life skills and literacy education, vocational training, youth-friendly health services, and freelancing programs. A total of 15,457 youth (7,138 females and 8,319 males) were reached with various services, including healthy lifestyle education, counseling, and livelihood support. Vocational training programs trained 200 youth (50% female) in trades like tailoring, mobile repair, and computer repairing, while freelancing programs focused on digital skills such as web development and graphic design. Graduates received toolkits to support micro-business startups. MYC staff received refresher training, and operational and staffing costs were partially charged to the project. Across all locations, the MYCs served as vital hubs for youth empowerment, education, and psychosocial wellbeing.



In addition, the project operated three Mother and Child Health Centers (MCHCs), providing vital health and psychosocial support services to women and girls. Youth Educators actively mobilized communities and delivered awareness sessions to over 10,711 adolescents and youth on topics such as menstrual hygiene management (MHM), early marriage, child rights, and personal hygiene. Notably, over 5,500 adolescent girls participated in MHM sessions, and 2,806 received MHM kits. The MCHCs offered individual and group psychosocial counseling, antenatal and postnatal care, reproductive health awareness, and vocational training, reaching tens of thousands of beneficiaries. Staff received extensive training in psychosocial support, disability inclusion, and case management. The project also finalized an MoU with the Ministry of Public Health, strengthened coordination with health facilities, and referred 381 women and girls for specialized care. Ongoing supervision and technical support ensured consistent quality and accountability in service delivery.

Key Targets and Results for 2024

Indicator	Achieved
Adolescents and youth reached via multipurpose youth centres	15,457
Women and girls reached during awareness raising sessions reproductive health and psychosocial support	10,711
Menstrual hygiene management kits distributed to adolescent girls	2,806

