



# RESPONSIVE EMPOWERMENT AND CARE FOR HEALTH AND PROTECTION (REACH)

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## 2025 Project Summary

The Responsive Empowerment and Care for Health and Protection (REACH) project is an 18-month humanitarian initiative implemented by War Child Canada in Afghanistan with support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC). Operating across Kabul, Nangarhar, Kandahar, and Baghlan provinces, the project aims to improve access to health, protection, and psychosocial support services for crisis-affected populations, including returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), women, girls, and vulnerable children. The project combines reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) services with child protection, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and emergency non-food assistance.

In 2025, the project transitioned from start-up and foundational activities into full implementation, despite operating in a highly restrictive and complex humanitarian environment marked by displacement, earthquakes, and administrative delays. Following the completion of approvals and coordination processes, implementation accelerated significantly across all sectors.

A major milestone during the year was the successful establishment and operationalization of all eight Mother and Child Healthcare Centres (MCHCs) in underserved areas with limited prior access to health services. These facilities delivered integrated RMNCAH, nutrition, immunization, emergency referral, and MHPSS services, reaching 39,476 patients (28,397 females and 11,079 males) across the four provinces during 2025.



MHPSS services supported 2,335 women and girls through individual and group counselling sessions, while 411 women and girls were referred for advanced RMNCAH, protection, and psychosocial services through strengthened referral pathways.

Child protection activities also expanded substantially throughout the year. By the end of 2025, 46 Child-Friendly Spaces (CFSs) were operational, exceeding the original target in response to earthquake-related displacement and protection needs in Nangarhar. Through these spaces, 10,009 children (4,789 girls and 5,220 boys) participated in psychosocial, recreational, and life-skills activities.

The project also delivered critical emergency assistance to vulnerable households affected by displacement and natural disasters. A total of 2,024 crisis-affected families received emergency tents, bedding, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, and other essential NFIs, benefiting approximately 12,144 individuals across all project locations. Following major earthquakes in Nangarhar and northern Afghanistan, the project adapted quickly by establishing additional CFSs and reallocating resources to support affected communities without changes to the overall project scope.

Overall, 2025 marked a year of rapid operational growth and significant service delivery for the REACH project. With health facilities fully operational, expanded child protection services, and large-scale emergency assistance delivered, the project established a strong foundation for continued implementation and impact in 2026.

## Key Results for 2025

Indicator	Progress (as of Dec 2025)
Mother and Child Healthcare Centres operational	8
Patients reached through health services	39,476 (28,397 females and 11,079 males)
Women and girls receiving MHPSS services	2,335
Child-Friendly Spaces established	46
Children participating in CFS activities	10,009 (4,789 girls and 5,220 boys)
Unaccompanied/separated children reunified	110 (5 girls and 105 boys)
Families receiving NFIs	2,024
Individuals benefiting from NFI distributions	12,144

