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2025 Project Summary

During 2025, War Child Canada continued implementing the UNFPA-supported project, "Increased Access to Youth Friendly Services via MYC and Capacity Building Trainings in Afghanistan," to strengthen adolescent and youth engagement and improve access to integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH) and psychosocial support services in Afghanistan. Despite a highly restrictive operational environment and ongoing administrative challenges related to approvals and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), the project successfully maintained & expanded services through 5 Multipurpose Youth Centers (MYCs) and 3 Mother & Child Health Centers (MCHCs).

Throughout the year, five MYCs remained operational across Kabul, Balkh, Samangan, and Nangarhar, providing psychosocial support, life skills education, healthy lifestyle awareness, vocational training, business development support, freelancing training, and employability services for adolescents and youth. A total of 23,817 adolescents and youth (13,004 females and 10,813 males) accessed MYC services during the year, significantly exceeding annual targets. In addition, 10,421 (6,457 females and 3,964 males) adolescents and youth received healthy lifestyle education, 6,083 (2,071 females and 4,012 males) participated in life skills sessions, and 2,579 vulnerable youth (1,229 females and 1,350 males) were supported through livelihood and income-generation initiatives. The project also expanded vocational training, freelancing, and business development support, with youth receiving practical skills training, startup toolkits, and small business grants to strengthen economic resilience and self-reliance.



The project continued to strengthen psychosocial support and protection services for women and girls through three operational MCHCs. During 2025, 5,260 women and girls received individual psychosocial counseling sessions, while 9,023 participated in group psychosocial support activities. In addition, 2,225 women and girls accessed health services through the centers, including antenatal and postnatal care, reproductive health counseling, and referrals to specialized services. Community outreach and awareness activities also remained a core component of the project, reaching 10,535 women and girls through awareness sessions on reproductive health, hygiene, early marriage prevention, and psychosocial wellbeing.

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Overall, 2025 marked a year of continued scale and adaptation for the project. Despite operational restrictions and delays related to sectoral approvals and relocation of female MYCs, the project successfully sustained essential health, psychosocial, protection, and livelihood services for women, girls, adolescents, and youth across targeted provinces in Afghanistan.

Key Targets and Results for 2025

Indicator	Achieved
Adolescents and youth reached via multipurpose youth centres	23,817 (13,004 females and 10,813 males)
Adolescents and youth trained on healthy lifestyles	10,421 (6,457 females and 3,964 males)
Women and girls reached through awareness sessions	10,535
Women and girls receiving individual PSS services	5,260
Women and girls receiving group PSS services	9,023
Adolescent girls reached through MHM sessions	4,888
Adolescent girls receiving MHM kits	2,458
Women and girls receiving health services	2,225

