



**EWSSO**  
**HEALTHCARE**  
**& COVID-19**  
**INTERVENTIONS**  
**2020-2023**



# HEALTHCARE & COVID-19



FREE MEDICAL CAMP - PANJSHIR PROVINCE

Afghans suffer from adverse health conditions due to lack of health related facilities and awareness and financial problems of the poor who cannot afford to seek medical treatment which requires traveling from remote areas to nearby cities. Primary healthcare for the underprivileged and disadvantaged in Afghanistan remains unaddressed and to that end, EWSSO's health related interventions are as following:

Fixed or Mobile	Free Medical Camp
for COVID & Emergency Situations	Medical / Hygiene Kits
for Children who Suffer Malnutrition	Nutrition Packs
Nation-wide Database	Blood Bank



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## STATS | 2020-2023



7

Free Medical  
Camps Arranged



820

Medicine Kits  
Ditributed



1

National Blood  
Database Established



1,472

Hygiene Kits  
Distributed

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**105**

**Heart, Kidney  
Surgeries**



**2,915**

**Nutrition Packs  
Distributed**

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# PRECIOUS LIVES SAVED

Naseer Ahmad is a 14 years old teenager who successfully completed informal Mobile Repair Training provided by EWSSO, as part of its Skills Development Programme. Mobile phones are used by most people in Afghanistan and there is urgent need for mobile repairers in the market. The training was for two months, with 15 trainees, all of whom were youth in their teen years. They were thought about basic repair of usually occurring problems in both manual and touch-screen mobile handsets.

Naseer Ahmad was an unemployed teenager who was the sole earner for his family with daily wages of something between 100 to 200 AFN at different shops and sometimes selling small stuff like chewing gums. With such low earnings both he as sole provider and his family struggled every day in sustaining their poor lives.

Now he is working in a mobile repair workshop where he is paid 300 AFN daily with promise of

bonus should he repair more than 5 mobiles per day. "His earning will increase as his experience grows, I may leave this workshop to Naseer and open a new workshop in another location". Says Jalal, the owner of the workshop.

"After completing the Mobile Repair Training, I am relieved that I have a regular income of 300 per day rather than uncertain amounts before. Sometimes I would return home empty handed were my mother waited for me. She always thanked me and supported me even if I brought nothing home which was a comfort for me in time of stress". Says Naseer Ahmad.

The training would not have been completed without help from charitable organizations and individuals. We and the beneficiaries are forever thankful for their donations. EWSSO, in order to contribute to poverty reduction, intends to include more vocational trainings other than mobile repair, handbag sewing and tailoring in the future.









## Primary Healthcare & COVID-19

# COVID-19 PREVENTION

Nationwide COVID-19 lockdown was put in place by the then Afghanistan government. Lockdown measures in the capital Kabul included a ban on inter-city travel and the closure of nonessential businesses and public spaces. Individuals were also asked not to venture outside. Lack of awareness and financial means to buy hygiene items, masks etc and food insecurity were major problems during the lockdown.

As health precautions for preventing COVID-19 , during lockdown, were to wash hands, wear face masks, minimize leaving the living place, physical distancing of two meters, avoiding touching one's face, disinfection of surfaces and covering mouths, EWSSO raced to provide face masks, gloves and hygiene kits for the poor, waiting in vain to earn a living on empty streets and markets of Kabul.

A total of 5000 individuals recieved hygiene kits, masks and gloves.





