Afghan Family Guidance Association (AFGA)

CAPACITY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Afghan Family Guidance Association (AFGA) is one of the oldest non-governmental organizations in Afghanistan. AFGA was set up in 1968 to provide families, women especially, with sexual and reproductive health counseling and contraceptives. As the civil war engulfed the country, AFGA had to cease its activities temporarily, reopening in 2002. In post-Taliban Afghanistan, AFGA worked alongside the Ministry of Public Health, delivering reproductive and sexual health counseling and services to the Afghan people. Additionally, the organization initiated and implemented activities that empowered women and youth to learn more about and make decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive health.

The organization's structure continues to be volunteer-based. Each year, the General Assembly, consisting of volunteers from all walks of life and all ages, gathers together and makes key decisions affecting the organization's direction. Every three years, a 9-person gender-balanced board is elected. Under the board's direction, the executive team, comprising skilled healthcare and administrative staff, runs the organization daily.

AFGA is a member association of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). This gives AFGA access to the IPPF's core funding and provides technical support and collaboration opportunities from the network of IPPF member associations in the South Asia region and beyond.

AFGA works in 11 provinces of Afghanistan including; Kabul, Parwan, Kapisa, Logar, Nangarhar, Laghman, Balkh, Samangan, Herat, Kandahar, Baghlan, and Paktika by running 10 static clinics, 13 Mobile Clinics, 85 Family Health Houses (FHHs), 5 of the static clinics are in Kabul and 5 others are in Nangarhar, Balkh, Herat, Parwan and Paktika Provinces. AFGA has 7 regional/provincial offices in Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Parwan, Kapisa and Logar Provinces. AFGA has 490 staff, of whom 50 % are female and 50 % are male.

AFGA has been implementing projects funded by IPPF Core Fund, UNFPA, LHSS, Australian Aid, Japan Trust Fund, Japan Supplementary Fund, BMZ, NORAD, Stream-3, SPRINT, and others.

VISION

AFGA's vision is "an Afghanistan in which all people are empowered to exercise their rights for ensuring wellbeing without any discrimination".

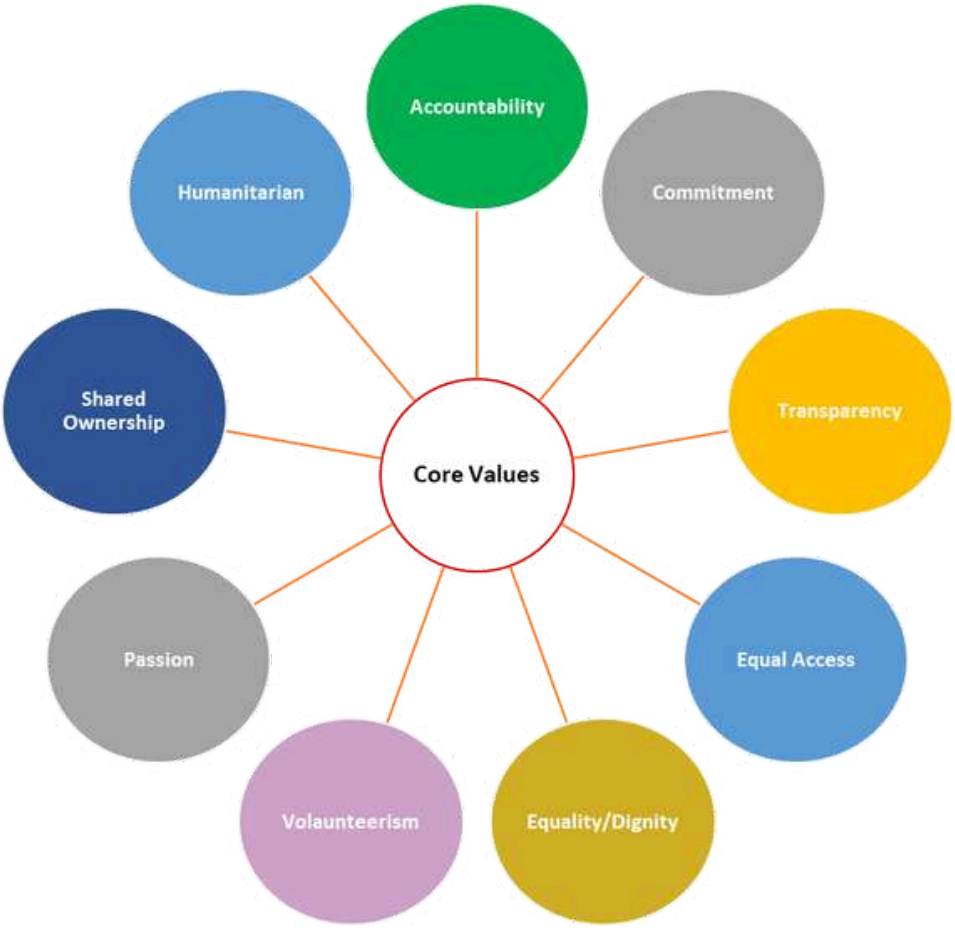
MISSION

AFGA's mission is to strive to ensure stigma and discrimination-free reproductive health and rights for all people to ensure quality healthcare services, education, and information.

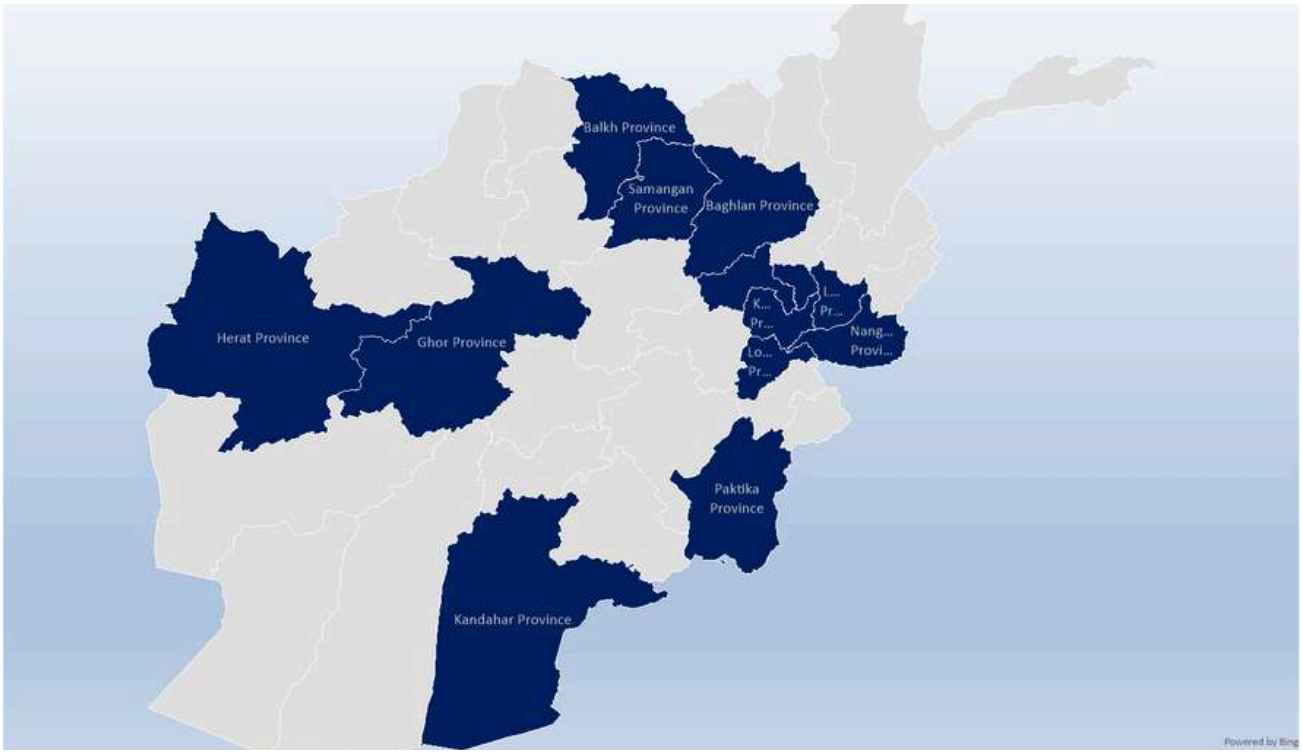
MEMBERSHIPS

- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief & Development (ACBAR)
- Afghanistan National Health Cluster
- Afghanistan National Nutrition Cluster
- Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)
- Ministry of Economics (MoE)

AFGA CORE VALUES



AFGA GEOGRAPICAL MAP



KEY ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS

- in the last five years, AFGA has had many achievements and so many developmental tasks. AFGA digitalized its reporting system for collecting, analyzing, and reporting the data from Service Delivery Points.
- AFGA conducted the Youth Parliament with the support of UNFPA and collected youth representatives from all over the country. Moreover, AFGA implemented a project funded by the Japan Trust Fund for the COVID-19 emergency and increased its static clinics from 8 to 9. AFGA included the JTF-established clinic in its Core Fund project.
- AFGA implemented a project funded by the Japan Supplementary Fund. Through this project, AFGA implemented a digitally enabled community-based outreach project for obstetric care services using the DHIS-2 SRHR tracker by Community Outreach Midwives (COMs). These COMS were equipped with IPES, BEMOnC, and basic obstetric care skills through simulation-based training. Besides, all COMs were given Antenatal Kits and basic medicines for providing Antenatal and postnatal services to vulnerable women.
- FHH establishment in different provinces, to increase the coverage of SRH services in the most vulnerable communities. AFGA established 85 FHHs in 6 provinces with the financial support of international donors.
- Established one integrated Youth Health Center in Kabul Ataturk hospital and one Youth Space in Paktika Giyan District that provides comprehensive youth services which helps in empowering and engaging youth in different social programs.
- Established 7 regional/provincial offices in Parwan, Kapisa, Balkh, Herat, Samangan, Logar, and Kandahar provinces.
- AFGA expanded its partnership with UNFPA and became the largest UNFPA partner in 2022. AFGA provides logistical support to UNFPA in terms of warehousing and supplying RH, ERH, and Humanitarian kits to all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.
- During the IPPF General Assembly meeting in the year 2022, AFGA received an award for Outstanding Collective Contribution by a member association to advance SRH.
- AFGA successfully passed all the requirements of the IPPF accreditation process in 2022. The IPPF Board approved AFGA's accreditation of Trustees, therefore, AFGA will continue its operation and activities as a fully accredited member for the next four years.

KEY AREAS OF WORK

AFGA is working in many key areas and through different projects in order to improve the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) of Vulnerable Populations in Afghanistan. We aim to save the lives of women and girls through the timely provision of quality SRH and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services and a multi-pronged, community-led approach in 11 rural provinces of Afghanistan with poor access to these services.

Besides, AFGA is focusing on continuing to build capacity on modern contraceptives for the family planning service providers and community health workers of the central region provinces and improve supply chain management and reproductive health commodity security management the eLMIS will be expanded to one region of the country with the primary objective to ensure effective planning, distribution, re-distribution, and no-stock outs of life-saving and reproductive health commodities and supplies.In addition, logisticians and pharmacy personnel will be trained on the use and management of eLMIS. Ensuring proper storage and timely and efficient distribution of RH supplies and humanitarian kits will be part of the priorities for this work plan too.

AFGA is undertaking an Emergency Response project under which COMs provide GBV, HIV, STI, family planning, ANC, PNC, urology, subfertility counselling, and referral services to poor and marginalized people who might not be able to prioritize SRH services due to restrictions of access to the services and limited freedom of women and girls' movement for receiving SRH services. Additionally, financial problems, taboos, stigma, and lack of education on the topic leave many people of reproductive age struggling to navigate their sexual and reproductive health.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Below is the AFGA annual budget for the last four years (2021-2024).

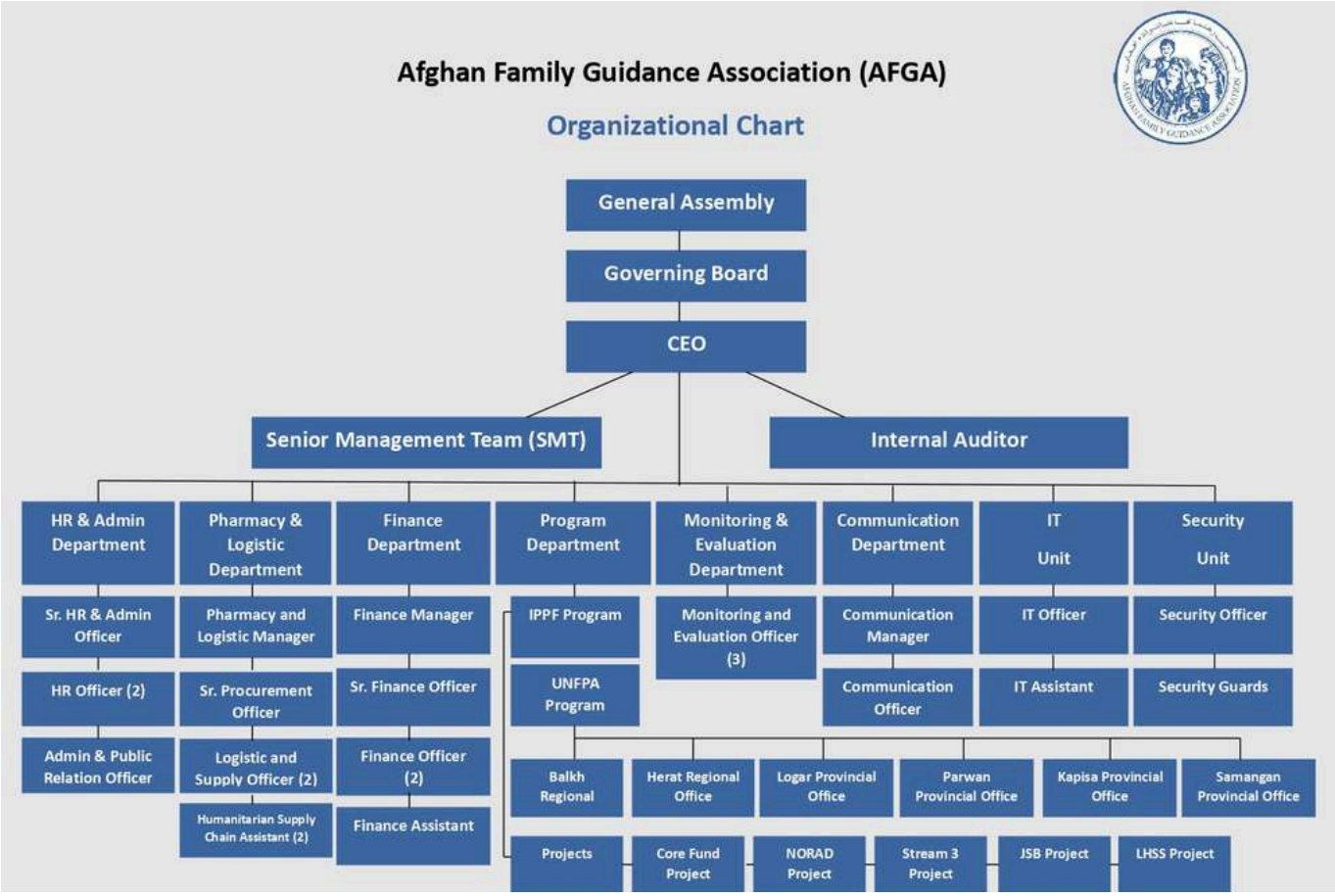
2021 Annual Budget	2022 Annual Budget	2023 Annual Budget	2024 Annual Budget
2,921,522	8,474,715	6,203,534	5,674,196

AFGA PROGRAMATIC DATA YEAR VISE

Indicators	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Services Provided	1,912,474	369,070	1,580,218	2,168,934	2,483,960	2,216,145
Total Clients Reached	249,477	260,055	438,451	453,718	555,031	678,159
No. of Service Delivery Points	51	71	57	261	200	162
No. Of Projects	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	6	6
Geographical Coverage	13 provinces	13 provinces	13 provinces	13 provinces	13 provinces	13 provinces

KEY DONERS AND PARTNERS

ORGANIZATONAL STRUCTURE



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