

## Leprosy Situation in Afghanistan in 2001-2008

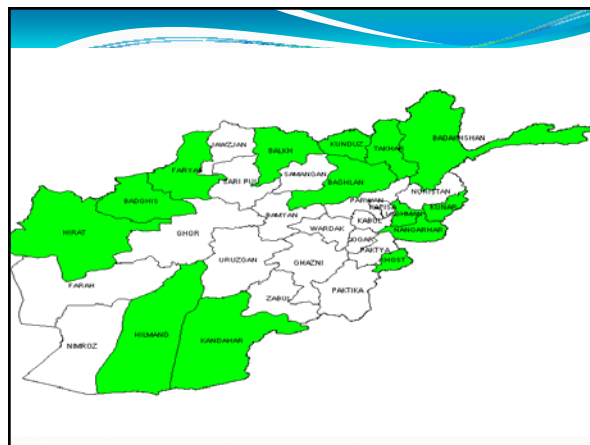
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### Presentation Outline

- Current Leprosy Situation
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Future Plan



### NTP Structure

- NTP Central Team = 30 people (Technical) staff.
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- NTP Regional Staff = 8 RTCs + 8 RLSs + 8 Drivers
- NTP Provincial Staff = 34 PTCs + 34 PLSs

### Standardized the classification of health facilities

- The BPHS rests on the concept that all services in the package should be available as an integrated whole, rather than piecemeal or as individual services, or only through vertical programs.
- standardized classification of health facilities providing basic services:
  - health posts (HP) 1,000- 1,500 people
  - basic health center (BHC) 15,000-30,000 people
  - comprehensive health center (CHC) 30,000-60,000 people
  - district hospital(DH) 100,000-300,000 people

BPHS Components	
1. Maternal and Newborn Care	1. Antenatal care 2. Delivery care 3. Postpartum care 4. Family planning 5. Care of the newborn
2. Child Health and Immunization	1. Expanded programme on immunization (EPI) 2. Integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI)
3. Public Nutrition	1. Prevention of malnutrition 2. Assessment of malnutrition
4. Communicable Disease Treatment and Control	1. Control of tuberculosis 2. Control of malaria 3. Control of HIV/AIDS
5. Mental Health	1. Mental health education and awareness 2. Case detection
6. Disability Services	1. Disability awareness, prevention, and education
7. Regular Supply of Essential Drugs	1. Listing of all essential drugs needed.

## History of leprosy in Afghanistan

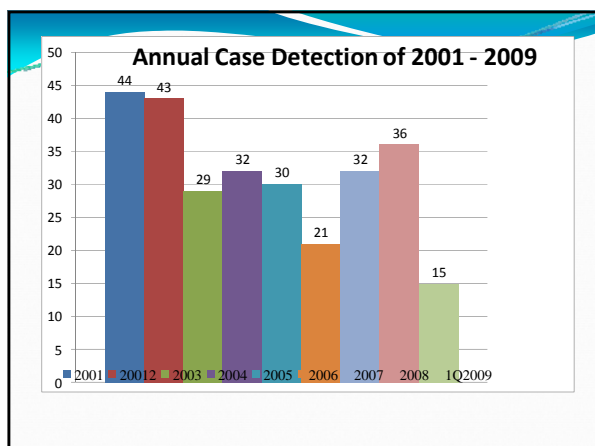
- German Medical Services organization in 1960
- Leprosy control in Afghanistan was started partially in 1984 by LEPCO.
- Now Lepco is in charge of current leprosy high quality services coverage in the country.(9 center).
- The WHO support was started in 1998 where a leprosy clinic was established in Maiwand Hospital to diagnose and treat the cases.

## Leprosy Situation in Afg...

- The cumulative number of registered cases in Afghanistan as governmental , academics and service hospital since 2001 to 2008 stands at 282 among those 77% cases were MB and 23% cases were PB.

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- Still we need support of WHO for :
  - Training of primary health care workers for signs and symptoms and early diagnosis of leprosy and delivering MDT at the district level .
  - A one day seminar is to be held in the centers of each district to improve awareness and referring of suspected cases to provincial TB/leprosy clinics.
  - Orientation workshops for community leaders on signs and symptoms of leprosy.



## Achievements

- Strategic plan (2009-2010) and leprosy guideline were developed recently.
- More than 80 health workers trained on leprosy elimination program
- One vehicle for leprosy control program provided.
- Leprosy elimination program integrated to TB control program
- Increasing of case detection..
- Training module developed.
- IEC material is printed and some of them are under process.

### Challenges/Problems

- Leprosy is a neglected disease in the overall situation which has resulted to in no resources allocated for its control.
- Lack of fund for running the program.
- Fully integration leprosy program in BPHS.
- Political instability and security problem.
- Very poor infrastructure which has made accessibility very difficult due to poor communication system and difficult geographical terrain (mountainous and snowy in the winter)

### Future Plan

- Bring all the leprosy control elimination activities to be under the umbrella of the MOPH.
- Encourage community participation in leprosy control through various public by health education activities.
- leprosy control such as Health education ,Disability Prevention, Developing the report of last fund.
- Developing of a proposal and work plan for 2010.

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