



## **Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care training in Kabul Highlights, February 2018**

- Bird flu continued to be the main challenge for the west region in February 2018. Initially in January, bird flu was found in 4 farms, but the disease has now spread to several hundred poultry farms. As a result 460 000 chicken were disposed from affected farms.
- The deteriorated security situation has resulted in the closure of several health facilities: two in Kandahar (Maruf Comprehensive Health Centre (CHC) and Nish CHC) and one in Urozgan province (Oshey CHC).
- At the same time, Speen Jomat Basic Health Center (BHC) is the only open facility in Chaparhar district. Mobile health services have been used by partners to cover the vulnerable population.
- Active fighting resulted in internal displacement of people in the Southern region, where in February alone 139 IDP families were identified in Kandahar, 489 in Urozgan and 205 in Helmand.
- Measles outbreaks have been the major public health issues of concern with low routine immunization coverage reported as one of the main causes.

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