



WHO supported the provision of orthopedic services by a specialist at the Zabul public hospital financially. WHO Afghanistan **Key updates, October**

- October saw the closure of four health facilities in the Eastern region and 35 in Uroghz province. In the Southern region, 45 health facilities were partially or completely closed, and of them 15 were later re-opened. Two health facilities were destroyed.
- Mobile health services were provided by cluster partners, but some areas were inaccessible due to insecurity.
- Ongoing conflict continued to displace families and individuals. A total of 298 families (1,389 individuals) of documented returnees returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan through Spinboldak gate.
- There was a significant decline in the number of returnees from Pakistan via Torkham border crossing.
- One polio case was confirmed in Kandahar.
- 4 suspected outbreaks (2 measles cases, 1 Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, and 1 food poisoning) occurred in the southern region.
- Six new cases of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever were reported in the west region, bring the total numbers of cases to 79 in 2017. 17 people lost their lives.

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