

12 April 2019 – We are deeply concerned that the temporary ban will negatively impact delivery of health services to affected populations. Unhindered access to all areas is necessary to provide health services to those in need.

WHO has been supporting health activities in all parts of Afghanistan, including primary health care, response to health emergencies, vaccination and polio eradication. Access to health services is a basic human right. WHO is committed to ensuring access to health services for all.

We call upon all parties to ensure the neutrality of health interventions and protection of health workers.

We will continue to work to resolve this temporary ban as quickly as possible in order to provide uninterrupted services to communities and individuals.

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