

Table 3 Distribution of CHWs by educational level and age in Afghanistan in 2021

Educational level	Female (N)	Female % of total CHWs	Male (N)	Male % of total CHWs	Total (N)	Total (%)
Bachelor degree	823	3.76	939	4.29	1762	8.05
Diploma	127	0.58	355	1.62	482	2.20
High school (grade 10–12)	1417	6.47	3608	17.41	5025	22.97
Secondary school (grade 8–10)	815	3.70	1753	8.01	2568	11.74
Primary school	1918	8.80	2194	10.0	4112	18.81
Literate ^a	164	0.74	164	0.74	328	1.49
Unspecified	8	0.03	80	0.36	88	0.40
Uneducated	5563	25.43	1941	8.87	7504	34.31
Total	10 835	49.54	11 034	50.45	21 869	100
Age, years						
< 15	11	0.05	9	0.04	20	0.09
15–20	151	0.68	66	0.30	217	0.98
21–25	799	3.62	825	3.74	1624	7.36
26–30	1127	5.11	1071	4.86	2198	9.96
31–35	1305	5.92	1262	5.72	2567	11.63
36–40	1395	6.32	1523	6.90	2918	13.22
41–45	1366	6.19	1530	6.94	2896	13.12
46–50	1364	6.18	1382	6.27	2746	12.44
51–55	1014	4.60	916	4.15	1930	8.74
56–60	775	3.51	732	3.32	1507	6.83
61–65	451	2.04	436	1.98	887	4.02
> 65	1293	5.86	1256	5.69	2549	11.54
Total	11 051	50.10	11 008	49.90	22 059	100

CHW data from 26 provinces. Data for 1816 HCWs were not disaggregated by age or gender, and data for 2006 HCWs were not disaggregated by educational level, and were excluded. ^aLiterate refers to CHWs who could read and write, but the source and level of their education were unknown. CHW = community health worker.