

Who we are:

The Health Protection and Research Organization (HPRO) is an Afghan national non-profit organisation. We are comprised of Afghan and expatriate professionals specialising in health and social welfare research, research training, laboratory sciences, disease surveillance and evidence based management, evaluation & effectiveness.



Our Objective:

Our objective is to provide long-term technical assistance to national institutions in the area of health and social welfare development. The goal is to improve the lives of the Afghan population.

Afghanistan has multiple development challenges and priorities. This requires not only direct resources, but a long-term academic approach which builds national sustainability and self reliance. HPRO focuses on improving health and social welfare using objective research-based methodologies to improve policy and practice. We aim to provide independent third-party information of use to policy makers both in Afghanistan and the wider region. HPRO also provides high quality academic training and institutional technical support.

What we do:

HPRO uses multidisciplinary approaches for conducting research, evaluation and institutional development in Afghanistan. The organisation has a range of expertise:

Quantitative Research: HPRO conducts quantitative research aimed at improving health and social welfare. We conduct large and small surveys, project evaluations, intervention trials and economic assessments. HPRO has a team of experienced operations scientists who design, implement, analyse and report on studies that are designed to provide an evidence base for improved policy and practice.

Independent Evaluation: HPRO provides independent, academic quality evaluation of health and social welfare programs including management, process and outcome evaluations. Our evaluation of program design, implementation, and effectiveness aims to assist policy-makers in assessing complex problems for evidence-based decision making.

Economic Analysis: HPRO conducts economic analyses as part of project evaluation. The cost effectiveness of interventions is an important parameter in effective aid delivery.

Social Science: Qualitative research is an important tool for research and evaluation. HPRO conducts qualitative research using a range of social and behavioural science methods.



Laboratory: Sophisticated, secure and quality-assured laboratories are a vital requirement for outbreak investigation, surveillance, and diagnosis of infectious disease. HPRO is one of the few organisations in Afghanistan to use state-of-the-art molecular and serological techniques in infectious disease research and national training programmes.

Teaching and Training: Building indigenous institutional capacity is essential for long-term sustainability, good governance and development. HPRO is committed to the aim of building indigenous capacity for the Government of Afghanistan and partner NGOs. We run technical workshops and academic courses, provide on-the-job training and support those who qualify to study overseas. We provide technical support and equipment for newly refurbished advanced diagnostic laboratories within the national health structure.

Data Analysis and Management Services: HPRO has competencies in multiple disciplines and we can offer expert technical data analysis and project management services for researchers interested in working in Afghanistan.



A Few of Our Projects:

Epidemiology: HPRO's research on HIV has allowed greater accuracy of prevalence estimates and identified key risk-groups for targeted control. HPRO's research on diagnostics for improving treatment of fever conducted multidisciplinary research on malaria rapid diagnostic tests, improving diagnosis and treatment in the Afghan health services.

Laboratory: HPRO has provided technical support and training to 5 national programmes through the academic course in advanced diagnostics (TRACDIS). HPRO has provided long term support to the national reference laboratories in health and veterinary laboratory sciences.

Social Welfare: HPRO has conducted behavioural research on the extent of drug use and HIV risk-behaviours in Afghanistan's prisons and in refugees who have recently returned to their homeland and an evaluation of informal social welfare.

Our Donors & Partners:

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