

Who we are

ORCD is an Afghan national NGO working across health, nutrition, women's empowerment, emergency response, community resilience, protection, livelihoods, and climate resilience. The aim of the organization is to contribute to the development of Afghanistan as an integral part of the international community. It envisages accomplishing its aims by building local capacities, generating evidence in various disciplines, promoting evidence-based best practices, and implementing developmental projects aimed at community development at the grass root level.

116+

Projects delivered since 2012

Commulative Programming

ORCD services include planning of humanitarian and development projects, designing feasibility studies, and management of community-based interventions for the development of target communities through best practices.

ORCD brings expertise in managing large-scale projects and sourcing and managing high quality development experts covering a variety of disciplinary skills required for the implementation of projects. Establishing meaningful partnerships, ensuring diversity and community empowerment with a special focus on women are the core working principles of ORCD.

Since 2012, ORCD has delivered more than 116 projects with cumulative programming above \$100 million.

Mission

Using evidence based best practice approach, empower local communities to set and achieve their own development goals

Vision

Prosperous families empowered to make informed choices.

Strategic goals

Generate evidence for policy makers through quality academic research across fields. [Read the full strategy.](#)

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Major Milestone for ORCD

We are proud to announce that ORCD, in partnership with the United Nations OCHA under AHF, has successfully completed seven transformative humanitarian projects across Afghanistan. These initiatives have brought vital health, nutrition, trauma care, and winterization support to thousands of vulnerable people affected by conflict, displacement, and drought.

Accountability and Partnership

ORCD works with UN agencies, donors, government counterparts NGOs, civil society actors, shuras, and community structures. The organization emphasizes evidence-based planning, transparent implementation, external audit readiness, safeguarding and accountable service delivery.

Having the award of excellence in Human Resources, ORCD is the largest Afghan NGO certified by the Afghanistan Institute of Civil Society (AICS) -the only certifying body offering certification of NGOs in Afghanistan for having strong systems in Program Management, Program Delivery, Financial Management, Internal Governance, Strategic Planning, Human Resources, Communication, and Outreach. (The AICS certification letter is attached in the relevant section).

It is worth mentioning that there are only few others NGO who have passed this vigorous process. For further details, please check with AICS (www.aics.org.af).

ORCD has partnered with a U.S. nonprofit, to supply HFs with medical equipment, addressing chronic shortages. This initiative will improve patient care in underserved areas, tackle equipment functionality issues, boost community trust, and enhance performance in the P4P framework.

Ready to collaborate?

For partnerships, program design, due diligence, or implementation inquiries, contact ORCD through below details

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ORCD

Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCD)

Afghan National NGO advancing health, protection, resilience, and community development.

2011

Established

2015

UN ECOSOC status

1,800

Staff nationwide

13

Provincial offices

Partner with ORCD

Support Afghan communities through practical, accountable, and community-centered Programming

Core activity areas

Health and nutrition

RMNCH, psychosocial support, mobile health teams, BPHS and EPHS readiness, maternal and child nutrition support, and hygiene promotion.

Protection and inclusion

GBV service delivery coordination, PSEA-related engagement, safeguarding, confidentiality, and survivor-centered principles.

Food security and emergency response

Emergency assistance, cash and food assistance, hotspot response, contingency response, and returnee response.

Climate resilience and DRR

Climate dialogue, water governance, PDNA capacity building, stakeholder mapping, and disaster risk management support.

Livelihoods and local economic recovery

TVET, MSME development, market and needs assessment value chain development, enterprise support, and community-based reintegration.

Community engagement and accountability

Transparent beneficiary selection, *shuras*, feedback mechanisms, help desks, and inclusive participation of vulnerable groups.



How ORCD works

- People-centered programming that places affected communities at the center of planning, targeting, and implementation.
- Conflict-sensitive delivery, safe access, and constructive engagement with local stakeholders.
- Transparent beneficiary identification using clear vulnerability criteria and community participation.
- Protection and gender mainstreaming across design and implementation.
- Coordination with government, UN agencies, donors, civil society, and community structures.



Recent and ongoing highlights

RMNCH and PSS services

ORCD began a UNFPA-funded 2026 project to increase access to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health and psychosocial support services in Kandahar and Baghlan. The project runs from January to December 2026.

Climate resilience and PDNA

Under a 2026 UNDP Responsible Party Agreement, ORCD supports climate dialogue and coordination, plus a four-day PDNA capacity building workshop for approximately 100 participants, with at least 40% female participation targeted.

BPHS and EPHS readiness

ORCD has positioned itself as a capable health systems provider, including readiness for BPHS and EPHS delivery, equipment partnership support, telemedicine linkage, and work on ending violence against women and girls.

Emergency food and nutrition response

ORCD has experience with WFP-supported emergency assistance, including cash and food assistance, nutrition-sensitive programming, community-based platforms, and facility-linked outreach.

Durable solutions and reintegration

ORCD has worked on community-based reintegration, shelter construction, school rehabilitation, TVET, MSME development, and market assessment activities.

Accountability

ORCD projects funded by UN agencies and other partners have been externally audited, and completed projects referenced in the donor update received unmodified audit opinions.

