



Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCD)

Afghan National NGO · UN ECOSOC special consultative status since 2015

Donor and Partner update

Recent project highlights · Issue 1 · June 2026

Dear Partners and Supporters,

This issue brings together ORCD's most recent project highlights, from a new 2026 health programme to the close-out of seven humanitarian projects with strong audit results. Thank you for standing with Afghan communities.

2011

Established

1,800

Staff nationwide

13

Provincial offices

20+

Provinces reached

110+

Projects since 2012

Recent highlights

HEALTH · UNFPA · 2026

Programme expands maternal and child health in Kandahar and Baghlan

In January 2026 ORCD began a UNFPA-funded project to increase access to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) and psychosocial support (PSS) services in Kandahar and Baghlan, running through December 2026. It builds on ORCD's flagship RMNCH and PSS work, which has reached communities across 27 provinces.

SCALE · NUTRITION

Active portfolio of more than \$23 million, including a nationwide nutrition response

ORCD's current initiatives are valued at over \$23 million. Among them, community-based nutrition programmes in Kabul, Kapisa, Parwan, Panjshir and Nimroz combine facility and grassroots interventions to tackle malnutrition in drought and displacement-affected areas.

HEALTH SYSTEMS · PROTECTION

Positioned as a leading BPHS and EPHS provider, with deepening work to end VAWG

Through 2025 ORCD set out its readiness to deliver the Basic and Essential Packages of Health Services, supported by an equipment partnership with Medical Bridges Inc. and a telemedicine link between European specialists and Afghan clinicians. ORCD also profiled its growing expertise in ending violence against women and girls. ORCD was ranked one of the most capable organization for the implementation of BPHS and EPHS in Nuristan and Nangarhar provinces.

CLIMATE & DRR · UNDP · 2026

ORCD supports climate resilience and disaster risk management under UNDP's Programme Development Facility

In April 2026, ORCD signed a Responsible Party Agreement (RPA) with UNDP Afghanistan under the Afghanistan Climate Change and Environment Strategic Support (ACCESS) programme. The project runs through September 2026. It covers two scopes of work: sub-national climate dialogue and coordination across five provinces (Kabul, Nangarhar, Balkh, Herat, and Kandahar), and a 4-day Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) capacity building workshop in Kabul for approximately 100 participants drawn from five provinces. The dialogues bring together community representatives, district officials, and civil society actors to document climate risks and develop actionable provincial recommendations. Across both scopes, at least 40% female participation is targeted, with dedicated gender inclusion measures built into each event.

By the numbers

Since 2012 ORCD has delivered more than 116 projects with cumulative budgets above \$100 million, working in health, nutrition, women's empowerment, emergency response and community resilience. Programmes are run from a Kabul head office, 13 provincial offices and a team of 1,800 staff.

Accountability You Can Verify

- ORCD's projects, including those funded by UNOCHA, UNFPA, and eight other agencies, have been externally audited, and every completed project received an unmodified audit opinion.
- All projects completed in 2025 and before each received an unmodified audit opinion.
- First Afghan NGO to hold UN ECOSOC special consultative status, granted in 2015.
- Certified by the Afghanistan Institute of Civil Society (AICS), the country's only NGO certifying body.

Looking ahead

ORCD continues to expand its health, nutrition and protection programming for 2026 and is inviting local organizations to register as implementing partners. We welcome conversations with current and prospective donors on where support can have the greatest effect.

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