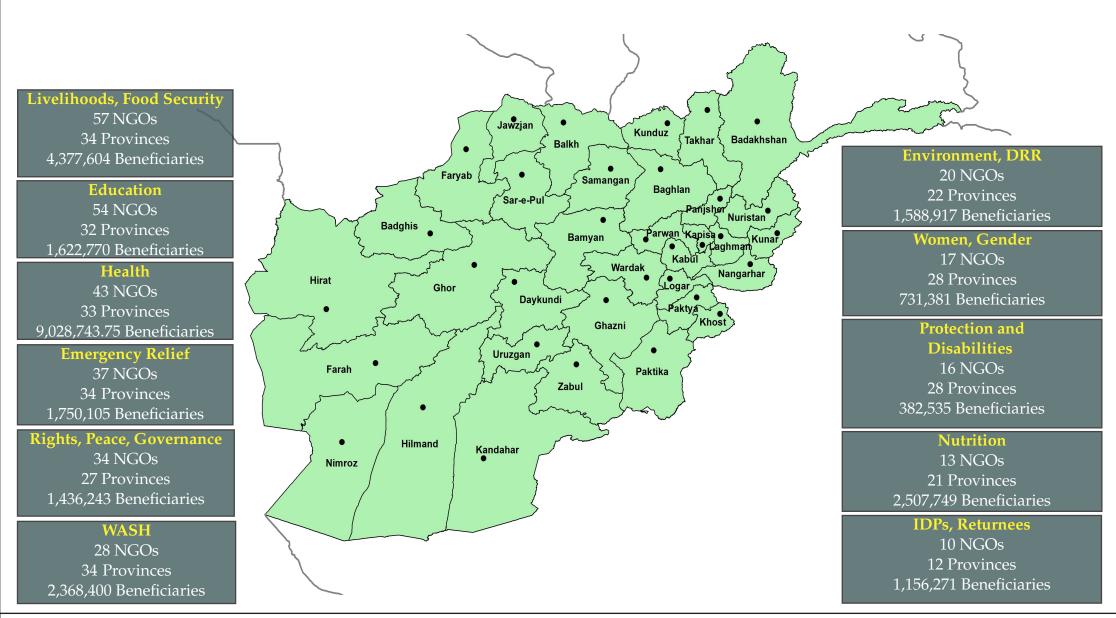
ACBAR Members 2019 Humanitarian, Development and Peacebuilding Activities





ACBAR has 154 National and International NGO members: 137 members reported at the beginning of 2019, that they are working in 11 sectors in 34 provinces and 341 out of 378 districts. In total 29,978 staff (22,374 men and 7,604 women) are employed and 27,950,718 direct beneficiaries are assisted.

What we do

Information & Coordination Platform

ACBAR is committed to promote dialogue, consultation and coordination between NGOs, Government, UN, donors and other civil society actors in Afghanistan. ACBAR facilitates sharing of information between NGO members and external stakeholders through monthly coordination meetings in Kabul and at provincial offices; meetings such as the Afghanistan Development Forum (ADF) and ACBAR Afghanistan Humanitarian Forum (ACBAR AHF) that elevate discussion with the Ministries and UN on policy and practice. ACBAR also provides open access to hundreds of reports, donor strategies, field researches, laws and policies on Afghanistan through its website and directly to its members in order to improve knowledge and practice.

ACBAR strengthens NGO knowledge and practice

Capacity Building Activities

ACBAR is engaged in improving the institutional capacity of NGOs and civil society actors. In all the main provincial cities in Afghanistan, ACBAR's training team provides workshops and trainings on e.g. Afghan laws, humanitarian principles and project cycle management to NGO partners and the wider civil society. The objective is to enhance skills of the national staff in organizational management, to explain international principles including standards and to illustrate best practice. ACBAR's Twinning Programme builds the capacity of National NGOs by preparing them for entry into the UNOCHA's humanitarian pooled funds and by pairing them with International NGOs to provide mentoring and guidance to their Afghan counterparts on institutional management and humanitarian practice.

ACBAR empowers capacity of NGOs by developing their professional skills

Advocacy Role

ACBAR plays a leading role in defending the interests of NGOs with the Government, international community and other relevant stakeholders. ACBAR has regular advocacy meetings to facilitate policy discussions and identify joint advocacy issues. ACBAR actively promotes the role and principles of NGOs to improve access and aid delivery to beneficiaries and strongly advocates for the protection of aid workers and civilians. This has led to the publication of multiple reports and position papers on aid effectiveness, the militarization of aid and the rights of marginalized groups such as IDPs, returnees, people with disabilities, women and the poor. ACBAR maintains close links with key players and decision makers by taking part in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) Advisory Board and relevant international conferences to represent the NGO community in Afghanistan.

ACBAR advocates on policy and implementation levels to represent a strong, united NGO voice

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Effective NGOs, Stronger Communities



Who we are

ACBAR was founded in Peshawar, Pakistan, in August 1988 in response to the demand from NGOs working with Afghan refugees in Pakistan and across the border in Afghanistan, to coordinate assistance and delivery of services to people in need more effectively.

Today, ACBAR consists of 154 National and International NGO members working in 11 sectors in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan in humanitarian, development and peacebuilding activities.



NGO Code of Conduct

In 2004, ACBAR established a mandatory Code of Conduct to help members to demonstrate their legitimacy and accountability.

- 1. We are committed to **comply strictly with international** humanitarian principles and human rights law.
- 2. Our work is based on **the principle of DO NO HARM** and it focuses on responding to emergencies, to chronic needs, reducing the impact of disasters and climate change, and dealing with the root causes of poverty, meeting basic needs, and enabling communities to become resilient and self-sufficient.
- 3. We are accountable to those whom we seek to assist, to those providing the resources, and to legal authorities.
- 4. We are transparent in our dealings with the government and community partners, the public, donors and other interested parties.
- 5. We are independent and we strive to maintain our autonomy according to Afghan and international law, and to resist the imposition of conditionality or corrupt practices that may compromise our missions and principles.
- 6. We will not discriminate against any individual or group on the grounds of gender, political affiliation, ethnic origin, religious belief, disability or sexual orientation.

