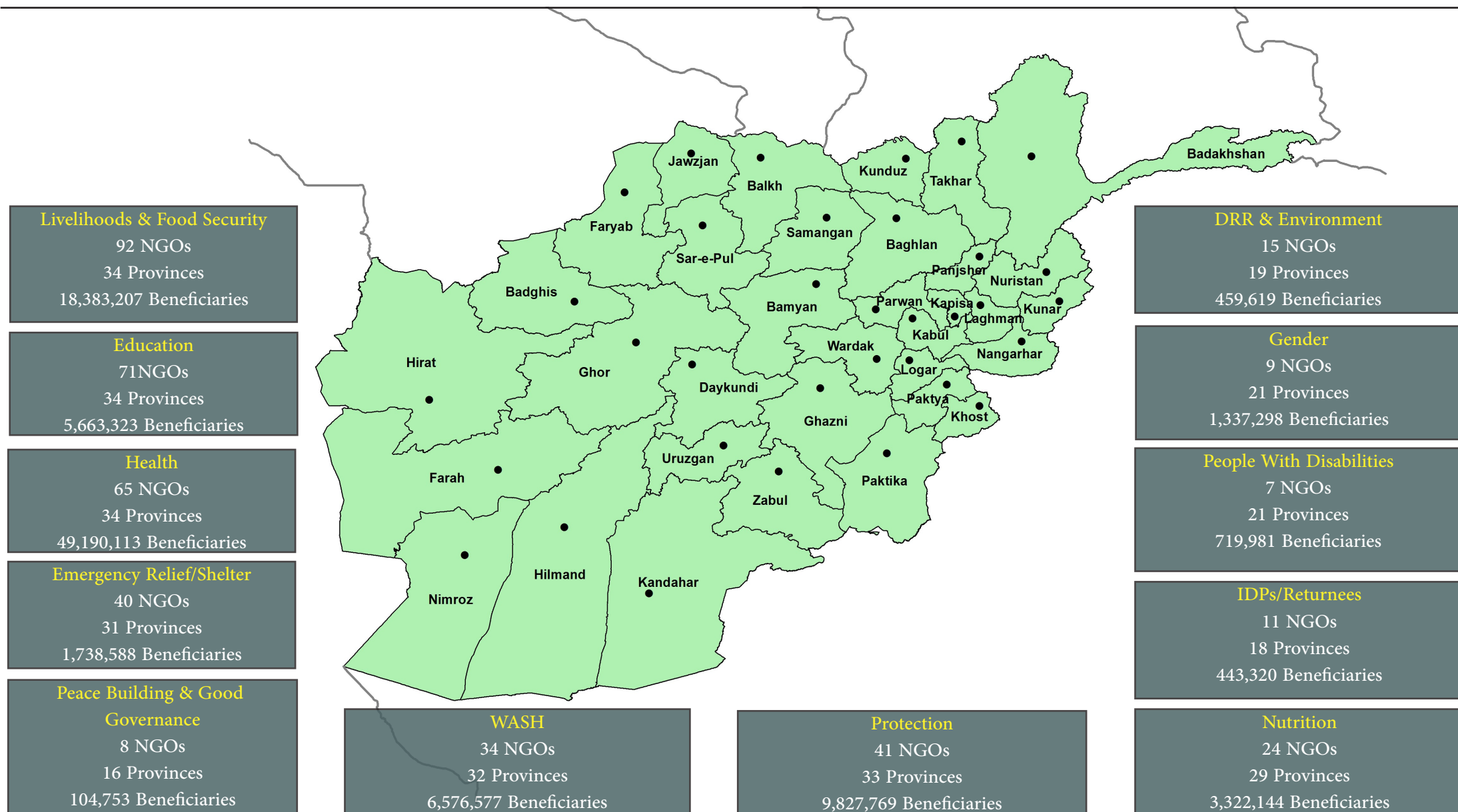




ACBAR Members 2023

Humanitarian, Development and Peacebuilding Activities



ACBAR has 178 National and International NGO members: 174 members reported at the beginning of 2023, that they are working in 12 sectors in 34 provinces and 386 districts. In total 78,928 staff (54,512 men and 24,416 women) are employed. The total number of beneficiaries is 97,766,692, (beneficiaries can receive multiple services from different sectors).

What we do

Information & Coordination Platform

ACBAR is committed to promote dialogue, consultation and coordination between NGOs, Government, UN, donors, Civil Society actors and other key stakeholders 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 (AAHF) 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

Twinning Programme Activities

ACBAR started the Twinning Programme (TP) with UK funding in 2015 and committed to Grand Bargain outcomes at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit. TP supports the national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) through ACBAR by improving institutional and technical expertise through building systems and developing guidelines with the assistance of international and national NGOs who act as Advisors.

The TP reviews policies, provides training, initiates Advisor field visits, encourages UN humanitarian cluster participation, and cooperative activities to assist NNGOs to be accepted in the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) partner base. The AHF partner base accepted 21 TP1 NNGOs by March 2019 and 18 TP2 NNGOs by June 2022. The TP2 will continue to capacitate the NNGO twinning partners in the programme through March 2024 to deliver humanitarian aid.

Advocacy & Enabling Environment

ACBAR plays a leading role in defending and advocating for 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, all available on the website. In order to promote an enabling environment ACBAR offices in Kabul and Regions represent and advocate for NGO Members with government, UN and other key stakeholders.

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

Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief and Development

Our Vision:

***Effective NGOs,
Stronger Communities***

Our Mission:

***To provide an efficient platform for members to
carry out an effective humanitarian and development
activities in Afghanistan.***



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 178 National and International NGO members working in 12 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.

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