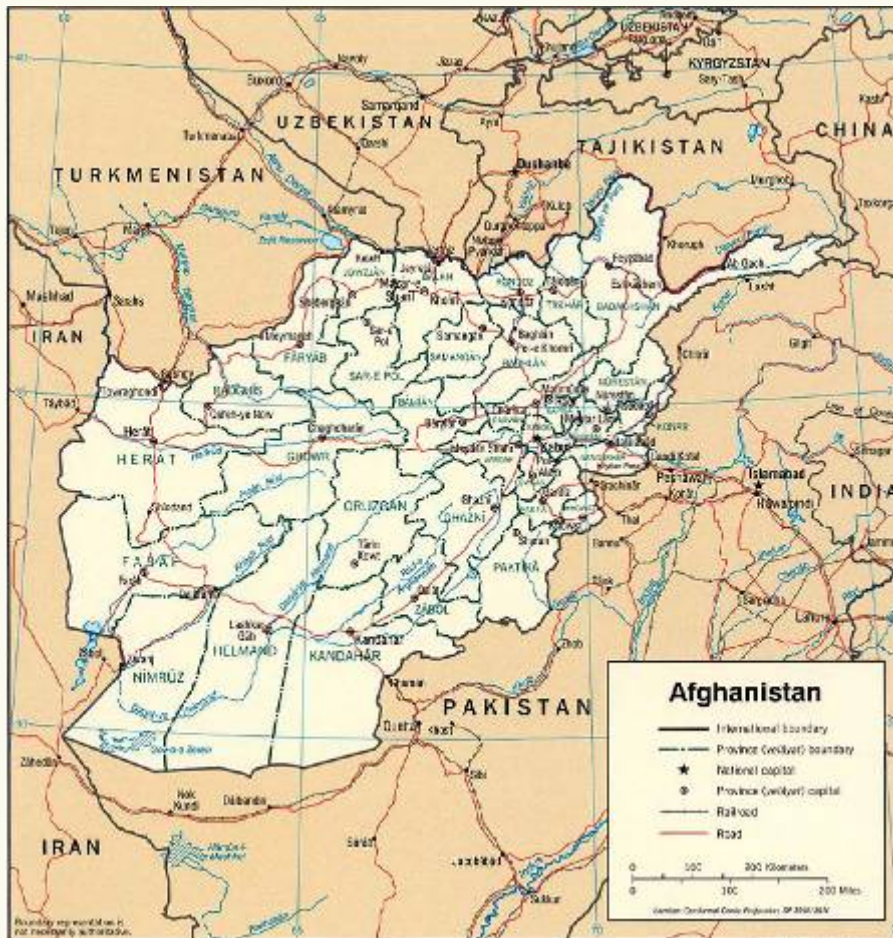




## Improving Health and Building Hope through Partnerships

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# Bridging the Gap- All At Once



## Challenges:

- Access
- Capacity
- Systems

# The Partners

- Ministry of Public Health
- Donors-World Bank, USAID, European Union, WHO, UN agencies
- Contractors-Management Sciences for Health and many others
- Non-governmental Organizations-Afghan and International

# REACH Project Background

## **USAID contract: 3+ years; \$138 million**

- Service delivery by NGOs in 13 provinces covering 1/3 of the population
- Technical assistance and training by MSH/REACH team
- Participation in systems development, policies, guidelines and standards

## Challenge: Access

- Inadequate or damaged infrastructure
- Limited clinical staff
- Geographic and security constraints



## Response: Access

- Assessing what is available-buildings, equipment, supplies and people
- Locating services nearer the people; training and deploying Community Health Workers



## Response: Access

- Stocking in to accommodate seasonal variations in access
- Continuous scanning for security concerns and taking appropriate precautions



## Challenge: Capacity

- Inexperienced leaders and managers
- Unequal training and limited continuing education
- Inexperienced NGO grantees



## Response: Capacity

- Continuous support to build management and leadership skills at Central MOPH
- Provincial level MOPH assisted with planning and local coordination
- Local health committees formed and trained to give oversight



## Response: Capacity

- Established training programs for new staff-female midwives, especially
- Established refresher training for doctors, nurses, midwives and ancillary staff
- Provided continuous and targeted technical assistance for NGOs



## Challenge: Systems

- Limited and outdated policies
- Quality assurance
- Lack of reliable population or program data

## Response: Systems

- The Basic Package of Health Services/Essential Package of Hospital Services
- Fully Functional Service Delivery Point and Performance and Quality Improvement methodologies for clinics and hospitals

# Response: Systems

**BEFORE**



**Above BRAC waste disposal**



**Above Health facility water supply, Ghazni**

**AFTER**



**Left BRAC  
waste  
disposal:  
Incinerator**



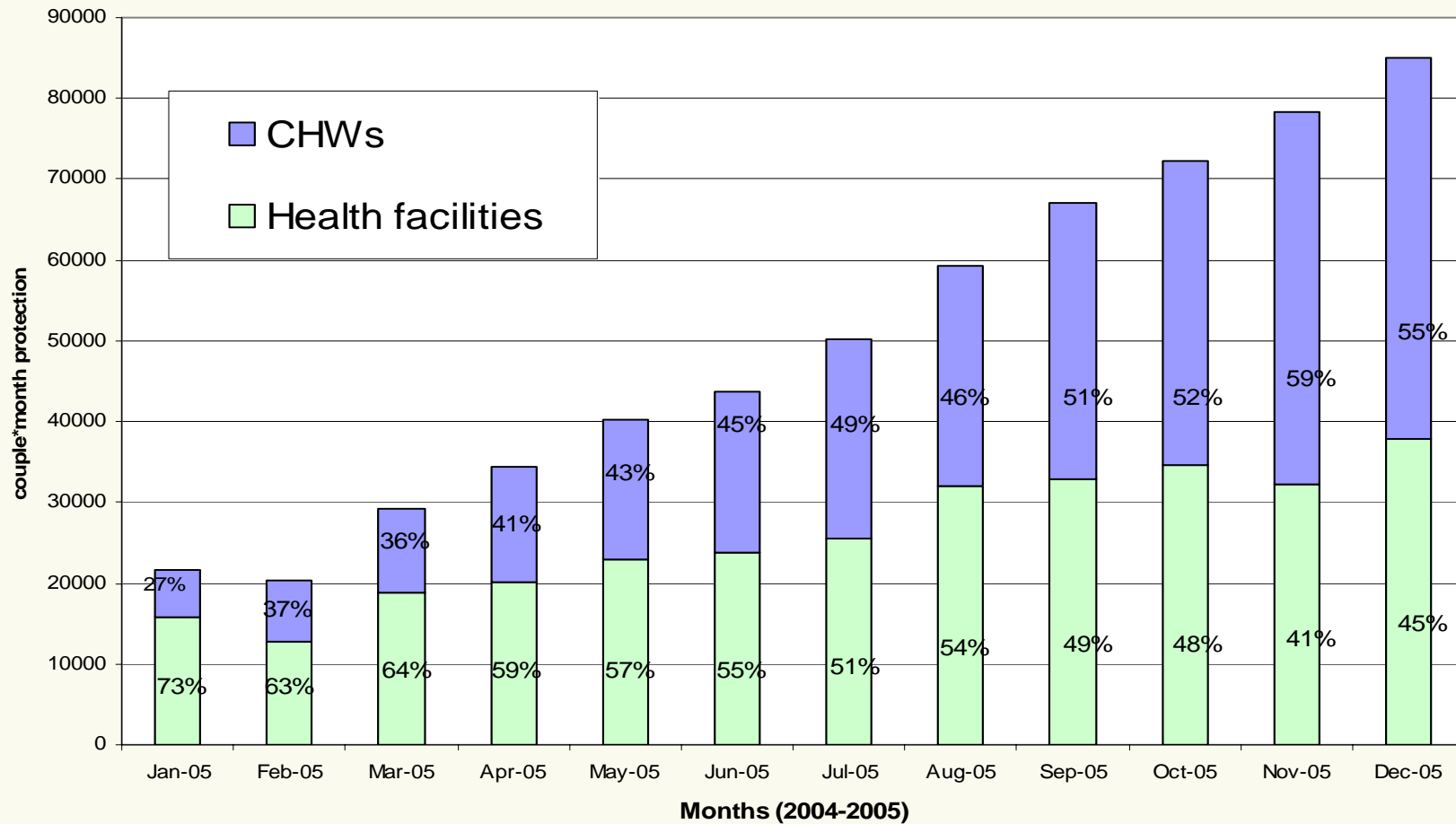
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# Response: Systems

- National health management information system
- Household survey of key health indicators; baseline and end of project



# Response: Systems



# REACH Afghanistan Key Results

<b>Project Outcomes</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Contraceptive Prevalence</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Births attended by a skilled attendant</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Children 1-2 fully immunized (DPT3)</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>37%</b>



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*and what is done*

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