

## District Public Health Officer program evaluation

Project:	Evaluation of the District Public Health Officer pilot in Afghanistan
Donor:	MSH-Techserve
Duration:	January 2011 - May 2011
Objectives:	The Ministry of Public Health, supported by the GAVI Alliance, has developed its stewardship role at the district-level by putting in place 152 District Public Health Officers (DPHOs). HPRO was contracted to independently evaluate the pilot project to help inform MoPH's future policy decisions regarding the programme.
Design:	HPRO examined the pilot design, implementation and impact in 20 randomly-selected districts using a desk-review and interviews with the DPHOs plus key stakeholders in the districts and provinces. A cost-analysis developed a financial model that described the cost implications for continuing and expanding the pilot.
Findings:	The findings from over 200 interviews demonstrated that the DPHOs are universally seen as a positive influence in their districts. They directly affect the coordination of health services and they are seen as a bridge between the community and health services and the government. In the future, the DPHOs need more administrative and financial support to effectively carry out their work.
Publication/Links:	