

Support to NMLCP	
Project:	Support to the National Malaria and Leishmaniasis Control Programme
Donor:	In-kind, but through staff supported by LSHTM
Duration:	Ongoing since 2002 (before HPRO)
Objectives:	<p>The development of strong national institutions is vital to Afghanistan's development and a key aim of HPRO. Strengthening indigenous capacity for malaria and leishmaniasis control takes place through HPRO's support to the National Malaria and Leishmaniasis Control Programme. HPRO, as part of its mandate to support the Ministry of Public Health, has provided long-term technical support to the NMLCP through a combination of methods since its inception.</p>
Design:	<p>HPRO staff assist in institutional development and reform by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing research services that aim to improve policy and practice • Providing research services aimed at testing new interventions for improved control of disease • Providing assistance in grant-writing • Conducting didactic and on-the-job training to NMLCP staff • Providing support to NMLCP's NGO partners in order to improve practice and strengthen indigenous capacity.
Findings:	<p>Since before HPRO's inception, staff has been providing support to the NMLCP. In doing so, current HPRO staff have conducted operational research and written (or been involved in writing) the main proposals from the Global Fund for AIDS TB and Malaria (GFATM). Through these programmes, more than 2,000,000 insecticide treated nets have been distributed, 150 diagnostic centres established and more than 5000 health workers have been trained. Malaria incidence has fallen by about 80% since 2001.</p> <p>HPRO continues to support the NMLCP by conducting operational research on key questions, technical training of staff in laboratory and public health science (e.g. epidemiology), laboratory infrastructure and by providing policy advice and analysis.</p> <p>HPRO is an active participant on the MoPH's primary forum for malaria and leishmaniasis control, the Vector Borne Disease Task Force.</p>
Publication/Links:	<p>MoPH NMLCP reports: http://moph.gov.af/en/documents?DID=118 Global fund Afghanistan / Malaria portfolio: http://portfolio.theglobalfund.org/en/Country/Index/AFG</p>