COAR Provide an Essential Needs

WASH is critical in health care facilities where the risk of patients contracting infections is high. As a new figure from the WHO/UNICEF joint monitoring programmer for Water supply, sanitation and hygiene (JMP) indicate that WASH services in health care facilities are sub- standard in every region. An estimated 896 million people use health care facilities with no water service and 1.5 billion use facilities with no sanitation services. It is likely that many more people are served by health care facilities lacking hand hygiene WASH services are more likely to be available in hospital than in other types of other health care facilities, and in urban areas than in rural areas.

Dr. Abdul Wasi head doctor of shamakat BHC explain the clinic situation before the project as below:

Before the intervention of Shamakat BHC WASH project, we were experiencing the worst situation ever due to lack of clean water. Our colleague went 6km away to collect the needed water for the BHC. In addition, we also have maternity ward in our clinic, so when we had birth, the patient relative collect water from the nearby houses. These were some bad experience we have ever had.

This health care center located in shamakat village of Alishang district of Laghman province which is 50 km away from the capital city of Mehtarlam.

This BHC on average have 70 patients on daily basis and cover more than 50 village. The clinic cure patient up to OPD level.

When the COAR organization surveyed this BHC and identified these problems, then the organization with the financial support of UNCEF construct Deep Water Well, water reservoir and also provide hand washing facilities for the clinic. Now all the problems have in term of lack of water has been solved. The clinic personal and the relevant communities are very happy and satisfied with this project.

Thanks UNICEF



Picture1: People While Hand Washing