


  
**Loma Linda University  
Adventist Health Sciences Center  
Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital**  
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**History Of Loma Linda Involvement**

- 1960- Dr. Hadly & WHO
- Medical School at Kabul University
- 1990- Taliban
- 2004-USAID
- 2007-USAID

  
• Prior to Loma Linda Involvement




  
**Rebuilding**



**Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital**

- 210-bed MoPH Regional Hospital
- Total Staff: **341**
  - Physicians **90**
    - 50 Attendants
    - 40 Residents
  - Nurses **120**
  - Support Staff **131**
- Average Daily Census:
  - ED Patients **125**
  - OPD Patients **110**
  - Inpatients **170**



**First Cycle Accomplishments**

- Stabilized the hospital
  - Gained the trust and confidence of staff
  - Maintained the facility and systems
  - Acquired medicines and supplies
  - Developed a performance-based employment system for hospital staff
  - Gradually introduced appropriate medical technology
  - Emphasized education and learning



### USAID Cooperative Agreement

- Period of Agreement: **January 13, 2007 – December 15, 2008**
- Total Estimated USAID Funds: **\$6.6 million**
- Total Obligated USAID Funds: **\$3 million (2007)**
- Budget Fiscal Year: **2006-2007**

### USAID Cooperative Agreement

- Comes with “substantial involvement” by USAID
- Continued strong expatriate presence



### WAKH Expatriate Staff

- Hospital Administrator
- Chief Financial Officer
- Nurse Educators (2)
- Anesthesiologist
- General Surgeon
- Internist
- Clinical Lab Director
- Clinical Lab Medical Technician



### Strategic Objectives

- Make WAKH a modern healthcare facility with fully integrated clinical services
- Provide better patient access to hospital services
- Develop a hospital administrative system that empowers managers and supervisors
- Develop sustainability through a Supplemental Medical Services (SMS) system

### Strategic Objectives

- Acquire appropriate medical technology and continue to update staff skills
- Educate and train clinical staff through CME courses and in-service training
- Develop a functional infrastructure and well managed facilities with properly maintained medical equipment and systems

### Strategic Objectives

- Assist in the development of residency training standards
- Improve the content knowledge and teaching skills of select Basic Science and Clinical Faculty at Kabul Medical University



## Opportunities and Challenges

- Shift to a “consultancy” role
- Gradually engage the MoPH to take financial responsibility for hospital operations
- Transition hospital staff by June 2007 to the Priority Reform and Retention (PRR) civil service employment system



## Opportunities and Challenges

- Develop and deploy a sustainable cost-recovery system
- Develop standards of care and continue to emphasize education and training



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