

Supplemental Material

Conclusion

As we are writing, conflict has swept across all of Afghanistan (August 2021). These recent events demonstrate the imperative for strong community health services in non-remote as well as remote regions of Afghanistan. Our study has shown that CHW can be highly functional and effective in very deprived regions. We hope that the education and skills training that have been provided by CHWs to mothers will go some way in helping them to care for their children during a time that is likely to have substantially reduced traditional health services. We also hope that the international community will find ways to support the provision of these much needed community based services across all of Afghanistan.