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## BEFORE & AFTER District's Weary Clinic is Revitalized

### Refurbished building increases access to health care for residents

*Zabul Province is exceptionally poor and rural, with mountains to the north and remote villages speckled across an arid landscape. Although eight of the 11 districts have a hospital or clinic, access to quality health services remains a great challenge for the majority of the province's residents. Opportunities for health care have improved, however, in Shinkay District, thanks to the refurbishment of the district health clinic. A local firm, employing 35 area residents, carried out the construction, which is part of USAID's larger effort to provide basic health services to rural communities, especially to women and children. The Shinkay health clinic refurbishment has greatly expanded its functions and services. Increasing numbers of patients are coming from as far as the neighboring district of Nawbahar, which has no health clinic. The clinic employs 11 professional staff, and treats an average of 35 patients daily, with critically ill or injured patients transferred to the provincial hospital.*

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### **BEFORE**

Despite being structurally sound, the clinic was crumbling, which hindered its ability to provide full health care services.



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### **AFTER**

Through USAID, the clinic received a major refurbishment and a newly constructed wing. The roof, exterior, interior, and bathroom facilities were completely gutted and renovated. The clinic also received a new generator and water tank.