

# PROGRESS IN THE FACE OF INSECURITY

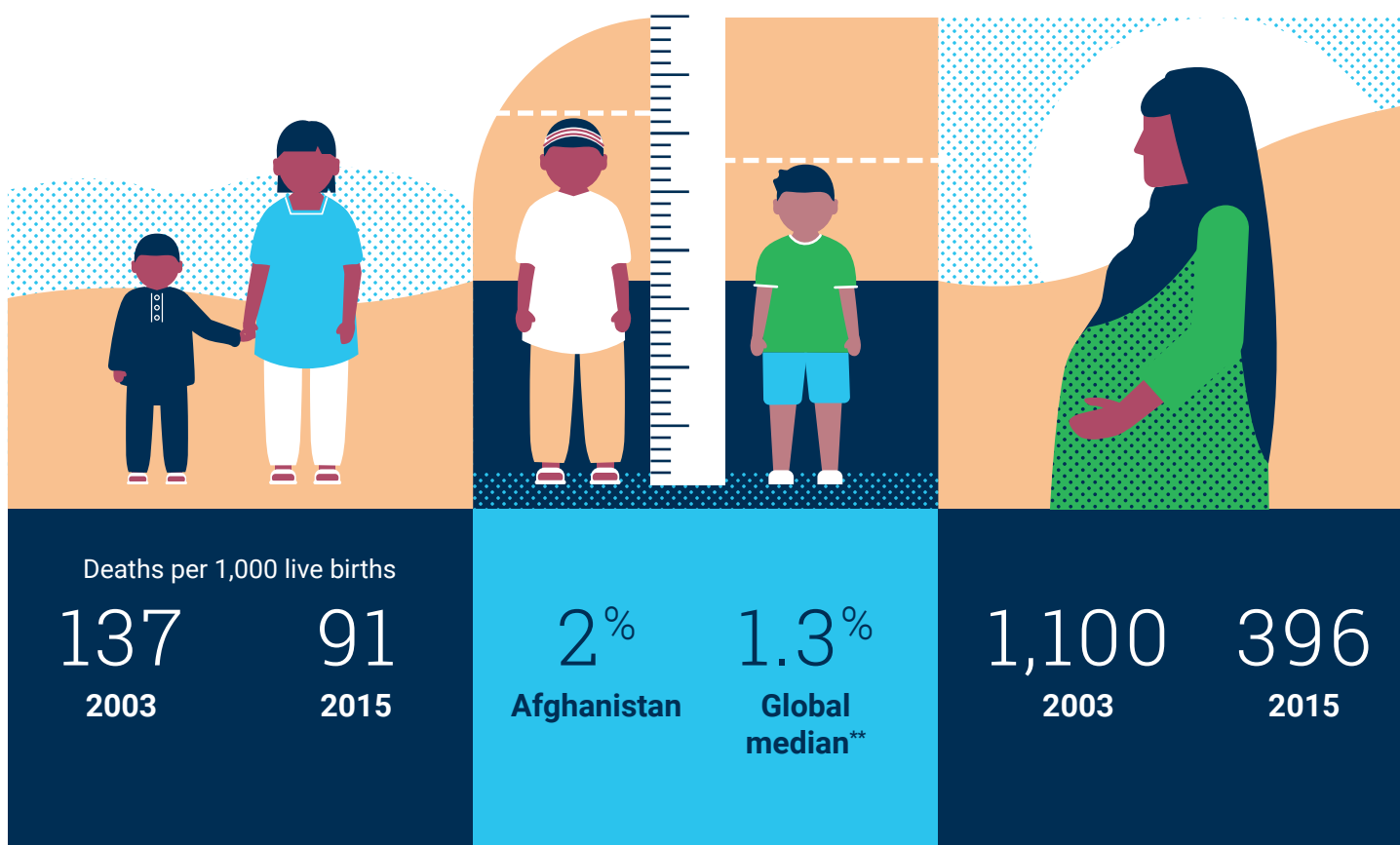
## Improving Health Outcomes in Afghanistan

Afghanistan has made strong and sustained gains in health outcomes, especially for women and children, since 2003.\*

The number of children dying before their 5th birthday reduced by 34%

Childhood stunting reduced by 2% per year

The number of women dying per 100,000 live births reduced by 64%

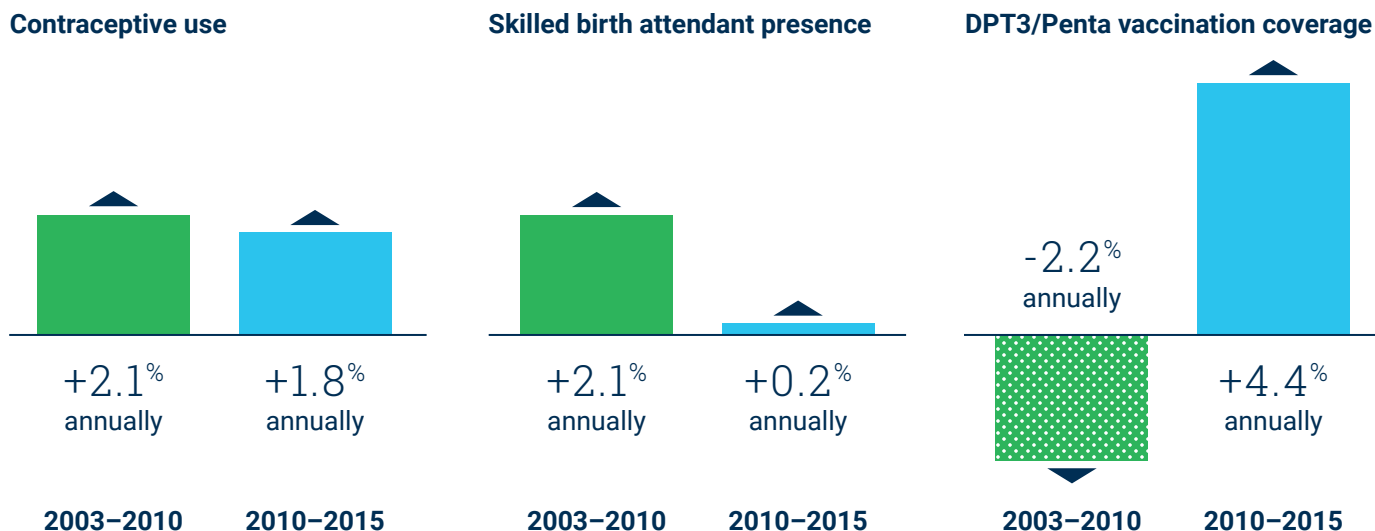


\*Data according to the United Nations

\*\*Global median is for 75 low- and lower-middle income countries

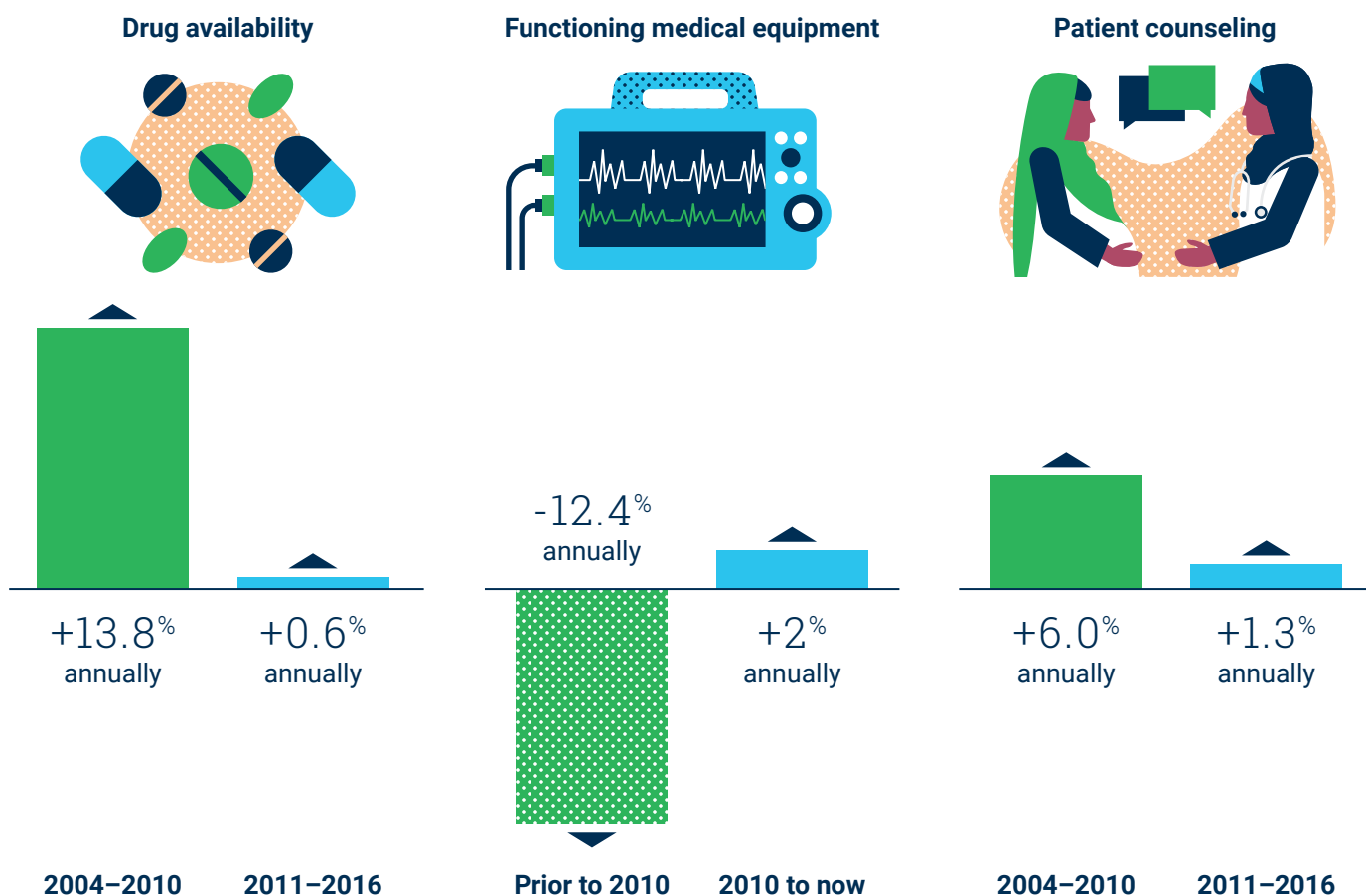
Essential health services have remained resilient and even improved overall, including in highly insecure areas. Increasing instability since 2010, however, has affected some services.

### In highly insecure areas:



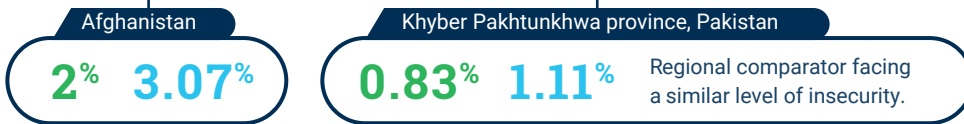
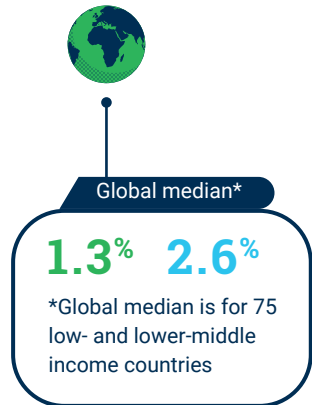
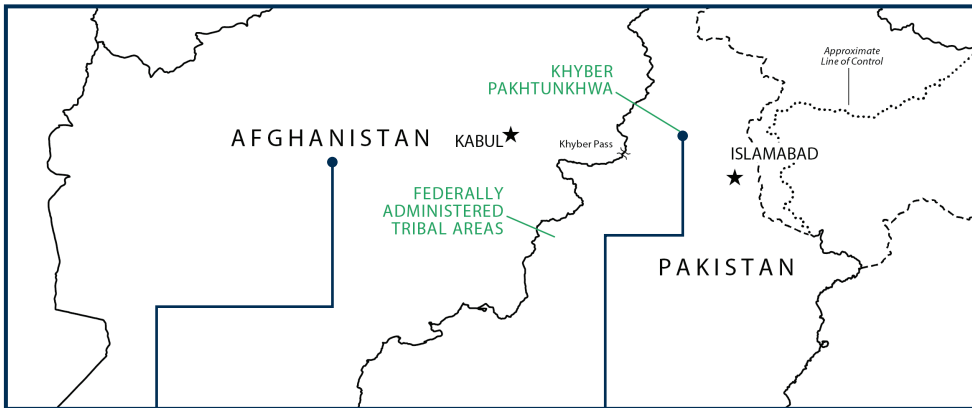
### Health systems have also grown stronger, though progress has been uneven.

Parts of the country with more insecurity have seen improvement in critical areas such as drug availability, provider knowledge, patient counseling and functioning equipment.



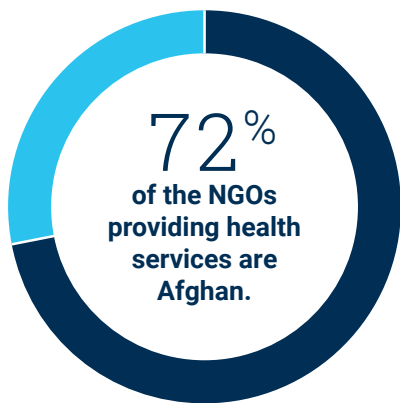
# Afghanistan has done at least as well or better than similarly situated countries and regions.

● Childhood stunting yearly reduction rate
 ● Under 5 mortality rate reduction per year



## Afghanistan's innovative approach to its health system has been central to its success.

While the national government provides financing, NGOs are instrumental in health service delivery, especially in remote and insecure areas.



The national government also provides oversight and direction in key areas, such as:

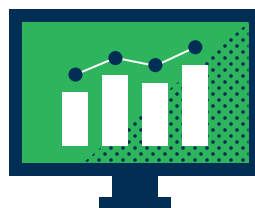
### Strong regulatory framework



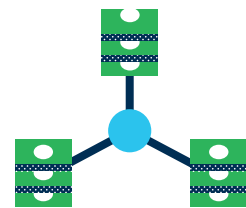
### National health campaigns



### Data collection and results monitoring



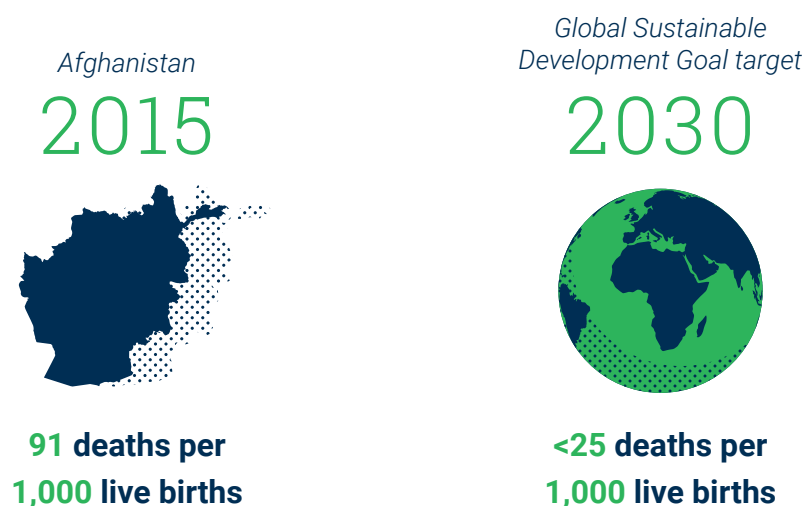
### Aligning donor funding with domestic financing



There is a growing, majority female health workforce. This creates quality jobs for women in rural areas while also strengthening the health system.

## Despite progress, Afghanistan still has a long way to go to ensure quality health services for all.

The number of children dying before their 5th birthday



However, Afghanistan has invested in health to build and enhance its human capital, offering many lessons to other countries facing insecurity.



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