

Medical Assistance for Mothers and Children in Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, the country that Kuraray has been supporting through its Sending School Bags (Randoseru) Across the Sea Campaign, the political situation is unstable and most people live in dire poverty. As a result, pregnant and nursing mothers and children in particular have extremely limited access to medical care. Under such circumstances, United Medical Center for Afghans/Rehabilitation Program for Afghanistan (UMCA/RPA)* operates a dedicated clinic for mothers and children, and the Kuraray Foundation supports its activities in cooperation with JOICFP, an international NGO.

* (UMCA/RPA) is the organization tasked with distributing school bags to Afghan children as part of the Sending School Bags (Randoseru) Across the Sea Campaign, one of Kuraray's social contribution activities.

Kinds of support the clinic provides

Women-friendly medical facility

Due to their religious background and customs, women in Afghanistan often only receive medical care from female health care providers. This clinic, staffed with female doctors and midwives, provides prenatal and postnatal care, hospitalized delivery, contraceptives, vaccinations, and other medical services.

Awareness-raising activities in the waiting room

In the waiting room, staff members also take the opportunity to conduct awareness-raising activities related to maternal and child health, including such topics as maternal checkups, family planning, and prevention of infectious diseases. In addition to providing medical care, the clinic is making efforts to increase patients' knowledge of nutrition and hygiene, and to help them understand the importance of health care.



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