



ACAP III Supports Victims of 19 April 2016 Attack in Kabul

Farid was walking with his father to the market when the explosion hit. “First it felt like an earthquake, and then came the loud sound of the blast,” he said. I held my ears because of the noise. A wall from the military building fell on top of me. I woke up to find myself in the hospital. Doctors told me that along with other injuries, my back and leg were broken.”

On 19 April 2016, people like Farid and his father were going about their daily lives when an explosives-laden truck exploded in their neighborhood. That day, over thirty people lost their lives while many more were injured.

Thankfully, both Farid and his father survived the explosion. However, neither of them was able to continue to financially support their family because of the injuries that they had sustained. “I have one younger brother and a large family. Who will bring money to the house?” Farid asked.



The Deputy Minister of MoLSAMD gives an immediate assistance package to an ACAP III beneficiary.

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A 10-year-old boy who sold plastic bags in order to support his family was also injured in the blast. “My husband died 5 years ago and I am a housekeeper,” said his mother, Zarin. “As my son was stepping out of the house that morning, the walls and windows of our neighbor’s home fell on top of him, resulting in injuries to his leg, arm and forehead.” She continued by saying, “My other children were also mentally affected by the incident, so I cannot go to work.”

In the days and weeks following the attack, the Afghan Civilian Assistance Program (ACAP III), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), provided immediate assistance packages consisting of food and non-food items to over 100 families. ACAP III counsellors were also deployed to provide psychosocial support. Since its inception in July 2015, ACAP III has provided 4,196 immediate assistance packages, benefitting 30,940 civilian victims of conflict-related incidences.

“I thank ACAP III for providing the aid packages as I did not have anyone to support me,” said Zarin.

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