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# Support from Mobile Health Team Changed Makai's Life



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Makai lives with her husband and seven children in a camp for internally displaced persons in Kabul.

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August 2015 – Makai, 37, lives in the Nasaji-Bagrami camp for internally displaced persons in Kabul. During the Taliban regime, Makai and her family fled from Baghlan Province to Iran and returned to Afghanistan in 2003. Since then, she has been living under tough conditions in the camp, taking care of her seven children.

“My husband used to be a drug addict,” Makai says. “He was very aggressive towards me and the children and forced our children to beg on the streets instead of going to school.”

Makai visited a midwife working in the camp’s mobile health clinic funded by USAID. After learning about Makai’s problems at home, the midwife recommended that she take her husband to an addiction treatment center in Kabul to seek help.

“The Jangalak Drug Treatment Center helped my husband to break his addiction. He now works as a shoemaker and my daughters and sons are going to school. My situation would be a lot worse if I didn’t visit the mobile clinic and get this life-changing advice from the midwife,” Makai says.

Makai uses the services of the mobile health clinic often, especially to vaccinate her children and get basic medicines.

Makai’s six-year-old daughter’s legs are paralyzed. She now believes this is because her child did not receive necessary vaccinations as a baby to immunize her against different diseases.

“I wish I could have had access to a similar health facility when my daughter was a baby. Now I warn others here about the risks of not vaccinating your child,” added Makai.