

Preface

The success of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) in the rehabilitation, renewal and strengthening of health systems in post-conflict countries is a testament to its expertise in supporting and implementing, with a variety of partner health organizations, activities in several post-conflict countries over the past decade. These include humanitarian programs in Pakistan for Afghan refugees following upon that country's civil war, restoring primary health care services in southeast Turkey in response to the needs of Kurdish refugees as a result of the Gulf War, nurturing the active participation of civil society in the formulation and application of evidence-based health policy and programs in Palestine, and more recently, the rebuilding and renewal of the health care system in Kosovo. Since 1993 and 1995 CPHA has been a member of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME).

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