ICEF 4369/LING/62 - Regular examinations are urged by health center personnel. Most villagers are getting first contact with modern medical methods, must often be urged to participate in health programs.

Afghanistan's Rural Development program, started by the government in 1955 is planned to reach 80% of the country's 12 million people. It includes health services, nutrition education and social welfare. Particular attention is given problems of women and children. In the first five years eight units of 50,000 persons each were selected as pilot projects; from 1961-66, 17 will be added, bringing total to 25. Final goal is 200 units.

Several United Nations agencies are assisting --- International Labor (ILO), Food and Agriculture (FAO), and World Health (WHO) Organizations; the Bureau of Social Affairs, and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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