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PREFACE

This Manual represents a first effort at organizing, in one document, the extensive guidelines used by the staff of the Afghan Refugee Health Programme in providing health services to the Afghan refugees in Pakistan. It is intended to be used as a reference by the staff and it serves as a description of the standards of care established for the programme.

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