

Afghanistan warns of disaster as virus infections surge



Kabul, June 8 (RHC)-- Afghanistan is running out of hospital beds as suspected cases of coronavirus surge, officials said, warning "there is a disaster coming" in the impoverished country.

Afghan health authorities reported 761 new positive cases of COVID-19 over the past 24 hours, taking the total number of confirmed infections to 19,551.

"Our [hospital] beds are almost full, we won't have any more capacity very soon," Health Minister Ahmad Jawad Osmani told reporters.

"There is a disaster coming," said Kabul governor Mohammad Yakub Haidary at a joint press conference with the health minister, adding that in Kabul alone there could be a million people infected.

So far there have been 327 confirmed deaths in the country.



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