

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 6

FARAH

When compared with indicators from all 32 provinces in Afghanistan from which similar data is available

Farah ranks 8th overall.

It is amongst the worst ten provinces for both overall and girls' primary school attendance.

But it is amongst the best ten provinces for maternal mortality ratios and under-5 mortality rates.

When compared to the mean of the world's Least Developed Countries

Farah is 28 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	303,000
Under-5 population	98,000
Annual number of births	24,614
Under-5 mortality rate	200
Deaths of under-5's per year	4,923

Women

Women of child-bearing age	108,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,600
Maternal deaths per year	394

Education

Net primary school attendance	36.7%
Net primary school girls' attendance	19.4%
Primary school age children out of school	65,000
Female literacy rate	7%
Number of illiterate women	111,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	56.9%
DPT vaccination coverage	26.8%
Measles vaccination coverage	78.1%
Households consuming iodised salt	59.1%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	3.3%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	12%
Births delivered at home	97%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	5.7%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	46.6%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	54.8%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	10.9%
Children under-5 with births registered	2,842

Based on the indicators above, amongst others,

it is recommended that in addition to continuing the successes made in the province, investment is also prioritised in Farah to:

- ◆ Increase school enrolment levels, with a special focus on providing learning opportunities for girls;
- ◆ Ensure that women have improved access to quality maternal health care nearer to their homes;
- ◆ Raise awareness of the risks of early marriage to young women's health.