

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 7

FARYAB

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

Faryab ranks 26th overall.

It ranks amongst the worst ten provinces for maternal mortality ratios, and amongst the worst 15 for under-5 mortality rates.

However, Faryab ranks amongst the top 15 provinces for both overall and girls' primary school attendance.

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

Faryab is 45 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	470,000
Under-5 population	150,000
Annual number of births	37,421
Under-5 mortality rate	250
Deaths of under-5's per year	9,355

Women

Women of child-bearing age	196,000
Maternal mortality ratio	2,100
Maternal deaths per year	786

Education

Net primary school attendance	52.1%
Net primary school girls' attendance	42.2%
Primary school age children out of school	84,000
Female literacy rate	5%
Number of illiterate women	211,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	46.2%
DPT vaccination coverage	33%
Measles vaccination coverage	67.8%
Households consuming iodised salt	1.7%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	4.3%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	2.1%
Births delivered at home	98%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	10.4%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	16.3%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	52%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	32.9%
Children under-5 with births registered	1,500

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 Faryab to:

- ◆ Increase women's access to quality obstetric care services closer to their homes;
- ◆ Improve the rate of women's literacy, to reduce risks to their health and provide them with increased opportunities;
- ◆ Increase the level of birth registration to strengthen protection of children against risks of trafficking, forced labour, early marriage and other abuses of their rights.