

# BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 9

## GHOR

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

Ghor ranks 28th overall.

It has the highest maternal mortality ratios and is amongst the ten worst provinces for under-5 mortality rates and girls' primary school attendance. It is also amongst the 15 worst provinces for overall primary school attendance.

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

Ghor is 49 per cent worse off.



### Key indicators

#### Children

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Under-18 population          | 365,000 |
| Under-5 population           | 119,000 |
| Annual number of births      | 29,672  |
| Under-5 mortality rate       | 260     |
| Deaths of under-5's per year | 7,715   |

#### Women

|                            |         |
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| Women of child-bearing age | 146,000 |
| Maternal mortality ratio   | 2,300   |
| Maternal deaths per year   | 682     |

#### Education

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| Net primary school attendance             | 43.7%   |
| Net primary school girls' attendance      | 21%     |
| Primary school age children out of school | 75,000  |
| Female literacy rate                      | 3%      |
| Number of illiterate women                | 161,000 |

#### Child health and nutrition

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| Polio vaccination coverage                              | 12.9% |
| DPT vaccination coverage                                | 7.5%  |
| Measles vaccination coverage                            | 52.1% |
| Households consuming iodised salt                       | 11.6% |
| Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability | 1.1%  |

#### Maternal health

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| Births attended by skilled birth attendant  | 9.3% |
| Births delivered at home                    | 97%  |
| Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care | 0.8% |

#### Water and sanitation

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| Population using safe water source | 16.1% |
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#### Threats to childhood

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| Women 20-24 married before age of 18         | 63.5% |
| Children 5-15 years involved in child labour | 9.5%  |
| Children under-5 with births registered      | 595   |

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 Ghor to:

- ◆ Tackle the alarmingly high rates of maternal mortality through improved obstetric health care facilities, community midwives and maternal health education;
- ◆ Increase the rate of women's literacy, which itself will have a positive impact on maternal health;
- ◆ Prevent early marriages amongst girls, which is known to increase the health risks to young mothers.
- ◆ Increase the level of routine immunization, to ensure systematic protection for children against preventable diseases