

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 11

HERAT

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

Herat ranks 2nd overall.

It ranks amongst the best five provinces for under-5 mortality rates, maternal mortality ratios and for overall primary school attendance. It also ranks amongst the ten best provinces for girls' primary school attendance.

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

Herat is 12 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	1,084,000
Under-5 population	352,000
Annual number of births	88,045
Under-5 mortality rate	180
Deaths of under-5's per year	15,848

Women

Women of child-bearing age	386,000
Maternal mortality ratio	900
Maternal deaths per year	792

Education

Net primary school attendance	73.7%
Net primary school girls' attendance	67.6%
Primary school age children out of school	97,000
Female literacy rate	27.5%
Number of illiterate women	309,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	62.8%
DPT vaccination coverage	47.6%
Measles vaccination coverage	80.4%
Households consuming iodised salt	49.7%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	1%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	24%
Births delivered at home	88%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	23.9%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	45.5%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	40.6%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	25.4%
Children under-5 with births registered	25,696

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 Herat to:

- ◆ Increase access to, and use of, maternal health service including ante-natal care, closer to women's homes;
- ◆ Provide support to economically vulnerable families, to reduce the reliance upon children's incomes, reduce overall poverty levels, and enable opportunities for more children to attend school