

# BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 14

## KANDAHAR

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

Kandahar ranks 4th overall.

It ranks amongst the top five provinces for maternal mortality ratios, and amongst the best ten provinces for under-5 mortality rates.

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

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

Kandahar is 30 per cent better off.



### Key indicators

#### Children

Under-18 population	497,000
Under-5 population	164,000
Annual number of births	41,104
Under-5 mortality rate	200
Deaths of under-5's per year	8,221

#### Women

Women of child-bearing age	169,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,100
Maternal deaths per year	452

#### Education

Net primary school attendance	38.5%
Net primary school girls' attendance	19.8%
Primary school age children out of school	102,000
Female literacy rate	16%
Number of illiterate women	156,000

#### Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	58.3%
DPT vaccination coverage	23.7%
Measles vaccination coverage	73.8%
Households consuming iodised salt	8.6%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	1.4%

#### Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	16%
Births delivered at home	87%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	17.8%

#### Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	73.8%
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#### Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	46.7%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	17.2%
Children under-5 with births registered	1,804

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 Kandahar to:

- ◆ Improve access to education, especially for girls.;
- ◆ Strengthen routine immunization to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases;
- ◆ Reduce the number of early marriages, which are known to increase risks to young girls' health and could affect the relatively positive indicators on maternal mortality in the province.