

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 17

KUNAR

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

Kunar ranks 11th overall.

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

However, Kunar ranks amongst the worst ten provinces for its maternal mortality ratio.

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

Kunar is 35 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	252,000
Under-5 population	82,000
Annual number of births	20,408
Under-5 mortality rate	190
Deaths of under-5's per year	3,878

Women

Women of child-bearing age	90,000
Maternal mortality ratio	2,100
Maternal deaths per year	429

Education

Net primary school attendance	63.8%
Net primary school girls' attendance	49%
Primary school age children out of school	31,000
Female literacy rate	9%
Number of illiterate women	92,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	72.1%
DPT vaccination coverage	61.4%
Measles vaccination coverage	91.7%
Households consuming iodised salt	0.9%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	3.4%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	3.1%
Births delivered at home	99%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	3.1%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	42.9%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	59.6%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	7.7%
Children under-5 with births registered	1,558

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 Kunar to:

- ◆ Enable improved access to quality maternal health care services, closer to women's homes, supported by trained health workers in the community;
- ◆ Tackle the high rates of women's illiteracy which has a negative effect on maternal health and women's status in the community;
- ◆ Address the high number of early marriages, which reduce girls' potential for education and can have a harmful impact upon their health.