

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 19

LAGHMAN

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

Laghman ranks 6th overall.

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

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

Laghman is 29 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	239,000
Under-5 population	78,000
Annual number of births	19,462
Under-5 mortality rate	190
Deaths of under-5's per year	3,698

Women

Women of child-bearing age	82,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,200
Maternal deaths per year	234

Education

Net primary school attendance	63.6%
Net primary school girls' attendance	55.1%
Primary school age children out of school	29,000
Female literacy rate	9%
Number of illiterate women	83,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	50.7%
DPT vaccination coverage	45.7%
Measles vaccination coverage	83.9%
Households consuming iodised salt	1.1%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	4.8%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	2.6%
Births delivered at home	86%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	20.3%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	52.1%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	26.4%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	29.5%
Children under-5 with births registered	858

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:

- ◆ Increase vaccination coverage against polio;
- ◆ Increase availability of competent maternal health professionals in the community;
- ◆ Ensure adequate support is provided for children with disabilities to play an active role in society, and reduce the potential economic burden upon caregivers.