

# BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 23

## NURISTAN

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

Nuristan ranks 29th overall.

It ranks amongst the worst ten provinces for under-5 mortality rates and maternal mortality ratios, as well as for overall primary school attendance.

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

Nuristan is 48 per cent worse off.



### Key indicators

#### Children

Under-18 population	81,000
Under-5 population	27,000
Annual number of births	6,660
Under-5 mortality rate	270
Deaths of under-5's per year	1,798

#### Women

Women of child-bearing age	29,000
Maternal mortality ratio	2,100
Maternal deaths per year	140

#### Education

Net primary school attendance	35.8%
Net primary school girls' attendance	33.1%
Primary school age children out of school	18,000
Female literacy rate	8%
Number of illiterate women	29,000

#### Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	44.3%
DPT vaccination coverage	19.7%
Measles vaccination coverage	68.5%
Households consuming iodised salt	7.1%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	4.1%

#### Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	1.4%
Births delivered at home	100%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	2%

#### Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	29.4%
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#### Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	45.5%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	24.5%
Children under-5 with births registered	59%

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 Nuristan to:

- ◆ Increase routine immunization coverage against vaccine-preventable diseases;
- ◆ Increase access to safe water sources;
- ◆ Increase enrolment and attendance of both boys and girls in primary school;
- ◆ Improve access and usage of quality obstetric care services closer to women's homes, and the availability of competent maternal health professionals in the community.