

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 26

PARWAN/PANJSHIR*

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

Parwan/Panjshir ranks 19th overall.

It ranks amongst the best ten provinces for overall primary school attendance, and amongst the best 20 provinces for girls' primary school attendance.

However, Parwan/Panjshir ranks amongst the worst fifteen provinces for both under-5 mortality rates and maternal mortality ratios

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

Parwan/Panjshir is 38 per cent worse off.

* As data was collected before Parwan and Panjshir became two separate provinces, indicators have had to be combined.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	342,000
Under-5 population	109,000
Annual number of births	27,285
Under-5 mortality rate	250
Deaths of under-5's per year	6,821

Women

Women of child-bearing age	141,000
Maternal mortality ratio	2,000
Maternal deaths per year	546

Education

Net primary school attendance	57.4%
Net primary school girls' attendance	30.1%
Primary school age children out of school	54,000
Female literacy rate	9%
Number of illiterate women	144,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	62.9%
DPT vaccination coverage	19.8%
Measles vaccination coverage	67.9%
Households consuming iodised salt	4.8%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	9%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	3.7%
Births delivered at home	98%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	6.3%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	21.5%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	47.3%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	17.2%
Children under-5 with births registered	19,838

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 Parwan and Panjshir to:

- ◆ Bring girls' attendance in schools in line with that of boys - the provinces have the 2nd highest boys' enrolment rates in the whole country;
- ◆ Increase access to clean water sources;
- ◆ Increase routine immunization levels to protect children against preventable diseases.