

# BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 28

## SARI PUL

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

Sari Pul ranks 23rd overall.

It ranks amongst the worst ten provinces for both under-5 mortality rates and maternal mortality ratios. Sari Pul also ranks amongst the worst fifteen provinces for overall primary school attendance and girls' primary school attendance.

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

Sari Pul is 50 per cent worse off.



### Key indicators

#### Children

|                              |         |
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| Under-18 population          | 221,000 |
| Under-5 population           | 71,000  |
| Annual number of births      | 17,845  |
| Under-5 mortality rate       | 260     |
| Deaths of under-5's per year | 4,640   |

#### Women

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| Women of child-bearing age | 83,000 |
| Maternal mortality ratio   | 2,100  |
| Maternal deaths per year   | 375    |

#### Education

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| Net primary school attendance             | 44.3%  |
| Net primary school girls' attendance      | 24.9%  |
| Primary school age children out of school | 43,000 |
| Female literacy rate                      | 5%     |
| Number of illiterate women                | 88,000 |

#### Child health and nutrition

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| Polio vaccination coverage                              | 45.8% |
| DPT vaccination coverage                                | 16.9% |
| Measles vaccination coverage                            | 83%   |
| Households consuming iodised salt                       | 1.7%  |
| Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability | 1.6%  |

#### Maternal health

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| Births attended by skilled birth attendant  | 0.4% |
| Births delivered at home                    | 100% |
| Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care | 2.3% |

#### Water and sanitation

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| Population using safe water source | 6.9% |
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#### Threats to childhood

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| Women 20-24 married before age of 18         | 50.7% |
| Children 5-15 years involved in child labour | 33.7% |
| Children under-5 with births registered      | 284   |

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 Sari Pul to:

- ◆ Increase routine immunization levels and increase access to clean water supply, to protect children against preventable diseases;
- ◆ Reduce the incidence of early marriage, which can have a negative impact on young women's health;
- ◆ Increase female literacy levels, which can help reduce poverty, reduce maternal mortality and improve women's status in the community;
- ◆ Improve access to quality obstetric care and other maternal health services closer to women's homes;
- ◆ Increase school enrolment for all children, with a special focus on girls' attendance.