

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 2

BADGHIS

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

Badghis ranks 31st overall.

It is amongst the worst five provinces for maternal mortality ratios, for under-5 mortality rates, for overall primary school attendance and is the 2nd worst province for girls' primary school attendance.

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

Badghis is 61 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	285,000
Under-5 population	91,000
Annual number of births	22,686
Under-5 mortality rate	300
Deaths of under-5's per year	6,806

Women

Women of child-bearing age	117,000
Maternal mortality rate	2,300
Maternal deaths per year	522

Education

Net primary school attendance	21.2%
Net primary school girls' attendance	1.5%
Primary school age children out of school	82,000
Female literacy rate	2%
Number of illiterate women	129,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	32.9%
DPT vaccination coverage	5.1%
Measles vaccination coverage	57.1%
Households consuming iodised salt	8.5%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	3.9%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	11.6%
Births delivered at home	100%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	0.8%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	26.4%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	62.7%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	39.2%
Children under-5 with births registered	910

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 Badghis to:

- ◆ Support economically vulnerable families to reduce the need for children to work
- ◆ Provide facilities for girls to attend learning, and actively encourage families to send their daughters to school;
- ◆ Increase routine immunization of children against vaccine-preventable diseases ;
- ◆ Discourage early marriages that increase health risks to young mothers, and improve access to quality maternal health care close to women's homes;
- ◆ Provide sustainable safe water sources for households and communities, with a special focus on schools and health centres.