

# BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 3

## BAGHLAN

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

Baghlan ranks 32nd overall; the worst province in the country

It is the worst province for under-5 mortality rates, and amongst the worst ten provinces for maternal mortality ratios.

But it is amongst the top five provinces for both overall and girls' primary school attendance.

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

Baghlan is 52 per cent worse off.



### Key indicators

#### Children

Under-18 population	442,000
Under-5 population	143,000
Annual number of births	35,665
Under-5 mortality rate	300
Deaths of under-5's per year	10,699

#### Women

Women of child-bearing age	166,000
Maternal mortality ratio	2,100
Maternal deaths per year	749

#### Education

Net primary school attendance	72.3%
Net primary school girls' attendance	60.7%
Primary school age children out of school	43,000
Female literacy rate	10%
Number of illiterate women	168,000

#### Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	31.1%
DPT vaccination coverage	8.4%
Measles vaccination coverage	49.7%
Households consuming iodised salt	1.2%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	4.4%

#### Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	5.5%
Births delivered at home	98%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	4.2%

#### Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	6.5%
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#### Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	61.7%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	30.2%
Children under-5 with births registered	3,289

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 Baghlan to:

- ◆ Tackle childhood diseases through improved immunization coverage and access to clean water and sanitation
- ◆ Enhance the nutritional status of young children, through promotion of micronutrients, breastfeeding and education on caring practices
- ◆ Support improved women's literacy and discourage early marriage amongst girls;
- ◆ Find alternatives to children forced to work, promote education and vocational training for young people to reduce reliance on children's income