

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 16

KHOST

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

Khost ranks 17th overall.

It ranks amongst the best fifteen provinces for maternal mortality ratios, and amongst the best 20 provinces for under-5 mortality rates

However Khost is amongst the worst ten provinces for girls' primary school attendance and amongst the worst fifteen provinces for overall primary school attendance.

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

Khost is 43 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	380,000
Under-5 population	123,000
Annual number of births	30,729
Under-5 mortality rate	240
Deaths of under-5's per year	7,375

Women

Women of child-bearing age	143,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,800
Maternal deaths per year	553

Education

Net primary school attendance	42.1%
Net primary school girls' attendance	14%
Primary school age children out of school	77,000
Female literacy rate	4%
Number of illiterate women	154,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	14.4%
DPT vaccination coverage	25%
Measles vaccination coverage	71.6%
Households consuming iodised salt	4.7%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	0.8%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	17.8%
Births delivered at home	82%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	14.8%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	53%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	42.2%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	30%
Children under-5 with births registered	2.091

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 Khost to:

- ◆ **Increase polio immunization coverage, which is the third lowest in the country;**
- ◆ **Increase opportunities for girls' education;**
- ◆ **Tackle the high rates of women's illiteracy which has a negative effect on maternal health and women's status in the community.**