

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 1

BADAKHSHAN

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

Badakhshan ranks 12th overall.

It is amongst the worst five provinces for maternal mortality ratios.

But it is amongst the best 15 provinces for under-5 mortality rates and for overall primary school attendance.

Badakhshan is also the best province for girls' primary school attendance.

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

Badakhshan is 37 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	483,000
Under-5 population	158,000
Annual number of births	39,407
Under-5 mortality rate	210
Deaths of under-5's per year	8,275

Women

Women of child-bearing age	184,000
Maternal mortality rate	2,200
Maternal deaths per year	867

Education

Net primary school attendance	73%
Net primary school girls' attendance	70.7%
Primary school age children out of school	46,000
Female literacy rate	11%
Number of illiterate women	185,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	59.8%
DPT vaccination coverage	39.3%
Measles vaccination coverage	85%
Households consuming iodised salt	2%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	1.7%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	1.5%
Births delivered at home	100%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	3.7%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	21.4%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	57.3%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	5.4%
Children under-5 with births registered	3,002

Based on the indicators above, amongst others,

it is recommended that in addition to continuing the successes made in the province, investment is prioritised in Badakhshan to:

- ◆ Provide improved maternal health care, including obstetric care facilities closer to women's homes and improved training of maternal health workers;
- ◆ Increase routine immunization of children against vaccine-preventable diseases ;
- ◆ Provide sustainable safe water sources for households and communities, with a special focus on schools and health centres.