

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 8

GHAZNI

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

Ghazni ranks 14th overall.

It ranks amongst the best 15 provinces for maternal mortality ratios and under-5 mortality rates.

However, it ranks amongst the worst 20 provinces for both overall and girls' primary school attendance.

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

Ghazni is 39 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	644,000
Under-5 population	208,000
Annual number of births	51,988
Under-5 mortality rate	240
Deaths of under-5's per year	12,477

Women

Women of child-bearing age	239,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,700
Maternal deaths per year	884

Education

Net primary school attendance	40.8%
Net primary school girls' attendance	27.5%
Primary school age children out of school	132,000
Female literacy rate	9%
Number of illiterate women	238,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	44.4%
DPT vaccination coverage	16.7%
Measles vaccination coverage	74.7%
Households consuming iodised salt	1.8%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	1.5%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	7.2%
Births delivered at home	94%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	14.4%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	38.6%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	35.2%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	28%
Children under-5 with births registered	3,536

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 Ghazni to:

- ◆ **Address micronutrient deficiencies to improve the health of children and women, especially in the area of consumption of iodised salt and coverage of Vitamin A supplementation;**
- ◆ **Improve access to safe water sources, to reduce incidences of diarrhoeal disease;**
- ◆ **Increase overall school attendance rates, with an emphasis on encouraging more girls to attend classes.**