

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 31

WARDAK

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

Wardak ranks 7th overall.

It ranks amongst the best five provinces for under-5 mortality rates, and the best twenty provinces for its maternal mortality ratio. Wardak also ranks amongst the best fifteen provinces for overall primary school attendance, but amongst the worst fifteen for girls' primary school attendance.

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

Wardak is 29 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	322,000
Under-5 population	105,000
Annual number of births	26,163
Under-5 mortality rate	180
Deaths of under-5's per year	4,709

Women

Women of child-bearing age	116,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,800
Maternal deaths per year	471

Education

Net primary school attendance	51.6%
Net primary school girls' attendance	26.2%
Primary school age children out of school	54,000
Female literacy rate	9%
Number of illiterate women	118,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	50.4%
DPT vaccination coverage	21.4%
Measles vaccination coverage	78.8%
Households consuming iodised salt	6.7%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	3.9%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	10.8%
Births delivered at home	94%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	10.3%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	54.8%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	51.2%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	24.6%
Children under-5 with births registered	2,520

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 Wardak to:

- ◆ Increase enrolment and attendance of girls in primary school;
- ◆ Increase female literacy levels, which can help reduce poverty, reduce maternal mortality and improve women's status in the community;
- ◆ Reduce the incidence of early marriage amongst girls, which has a negative impact on girls' health and restricts opportunities for their education.