

BEST ESTIMATES PROVINCIAL FACT SHEET 21

NANGARHAR

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

Nangarhar ranks 3rd overall.

It is the second best province for under-5 mortality rates and third best for maternal mortality ratios. It also ranks amongst the best fifteen provinces for girls' primary school attendance and overall primary school attendance.

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

Nangarhar is 18 per cent worse off.



Key indicators

Children

Under-18 population	845,000
Under-5 population	272,000
Annual number of births	67,971
Under-5 mortality rate	180
Deaths of under-5's per year	12,235

Women

Women of child-bearing age	323,000
Maternal mortality ratio	1,100
Maternal deaths per year	748

Education

Net primary school attendance	54.65%
Net primary school girls' attendance	39.8%
Primary school age children out of school	137,000
Female literacy rate	18.2%
Number of illiterate women	300,000

Child health and nutrition

Polio vaccination coverage	83.7%
DPT vaccination coverage	67.6%
Measles vaccination coverage	87.5%
Households consuming iodised salt	1.6%
Children 1-4 years with at least one form of disability	1%

Maternal health

Births attended by skilled birth attendant	22.2%
Births delivered at home	78%
Expectant mothers receiving ante-natal care	23.2%

Water and sanitation

Population using safe water source	57.5%
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Threats to childhood

Women 20-24 married before age of 18	34.6%
Children 5-15 years involved in child labour	15.8%
Children under-5 with births registered	76,160

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 Nangarhar to:

- ◆ Increase access to micronutrients to help strengthen children's health;
- ◆ Improve support to economically vulnerable families to reduce the prevalence of child labour in the province;
- ◆ Increase enrolment and attendance of girls in primary school.