



**UNHCR Sub-Office MAZAR-i-SHARIF
DISTRICT PROFILE**

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PROVINCE	Name: Kunduz	Geo-Code: 14
DISTRICT	Name: Ali Abad	Geo-Code: 1405
Population in 1990:	Settled: 34,494	Refugees in Pakistan: 20,644
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION		
Total	Returned IDPs	Recent Returnees
45,851 (WHO)	Not available	420 families
		IDPs
		1,980
		Children Under 12
		15,000
		Female Households
		250 families
ETHNIC COMPOSITION: 47 % Pashtun 20% Hazara 45% Tajik 18% Uzbek % Other:		
EXPECTED RETURNING POPULATION 2002		
IDPS		RETURNEES
AUTHORITY		
Head of District:	Abdul Dayan (Former Commander during Rabani's time).	
Other Information:	Local power rests with the Head of District. Other staff of district council are also previous commanders. Villages' elders do not have authority. Local Authority follows predominantly Jamiat and Sayaf Groups.	
GENERAL SITUATION		
Economically the district is very poor. It was affected by drought for previous five years (almost all lands are rain-fed - see agriculture section). Security is reported calm, although there is a presence of guns in the district (weapons have not been collected).		
SECTORAL INFORMATION		
SHELTER:	Percentage and Number of Houses Destroyed:	Not available
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :	According to Authorities, majority of houses of returnees have been destroyed.
	Comments: Shortage of building materials (poor irrigation, few trees). Beams must be imported from neighboring districts / provinces. Some villages (Lala Maidan, Baluchan, Zangi, Chaip, Jelavgeer, Bajavor-i-Mir, Shailch) have no water, which makes shelter construction difficult.	
WATER:	Type of Potable Water Sources (and distance):	Some wells, canals, rivers & springs.
	Availability of Potable water (%):	
	Sanitation and Drainage:	Poor. Many villages without latrines
	Comments: Availability of water is a problem in many villages, in particular springs dry up during the summer months. In addition to those villages listed in previous section without water. Returnees in some villages (Zangi, Chaip, Madrassa) face additional problems because they do not have livestock to fetch water. In irrigated areas ground water is available at 7-12 and in rain fed areas 35-50 meters down.	
AGRICULTURE:	Main crops:	Wheat, Barley, Flax, Rice.
	Current Land Condition:	Good
	Existing Irrigation schemes:	Four main canals (Chardara, Aliabad, OmarKhil, Lala Maidan).
	Agri/tool Banks:	Tools are available locally (tractors are very expensive). 3-4% of farmers has tractors, 20-25% oxen.
	Animal Husbandry	Bad because war and drought have significantly reduced livestock population.

SECTORAL INFORMATION

Comments: All the irrigation canals are not operating at full capacity due to partial blocking by mud. This year only 20-25% of rain fed lands is cultivated due to effect of the previous drought, lack of seeds etc. This year rainfall was good, however large areas of the district were attacked by locusts. Estimated that 50% of wheat crop and 50% of melon was destroyed particularly severely on the west bank of Chardara River. Further, this year's locusts laid eggs, and this is expected to cause further problems next year.

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
INCOME GENERATION:	Main Sources of Income:	Farming, animal husbandry, laboring		% of No income in the district	High (exact figure unavailable)	
	Comments: Employment opportunities hit by reduction in farming resulting from locusts and drought. Many residents are forced to look for work outside the district.					
HEALTH:	Health Center:	Types		<i>Currently functioning</i>	<i>Before 1998</i>	
		No. of Clinic:		1	1	
		No. of Mobile Clinic:		0	0	
		No. of Hospital:		0	0	
	Nurses and Mid-wives		3 nurses			
Comments: Health care facilities generally poor. There are one doctor and 3 nurses in a clinic supported by SCA. There is urgent need for midwife training (none in the area). Medicines are in short supply. Main illnesses include malaria, Dysentery and TB. Current vaccination program for 13,000 under 5years old children.						
EDUCATION:	Education Center:	Types		<i>Currently functioning</i>	<i>Before 1998</i>	
		No. of High School:		2	1	
		No. of Primary School:		5	5	
		No. of Home Based Schools :		32	0	
	Teacher:	Female:	13	Pupils:	Girls:	993
		Male:	147		Boys:	4382
Literacy Rate %:	10%					
Comments: Home based schools are a new development initiated by the CFA last month, successfully. Teachers have not been paid and schools do not have reliable drinking water. Classroom supplies are limited (especially books for older classes). UNICEF has provided some assistance (30 tents), but not enough to address all the shortfalls.						
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:			Yes		
	Identified priority villages to clear:			Villages in Zangi area.		
	Comments: Reportedly, there is 2-3 mine injuries per month from Zangi area.					
PROTECTION						
Population Movement:	Some cases reported from Mirshilch, Bajawary, Haji Baba, and Zangi villages resulting from drought and poor economic conditions (not a minority issue).					
Minority Issue:	None reported.					
Land Ownership:	None reported.					
House Occupation:	None reported					
Others:	Previously Taliban (majority Pashtuns) stronghold the district, but Pashtuns do not face reprisals currently.					
NGOs Working in the District						

SECTORAL INFORMATION

Other Comments (including accessibility)

Almost all villages are accessible by road except for the west bank of the Chardara river. The travel around the district is safe. There is small bazaar in Aliabad town, where some items are available. No accommodation for humanitarian workers.

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