



**UNHCR Sub-Office HIRAT - AFGHANISTAN  
DISTRICT PROFILE**

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<b>PROVINCE</b>		Name: BADGHIS		Geo-Code: 19		
<b>DISTRICT</b>		Name: AB KAMARI		Geo-Code: 1902		
Population in 1990:						
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION</b>						
Total (Ind.)			About 36300			
<b>ETHNIC COMPOSITION</b>						
Pashtun	20%	Hazara	%	Tajik	80%	
Turkmen	%	Balouch	%	Other		
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED IDP POPULATION</b>						
Total (Ind.)						
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED RETURNEE POPULATION (ACCORDING TO UNHCR RECORDS)</b>						
Returned IDPs (Ind./Fam.) 2002	Updated on	Returned Refugees (Ind./Fam.) 2002	Update on	Children Under 12 <sup>1</sup>	Female Household <sup>ii</sup>	
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<b>AUTHORITY</b>						
Head of District:	Besmillah (Jaiat party)					
Functioning Authorities:::	The head of the district is from the Jamiat party. Units of the Ministry of Health, Education, Finance and Agriculture are functioning.					
<b>GENERAL SITUATION</b>						
<p>Ab Kamari consists of many small villages. A large number of Kuchi and others living in traditional black tents. The District capital is Sang Atesh. There are persistent reports of extortion of some of the Pashtun minority. The area has suffered considerably during the drought years. However there is now a large amount of livestock grazing through most parts of the District. The district is mountainous and renowned for the pistachio forests. Temperatures are mild in the summer and very cold in the winter. Temperatures can drop to -20 in the winter</p>						
<b>SECTORAL INFORMATION</b>						
<b>SHELTER:</b>	<b>Settlement State</b>		Mud houses with domed roofs and surrounded by mud walls. The Kuchis live in tents.			
	<b>Housing Situation of Returning Population:</b>		The shelter allocation in the district is 20% of the returnee caseload. Beneficiary selection had been done and the work is in process. ( UNHCR)			
	<b>Comments:</b> Around 40% are destroyed or badly damaged due to the absence of the owners.					
<b>AGRICULTURE:</b>	<b>Farming System:</b>	<b>Irrigated:</b>		<b>Comments:</b>		
		<b>Rain Fed:</b>	√			
	<b>Main crops:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Harvest:</b>	<b>Problems:</b>		
		Wheat.	Good			
	<b>Current Land Condition:</b>		Good			
	<b>Existing Irrigation schemes:</b>		Only few parts land are irrigated. The existing irrigation systems rely on the karizes.			
	<b>Livestock Situation:</b>		Sheep, goats, donkeys. The village leaders estimate that close to 80% of the livestock was lost during the drought.			
<b>Horticulture Availability:</b>		<b>Fruit trees:</b>		N/A		
		- Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> - Home use <input type="checkbox"/>				
		<b>Vegetables:</b>		Carrots, turnip.		
		- - Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> No - Home use <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
	<b>Comments</b>					
<b>WATER:</b>	<b>Major Water Sources:</b>	Wells, rivers (not drinkable), springs.				
	<b>Status of Shallow Wells</b>	60 % of the wells are dry.				
	<b>Access to Clean Drinking Water</b>	On average 300 meters from water points and 200 meters from rivers.				
	<b>Sanitation and Drainage:</b>					
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE:</b>	All roads in the district are in bad condition. The roads from Ab Kamari centre to Pada, Dehistan and Kocha-Zard are being rehabilitated by World vision.					
<b>HEALTH:</b>	<b>HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>Number currently functioning</b>				
	<b>Hospital (H):</b>	No				
	<b>Basic Health Centre (BHC):</b>	No	<b>No. with female doctors</b>			
	<b>Mother Child Health Centre (MCH):</b>	No				
	<b>Emergency Obstetrics Care Centre (EOC):</b>	No				
	<b>Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI):</b>	No	<b>Where?:</b>			
	<b>Disability Rehabilitation Facilities:</b>	No	<b>Where?:</b>			
	<b>Pharmacies with Medicine:</b>	1	<b>Where?:</b>			
	<b>Comments:</b> There is no health facility in the district. The closest facility is in Qalay-I-Naw.					
	<b>EDUCATION:</b>	<b>Education Centre:</b>				
<b>Types</b>		<b>Currently functioning</b>	<b>Teachers:</b>		<b>Students/Pupils:</b>	
			<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>No. of Secondary Schools:</b>		0	0	0	0	0
<b>No. of Primary Schools:</b>		14	112	0	3930	240
<b>No. of Informal Schools:</b>		6				
<b>Madrassa:</b>		0				
<b>Comments:</b> little infrastructure or facilities in place. 8 of the existing schools will be rehabilitated.						
<b>MINE/UXOs:</b>	<b>Existence of mines &amp; UXOs:</b>	N/A				
	<b>Identified areas to clear:</b>	N/A				
	<b>Comments:</b> No accidents reported. The district has not been surveyed.					
PROTECTION						
<b>Population Movement:</b>	Many IDPs have returned to the area. There are no reports of persons leaving the area recently. The population is generally very mobile and many residents live outside their villages for long periods to ensure the well being of their cultivated land and livestock.					

SECTORAL INFORMATION	
<b>Women:</b>	Women are working in the fields and tending livestock. There are no reports to indicate their situation is any different to women in other rural situations in Afghanistan. No reports were received of any special programmes to assist women.
<b>Children:</b>	There are few schools and the majority of children are unable to be educated. Some schools are under construction near the larger towns. A large numbers of children assist the family with cultivation and tend livestock.
<b>Discrimination:</b>	Some Pashtuns complain that they are not adequately represented in political structures. There are no other specific reports of discrimination, except as referred to below in Security.
<b>Recovery of Property:</b>	No problems relating to recovery of property were reported to Missions visiting the area.
<b>Availability of Land:</b>	There is a vast amount of land available for cultivation or grazing especially in more isolated areas of the District.
<b>House Occupation:</b>	No land disputes were reported to recent UNHCR Mission visiting the area.
<b>Security Situation:</b>	Occasional robberies have been reported, mainly on or near the main roads.  There are persistent reports of extortion by persons claiming to be local or provincial government officials. The victims of the extortion, which is reported to take place irregularly, are the Pashtun communities. Villagers report that they are forced to provide money. Occasionally they are also required to provide livestock for food to the extortionists.
<b>Others:</b>	
NGOs Working in the District	
WV Norway WV	
Other Comments (including accessibility)	

Name of UNHCR Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>i</sup> Children under 12: Estimated figure based on Voluntary Repatriation Forms (VRFs)

<sup>ii</sup> Female Household: Women returned unaccompanied by men. Estimated figure based on VRFs.