



**UNHCR Field Office Kandahar
District Profile**

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PROVINCE	Helmand	Geo-Code	23
DISTRICT	Nad Ali	Geo-Code	2308
Population in 1990:	Settled: 84,244 , Refugees in Pakistan: 14,303, Refugees in Iran: 5,000		
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION			
Individuals = 39,226		Source: Village shora & Elders	
ETHNIC COMPOSITION			
Pashtun	80%	Hazara	10%
Tajik	5%	Uzbek	%
Turkmen	%	Balouch	5%
		Other ()	%
CURRENT ESTIMATED IDP POPULATION			
CURRENT ESTIMATED RETURNEE POPULATION (ACCORDING TO UNHCR RECORDS)			
Returned IDPs (Ind./Fam.) 2002-2003	Updated on	Returned Refugees (Ind./Fam.) 2002-2003	Update on
			Children Under 12ⁱ
			Female Householdⁱⁱ
		2,608 Ind. 505 Fam.	31 May 2003
			1,383
			37
AUTHORITY			
Head of the Shura:	Meera Jan		
Functioning Authorities:	List of the institutions and functioning government departments are as follows: 1. District administration (Mohammad Azeem) 2. District Shura (Abdul Ahad) 3. Judiciary+Attorney (Haji Sadullah+Gullam Raza) 4. Police department (Hakim Khan) 5. District Agriculture (Abdullah) 7. District Crime branch (Haji Abdullah) 6. District Security (Hakim Khan) 7. District Property (Asadullah) 8. District Geographical (Abdul Wahid)		
GENERAL SITUATION			
<p>The district is located in the South-West of Lashkar Gah district some 30 Km (1/2 hours drive) away. The district does not consist of villages. The district is divided into 255 blocks (85 big and 170 small blocks). Each block has 100-110 houses. Nad Ali is the main bazaar of the district. Bughra canal is flowing from the north to the west and later divided into small streams throughout the district.</p> <p>The temperature in winter is 20°C and in summer, it reaches up to 48°C.</p> <p>The head of the district was appointed a month ago. According to shura, the local community is not happy with the head of district, as he does not treat the local community well.</p> <p>The security is not good in the district.</p> <p>1) The head of the district captured around three jeribs of land of defenseless villagers.</p> <p>2) The security department has five heads of different sections that do not obey the orders of the security officer and work on their own.</p>			

SECTORAL INFORMATION		
SHELTER:	Settlement State:	Houses made of mud, wooden roofs surrounded by mud walls.
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :	There are no houses available for the returnees, those who return have to live with their relatives.

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	<p>Comments: 5% houses of are destroyed in the district due to the Russian war in 1983 (e.g. main bazaar of the district). The returnee population faces the shortage of construction materials. Some of them can't afford the expenses of reconstruction (Block 1,4, 9).</p>				
WATER:	Major Water Sources:	Canal (Baghran flowing north to west of the district) and shallow wells.			
	Status of Shallow Wells:	According to shura there are 100 shallow wells in the district and all are functioning. The shallow wells are 10m deep.			
	Access to Clean Drinking Water:	Canal and shallow wells are the sources of drinking water in the district. Women bring water in jerry cans on shoulders. They fetch water two times daily. No discrimination what so ever in the getting access to potable water. Water is accessible to everyone (as it is free even if privately owned).			
	Sanitation and Drainage:	No drainage system exists in the district. Traditional poor flush latrines (water sealed type) are being used by the population, while there is no regular drainage system therefore wastewater flow in to the canals, which makes the potable water dirty.			
	<p>Comments: The shallow wells that provide water in all seasons are not used for potable use, as the water is salty. Unsafe water and the shortage of suitable facility has had bad impact on the general health situation as Malaria, and Typhoid are common in the district.</p>				
AGRICULTURE:	Farming System:	Irrigated:	*	Comments: The rain fed land is dry.	
		Rain Fed:			
	Main crops:	Type: Cotton, Wheat, Corn and Poppy.	Harvest: Good.	Problems: Seeds, Agriculture medicine and cleaning of canal.	
	Current Land Condition:		Prior to the drought, the cultivation of the district was 170,000jeribs, while only 90% of the land is cultivated nowadays.		
	Existing Irrigation schemes:		Canals and bore wells are the irrigation schemes in the district.		
	Livestock Situation:		Cows, Goats, Rams, Sheep, Camels and Donkeys are the livestock of the district. The approximate size of the livestock of the district prior to the drought was 100,000 animals. Only 40% of the original livestock has survived. There is one veterinary clinic in main bazaar, which is supported by MCI .		
	Horticulture Availability:		Fruit trees: - Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> - Home use <input type="checkbox"/> *	Pomegranate and Apple.	
			Vegetables: - - Market sale - Home use <input type="checkbox"/> *	Turnip, Ladyfinger Brinjile, and Tomatoes.	
	<p>Comments: There are 160 bore wells in the district near canal. The Agriculture of the district is very rich as lands are still cultivable. Cotton is the major crop of the district. MC distributes wheat, seeds in all parts of the district.</p>				
INFRASTRUCTURE:	<p>The main road to the district is partly destroyed and the roads inside the district are muddy. The small bridges on Bughra canal are partly destroyed, which need reconstruction.</p>				

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EMPLOYMENT:	Main Sources of Income:	Daily wages (labors, working in fruit markets, and selling home products etc) and Agriculture.				
	Comments: According to shura, the majority of the population are engaged in farming, while a few of the rest go to Lashkargah district for daily work. Generally inhabitants of the district are happy, in cotton fields.					
HEALTH:	HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE:		Number currently functioning			
	Hospital (H):		No			
	Basic Health Centre (BHC):		2	No. With female doctors		
	Mother Child Health Center (MCH):		No			
	Emergency Obstetrics Care Center (EOC):		No			
	Expanded Programmed of Immunization (EPI):		2	Where In BHCs.		
	Disability Rehabilitation Facilities:		No	Where?		
	Pharmacies with Medicine:		19	Where?		
			In BHCs and in bazaar.			
	<p>Comments: The two governmental clinics and private pharmacies are in the main bazaars of Nad Ali and Marja. The clinics have two paramedic male doctors, eight male nurses and 2 female nurses. The clinics don't have, any female doctor. The Nad Ali clinic has dental, Lab and Malaria center. Health Net international supports the malaria center. Water and hygiene facilities are not available.</p> <p>50 patients are being treated in the clinics daily.</p> <p>According to the shura and doctors Malaria, water diarrhoea, Typhoid and Appendix are common in the district due to unsafe water. The district needs more health facilities.</p>					
	EDUCATION:	Education Center:				
Types		Currently functioning	Teachers:		Students/Pupils:	
			M	F	M	F
No. of Secondary Schools:		6	132	4	3937	370
No. Of Primary Schools:		19	137	Nil.	3901	Nil.
No. Of Informal Schools:		3				
Madrasa:	1					

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	<p>Comments: The secondary schools are in Changir, Shin Kalli, and main bazaar of Marja, Zarghoon Kalli, and Syed Abad blocks.</p> <p>The primary schools are in Chai Mirza, Loy Bagh, Nakil Abad, Shalki 31, Khushahal, Dahna 29, Zabab Abad, Groop 6, 31 Gharby, 1B Block, Marja, Block 6D, Camp Mirja, Block 11, Dahna 66, Buland Awa Wakil Wazir, Block 73, west of Marja blocks.</p> <p>The home-based schools are in Block 6E. Tiriby, Toosy block. In these home-based schools, there are 9 male teacher, 163 male students, and 70 female students.</p> <p>The madrassa is in Marja main bazaar.</p> <p>The school buildings are in bad condition. No water and hygiene facilities are available in these schools. UNICEF provides kits to these schools.</p> <p>An average of 30 students studies in a classroom. The teachers aren't trained or professional.</p> <p>The inhabitants of the district are interested in educating their children (especially Syed Abad block).</p> <p>(Source: teachers).</p>	
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:	Taba camp, Block 9 and Chanjir are mined in few parts.
	Identified areas to clear:	Nil.
	Comments: According to shura 2 people were killed by mine incidents last year.	

PROTECTION

Population Movement:	<p>According to the shura the IDPs are from Shaberghan, Maimana, Badghis, Baghran, Gazni, Bamyán and Musa Qala districts and now they are living in all parts of the district. UNHCR and OI provide shelter for IDPs in the district.</p> <p>There are 500 assisted returnee families from Iran and Pakistan who are scattered in all parts of the district.</p> <p>The number of IDPs and returnees are increasing day by day, as Nada Ali attracts people due to the water presence in the area.</p>
Women:	<p>Women are not allowed to take part in community decision-making process. Most of them are confined to their homes, but few (mainly heads of household) collect cotton during the harvest period or in the houses as cleaners/cooks, in order to earn livelihood for their respective families.</p> <p>The shura takes care of the female headed households.</p>
Children:	<p>According to shura, 70% of the children attend school, while some of them are working in farms with their fathers and some of them go to Lashkargah for daily wages (labor, selling home products etc).</p>
Discrimination:	No case noted.
Recovery of Property:	The Shura and court solves the disputes in the district (if any take place).
Availability of Land:	No land is available for the landless returnees.
House Occupation:	No cases were noted.
Security Situation:	Security is not stable in the district, due to high crime rate (robbery, looting and killing). Police/security authorities are not fully functional.
Others:	Nil.

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NGOs Working in the District

The following NGOs are working in the Nad Ali district,
OI (Shelter)
VARA (Shelter)
DAI (Cleaning the canals)
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SADA (Food distribution)
MCI (Agriculture).

Other Comments (including accessibility)

Traveling in daytime is safe in the district. There is no hotel or guesthouse (no accommodation facilities available for humanitarian actors) in the district.

ⁱ **Children under 12: Estimated figure based on Voluntary Repatriation Forms (VRFs)**

ⁱⁱ **Female Household: Women returned unaccompanied by men. Estimated figure based on VRFs.**