



**UNHCR Sub-Office  
DISTRICT PROFILE**

DATE: 26/08/2002

<b>PROVINCE</b>	<b>Name:</b> BADGHIS	<b>Geo-Code:</b> 19
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>Name:</b> Qalay-i-Naw	<b>Geo-Code:</b> 1901
<b>Population in 1990:</b>	Settled:82525, Refugees in IRAN: 52800	

**CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION**

<b>Total (Ind.)</b>	
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**ETHNIC COMPOSITION**

<b>Pashtun</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Hazara</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tajik</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>Uzbek</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Turkmen</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>Balouch</b>		<b>3%</b>	<b>Other ( )</b>		

**CURRENT ESTIMATED IDP POPULATION**

<b>Total (Ind.)</b>	
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**CURRENT ESTIMATED RETURNEE POPULATION (ACCORDING TO UNHCR RECORDS)**

<b>Returned IDPs (Ind./Fam.) 2002</b>	<b>Updated on</b>	<b>Returned Refugees (Ind./Fam.) 2002</b>	<b>Update on</b>	<b>Children Under 12<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Female Household<sup>ii</sup></b>
15,409/4198	01 Aug 02	978/359	01 Aug 02	320	10

**AUTHORITY**

<b>Head of District:</b>	Mr. GUL MOHAMMAD ARIFI (Jamiat party)
<b>Other Information:</b>	Units of the Ministry of Education, Health, Finance, Women's Affairs, Agriculture, Water and Power, Martyrs and Disabled, Repatriation, Social Affairs, Rural Development, Irrigation and Environment and Hajj and Mosques are functioning. The court of first instance, the Attorney's office and the police department are also functioning. The head of Police is Qazi Sulaiman Hamed. The Shura has 11 members and is headed by Haji Abdul Khaliq.

**GENERAL SITUATION**

Qalay-I-Naw city is the provincial capital of Badghis. The district is renowned for its pistachio forests. The northern part of the district is hilly and the weather is very hot in the summer and mild in the winter. The southern part of the district is mountainous and the temperatures can drop to -10 degrees in the winter.

The majority of the population of the District engage in livestock production and cultivation. The security situation is stable and has been stable since at least early in 2002. No specific security incidents relating to IDPs or returnees were raised at any interviews with the UNHCR Missions while in Qalay-I-Naw.

Many people continuously identified food scarcity as a major concern. Interviewees near Qalay-i-Naw expressed their concern that continuing IDP returns to village's places an additional burden on the current food resources. Food distribution is organised through WFP.

**SECTORAL INFORMATION**

<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 component is not enough to cover all returnees. The villages of Kharqaito and Bahak are particularly overwhelmed. (Groups of two to three families are living together in small houses).
	<b>Comments:</b>	The local communities in all villages are very flexible in providing temporary shelter for returnees.

<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, sesame, maize and millet.	Good	
	<b>Current Land Condition:</b>	Good		

	<b>Existing Irrigation schemes:</b>	There are many important irrigation systems around the district that are in very bad condition. Most of them receive water from the springs and from the rivers.				
	<b>Livestock Situation:</b>	Local inhabitants estimate that 90% of the livestock was lost.				
	<b>Horticulture Availability:</b>	<b>Fruit trees:</b> - Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> - Home use <input type="checkbox"/>	Grapes, apricots, mulberry.			
		<b>Vegetables:</b> - - Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> - Home use <input type="checkbox"/>	Carrots, spinach, turnips.			
	<b>Comments:</b> Most of the population is living along river banks in Qaly-I-Naw. The population density is high and accessibility to land resources inadequate. Most good land is already used for cultivation and livestock. Some land is available for grazing.					
<b>WATER:</b>	<b>Major Water Sources:</b>	Qalay-I Naw centre has a spring pipe line and bore wells. The average distance from the existing dug-wells is 300 meters for 70% of the population and 5km. for the remaining 30%.				
	<b>Status of Shallow Wells:</b>	In general good condition.				
	<b>Access to Clean Drinking Water:</b>	N/A				
	<b>Sanitation and Drainage:</b>	In bad condition in Qalay-I_Naw centre, non-existent in other parts of the district.				
	<b>Comments:</b> To ensure potable water all year round it is strongly recommended to repair the existing pipeline. The rest of villages need bore wells.					
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Roads are in bad condition throughout the district some. Food for Work programmes are used to improve road conditions, which were badly effected first by drought and by floods. The Sabsak pass on the Herat-Mazar road is often blocked during the winter because of snow and is under rehabilitation by UNOPS.					
<b>HEALTH:</b>	<b>HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>Number currently functioning</b>				
	<b>Hospital (H):</b>	1				
	<b>Basic Health Centre (BHC):</b>		<b>No. with female doctors</b>			
	<b>Mother Child Health Centre (MCH):</b>	1				
	<b>Emergency Obstetrics Care Centre (EOC):</b>					
	<b>Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI):</b>	2 teams	<b>Where?:</b> <b>City center</b>			
	<b>Disability Rehabilitation Facilities:</b>	None	<b>Where?:</b>			
	<b>Pharmacies with Medicine:</b>	Numerous in Qalay-I-Naw	<b>Where?:</b>			
	<b>Comments:</b> The only health care facilities are in Qalay-Naw centre where private practices also exist.					
<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>	5	22	9	463	340
	<b>No. of Primary Schools:</b>	12	93	54	3677	1845
<b>No. of Informal Schools:</b>		2				

	<b>Madrassa:</b>	
	<b>Comments:</b> Most of school buildings are in bad condition particularly in Farestanha, Kharestan and Ghargaito. There is an urgent need for school furniture and material. 9 schools will be rehabilitated by UNICEF	
<b>MINE/UXOs:</b>	<b>Existence of mines &amp; UXOs:</b>	Yes but not widespread
	<b>Identified areas to clear::</b>	All residential areas have been cleared.
	<b>Comments:</b> The risk of mine accidents is considered to be "low". However there are still grazing and agricultural lands which have not been surveyed.	
<b>PROTECTION</b>		
<b>Population Movement:</b>	The majority of the returns are of families who were in displaced and accommodated in IDP camps in Hirat. There are many Kucchi families in and around the District. Some are nomadic or semi-nomadic and others are settled. Some Kuchi families are wealthy and some are landowners. Others are quite poor and without livestock and so not mobile but seeking employment as daily labourers.	
<b>Women:</b>	In the District Centre there appears to be some opportunities for employment of women in professional areas. Otherwise the situation of not different to the one of other women in Afghanistan.	
<b>Children:</b>	Schools are available in the District for boys and girls, especially in the main centre although more schools are now being built in the areas surrounding of the District centre. Children engage in tending livestock, assist with cultivation and work in the District Centre.	
<b>Discrimination:</b>	There were no reports of discrimination.	
<b>Recovery of Property:</b>	No problem was reported to UNHCR protection missions in May, June and August 2002.	
<b>Availability of Land:</b>		
<b>House Occupation:</b>	No problems as reported to HCR protection mission May 2002	
<b>Security Situation:</b>	They security situation is stable. The only security problems reported to UNHCR Missions to the District relate to problems with extortion developing out of personal disputes that have not been resolved. Some local military officials appear to be either involved in or supportive of this extortion. There is no information that would suggest that problems are not widespread.	
<b>Others:</b>	From the brief investigations conducted the court system in Qalay-Naw appears to function fairly. However there may be difficulties enforcing court rulings.	
<b>NGOs Working in the District</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Vision</li> <li>- ALISEI</li> <li>- RRAA</li> <li>- IOM</li> <li>- Maltesser</li> <li>- German Agro Action</li> <li>- MSF</li> </ul>		
<b>Other Comments (including accessibility)</b>		

**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.**