



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

DATE: 15/07/2002

PROVINCE	Name: Faryab		Geo-Code: 18		
DISTRICT	Name: Qaramqol		Geo-Code: 1810		
Population in 1990:	Settled: 14,493				
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION					
Total	Returned IDPs	Recent Returnees	IDPs	Children Under 12	Female Households
	100 families	100 families	80 families	8000	500 Families
ETHNIC COMPOSITION: Pashtun 5% Hazara Tajik Uzbek 35% Turkman 60% Other:					
EXPECTED RETURNING POPULATION 2002					
IDPs:	100families		RETURNEES:	80fam.(20fam emigrated overseas)	
AUTHORITY					
Head of District:	Mohammad Sakhi				
Other Information:					
GENERAL SITUATION					
The security situation is stable and calm. 26 Villages comprise the district including Qaramqol centre. The residents have considered the district part of Andkhoy district and Jawzjan province since Najeeb's regime.					

SECTORAL INFORMATION		
SHELTER:	Percentage and Number of Houses Destroyed:	Majority in bad condition.
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :	Most of returnees found their houses damaged or destroyed.
	Comments: In some cases people took or sold windows, timbers etc. In some others these were stolen.	
WATER:	Type of Potable Water Sources (and distance):	Springs in Andkhoy up to 2-3hrs distance. Wells water is saline.
	Availability of Potable water (%):	Available but far away.
	Sanitation and Drainage:	None.
	Comments: The potable water sources are far away. Those who can not go to get water should buy a bucket of water for 5000 Afghani.	
AGRICULTURE:	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, melon and sesame.
	Current Land Condition:	Better then last year, 25% of cultivable land is cultivated.
	Existing Irrigation schemes:	35 000 jiribs of land irrigated during spring flood (described below).
	Agri/tool Banks:	There used to be an informal borrowing system, but due to shortage and drought, now people must pay to use other people's animals.
	Animal Husbandry:	Very poor due to decimation of herds.

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
	<p>Comments: Water in the irrigation canal is reported to come only when the people in south Faryab (Shirin Tagab) allow it to flow. They allow (send) water 2-3 times during the growing season but there is no longer a regular schedule nor is the present arrangement good enough to serve needs. Communication between Andkhoi and Maimana districts is minimal on these issues.</p>					
INCOME GENERATION:	Main Sources of Income:	Carpet weaving.	% of No income in the district	20%		
	Comments:					
HEALTH:	Health Centre:	Types	Currently functioning	Before 1998		
		No. of Clinic:	1 (The clinic opened 11 years ago).	1		
		No. of Mobile Clinic:	0	0		
		No. of Hospital:	0	0		
		Nurses and Mid-wives	1/30 households			
Comments: MOPH Clinic is supported by SC/US with medicines, incentives, health education and basic equipment.						
EDUCATION:	Education Centre:	Types	Currently functioning	Before 1998		
		No. of High School:	1			
		No. of Primary School:	3			
		No. of Home Based Sch:				
	Teacher:	Female:		Pupils:	Girls:	
		Male:			Boys:	
Literacy Rate %:	10 %					
Comments: Mujahedeens destroyed schools. Some 200 male students still receive religious studies in 31 mosques.						
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:		Yes.			
	Identified priority villages to clear:		Aq Guzar, Tash Guzar & Sari Ioz.			
	Comments: Mines and UXOs date from the Mujahadeen warring between Dostum and Guli Palawan. UXOs and mines were possibly moved by rivers during flood.					
PROTECTION						
Population Movement:	4-5 families or people/day. Claim that recruitment drives by local military stops people from returning.					
Minority Issue:	Pashtuns are the minority group. There are 20-30 Pashtun IDP families from Darzab area, and 400 Pashtun families (4 villages) settled near the Merza Khom forest during Taliban times. There have been tensions but they still live there.					
Land Ownership:	No landownership documents exist. Disputes are referred to the village shura and then to the district office.					
House Occupation:	No problem reported.					

SECTORAL INFORMATION

Others:	
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NGOs Working in the District

SC/US, CHA (as Food distribution partner of SC/US).

Other Comments (including accessibility)

Close to main Andkhoy/Maimana road which is itself in absolutely awful shape.

Name of Staff/Agency:

Signature: _____