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Afghanistan



Population:	29.8 million
Urban Population:	23%
Major Ethnic and Linguistic Groups:	Pashtun - 42% Tajik - 27% Hazara - 9% Uzbek - 9% Aimak - 4% Turkmen - 3% Baloch - 2% Other - 4%
Religions:	Sunni Islam - 80% Shiite Islam - 19% Other - 1%
Population Growth Rate:	2.375%
Life Expectancy:	44 years
Infant Mortality:	165 per 1,000 live births
Maternal Mortality Rate:	1,800 per 100,000 live births
GDP Per Capita:	\$250

Percentage of Literate Adult Males:	51%
Percentage of Literate Adult Females:	21%
Percentage Population With Access To Safe Drinking Water:	22%
Links:	Afghanistan Special Report Publication: Delivery of Humanitarian Shelter in Urban Areas (PDF)

Country Description:

CARE first established its mission in Afghanistan in 1961, but suspended activities after the Russian invasion of 1979. Resuming activities in 1989 from a new base in Peshawar, Pakistan, CARE delivered assistance to Afghanistan from across the border until 2002 when it shifted its main office back to Kabul. CARE Afghanistan’s programs centre around four main areas: education, women’s social and economic empowerment, rural development, and emergency response. Each program strives to strengthen self-reliance while promoting basic human rights, good governance, and social, economic and gender equality. In addition to its community-based work, CARE Afghanistan advocates with and on behalf of vulnerable and marginalized Afghans for national and international policies that support and protect their interests and maximize their chances to break out of the cycle of poverty. At the beginning of 2010, CARE Afghanistan was serving more than 1,500,000 people.

Project Information

Project Name	Project Country	Project Type
National Solidarity Program (NSP)	Afghanistan	Rehabilitation
Kabul Widows Humanitarian Assistance (KWHA-V)	Afghanistan	Development
Education - PACE-A / COPE / Secondary Schools for Girls	Afghanistan	Development
Integrated Shelter / BPRM / BP-5 Biscuit / FRAPP	Afghanistan	Rehabilitation
Opportunities for Mother and Infant Development (OMID)	Afghanistan	Development
Poultry Development for Women / WIGLD	Afghanistan	Development
Vocational Training for Afghan Women (VTAWP)	Afghanistan	Development
Barikab Alice Ghan Project (BAGH)	Afghanistan	Rehabilitation
Food Insecurity Response for Urban Population of Kabul (FIRUP-K)	Afghanistan	Emergency Relief
New	Afghanistan	Development

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