

### Data on Afghanistan

The data available were at times conflicting. We selected the data we deemed most accurate, however, many of the figures listed below - although provided by official sources - are believed to underestimate the actual number of civilians affected by the conflict (notably those related to the number of casualties and cases of violence against women).

CASUALTIES	<p>UNAMA REPORT 14 FEBRUARY 2016 (<a href="https://unama.unmissions.org/civilian-casualties-hit-new-high-2015">https://unama.unmissions.org/civilian-casualties-hit-new-high-2015</a>):          In 2015 the highest number of casualties since the beginning of the conflict was recorded (11.002 victims of which 3.545 deaths and 7.457 injured), with an increase of 4% compared to 2014.</p> <p>REPORT U.N. MARCH 2016          Between 1 November 2015 and 31 January 2016, 144 children were killed and 418 wounded.</p> <p>REPORT WATSON INSTITUTE AUGUST 2016          (<a href="http://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2016/War%20in%20Afghanistan%20and%20Pakistan%20UPDATE_FINAL_corrected%20date.pdf">http://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2016/War%20in%20Afghanistan%20and%20Pakistan%20UPDATE_FINAL_corrected%20date.pdf</a>)          Since the beginning of the conflict 111.442 were killed and 116.603 were wounded.</p> <p>AMENSTY INTERNATIONAL 2015-16          Increasing number of civilians killed by the Afghan army, Afghan police and pro governmental forces. On 3 October 2015 a US airstrike hit the Doctors Without Borders (Medecins sans Frontières) Hospital in Kunduz, killing 40 people, including 14 members of staff.</p>
KIDNAPPINGS	<p>HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH WORLD REPORT 2011.          Kidnapping cases are on the rise; according to the Afghan NGO Security Office, approximately 450 Afghan civilians are kidnapped every year.</p>
POVERTY	<p>WORLD BANK 2012: 36% of the population lives under the poverty line.</p> <p>FAO: 70% of the Afghan population (29.8 million people) lives with less than \$2 a day.</p>
LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH	<p>WORLD BANK "AFGHANISTAN AT A GLANCE" 25/2/2011: 44 years          CIA WORLD FACTBOOK 2014: 43,8 years</p>
MORTALITY RATE	<p>UNICEF  <b>Children's mortality</b> rate during the first year of life (on 1.000 births): in 2011 = 149.</p> <p>WORLD BANK 2012  <b>Children's mortality</b> rate during the first 5 years of life (on 1.000 births): in 2012 = 47.</p> <p>MORTALITY SURVEY 2010  <b>Women's mortality rate during childbirth:</b> 1 woman every 50</p>
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	<p>UNIFEM WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN FACTSHEET UPDATED 2010 (U.N. DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN)          TOTAL : <b>1,327</b> cases of violence against women, of which:              <b>30.7%</b> physical violence              <b>30.1%</b> psychological violence              <b>25.2%</b> sexual violence              <b>14%</b> all the above cases together [UNIFEM]              <b>82%</b> cases of violence are committed by members of the family, <b>9%</b> cases committed within local community and <b>1.7%</b> committed by state authorities [UNIFEM]          According to UNIFEM 2015-16 report, the Ministry of Womens' Affairs</p>

	<p>alone registered 4000 cases of violence against women in the last 9 months of 2015. 2 cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 March 2015, Farkhunda Malikzada is savagely killed in central Kabul by a mob of fundamentalists for allegedly burning a copy of the Coran.</li> <li>- 9 August a woman accused of adultery is hanged in a Taleban tribal court in Badakhshan.</li> </ul>
FORCED MARRIAGES	<p>UNIFEM WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN FACTSHEET UPDATED 2010 (U.N. DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN)</p> <p><b>60 - 80%</b> of Afghan women are forced into marriage (2007) [HDR 07]  On average, Women in Afghanistan <b>are married by age</b> 17.8 compared to men, who are married by 25.3 [UNFPA]  9% of the women between age 20 - 49 were forced into marriage by age 15 [NRVA 2007/8 ]  <b>57%</b> of girls were married off before the legal age 16 [IRIN]</p>
LITERACY RATE	<p>UNICEF 2011</p> <p><b>Literacy rate:</b>  Adults over 15: 39%  Women over age 15: 13%</p> <p>MALALAI JOYA stated that 80% of Afghan women are illiterate  A report by AIHRC (2008) shows that only 5% of women and 11% of men complete their studies.</p>
ATTACKS TO WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY TALIBAN	<p>HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH WORLD REPORT 2011:  Schools continue to be a target of Taleban attacks, particularly schools for girls aged +10. According to the Ministry of Education, between March and October 2010, 20 schools were targeted with explosive devices and 126 students were killed.</p>
MALNUTRITION	<p>WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME 2014:  More than half Afghan boys and girls (55%) suffer from malnutrition which causes irreversible damages to their physical and mental health.</p>
WATER	<p>UN CHILDREN'S FUND:  Only 48% of the population has access to clean water.</p>
UNEMPLOYMENT	<p>FAO: the unemployment rate is between 60 - 90%</p>
CHILDREN'S LABOUR	<p>UNICEF 2015  25% of children are forced into labor with severe consequences on their health, education and nutrition.</p>
CORRUPTION	<p>TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL (ANNUAL REPORT 2015) rated Afghanistan at 171 out of 168 countries with the highest rate of corruption (second only to Somalia and South Korea).</p>
DRUGS	<p>UNODC, REPORT 2014 (AFGHANISTAN OPIUM SURVEY)  The production has seen an increase of 7% compared to the previous year; 380 tons of morphine and heroine are produced, which makes the 85% of the world production.  U.S. SPECIAL CHIEF INSPECTOR FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION  Since 2009 the number of civilians becoming addicted to drugs has increased of 60%, reaching 1.600.000 cases (5% of the entire population).</p>
HEALTH	<p>UN CHILDREN'S FUND:  only 37% of the population has access to health care.</p>
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	<p>AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 2015-16  Afghan journalists continue to be targeted and under attacks; in the period analysed 73 cases of attacks against journalists were reported. None of these cases were however investigated by the government. On 28 January the Afghan parliament passed a law on media which severely restricts freedom of speech.</p>
REFUGEES	<p>According to a 2012 report by UNHCR, at least 2.6 million Afghan people had sought asylum abroad, and are now residing over 82 foreign countries. The number corresponds to 25% of the overall number of refugees in the world.</p> <p>AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 2015-16</p>

	Afghanistan remains the second-largest source country for refugees after Syria. Since the beginning of 2016, 39.645 Afghan people have reached Europe by sea.
ISIS	A research conducted by ISW (Institute for the study of war) reveals that ISIS is active in the country, particularly in the border territories with Pakistan. ( <a href="http://www.understandingwar.org/sites/default/files/Afghanistan%20Threat%20Assessment_The%20Taliban%20and%20ISIS_3.pdf">http://www.understandingwar.org/sites/default/files/Afghanistan%20Threat%20Assessment_The%20Taliban%20and%20ISIS_3.pdf</a> ).
COST OF WAR	ITALIAN DEFENCE MINISTRY Since 2002 Italy has spent 5 billion euro for the Afghan war and to date, the country is investing 1 million euro every day to support our troops on the ground. US PARLIAMENT Since 2002 the US has spent 1.600 billion dollars for the war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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