



**UNHCR Sub-Office HERAT - AFGHANISTAN
DISTRICT PROFILE**

DATE: 26/08/2002.

PROVINCE	Name: BADGHIS		Geo-Code: 19				
DISTRICT	Name: MURGHAB		Geo-Code: 1906				
Population in 1990:	Settled: 43288, Refugees in IRAN: 25500						
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION							
Total (Ind.)							
ETHNIC COMPOSITION							
Pashtun	85.6%	Hazara	%	Tajik	7%	Uzbek	0.3%
Turkmen	7%	Balouch	%	Other ()	%		
CURRENT ESTIMATED IDP POPULATION							
Total (Ind.)							
600 families							
CURRENT ESTIMATED RETURNEE POPULATION (ACCORDING TO UNHCR RECORDS)							
Returned IDPs (Ind./Fam.) 2002	Updated on	Returned Refugees (Ind./Fam.) 2002	Update on	Children Under 12¹	Female Householdⁱⁱ		
11,367/2,904	13 Aug 02	385/105	01 Aug 02	175	11		
AUTHORITY							
Head of District:	Abdul Rauf (Jamiat party)						
Other Information:	Units of the Ministry of Health, Education, Agriculture and Finance are functioning. The court of first instance and the Attorney's office are also functioning. The head of the police is Abdul Rahman.						
GENERAL SITUATION							
The district is situated in the north east of the Badghis province. The Murghab river crosses the district. The river was not affected by the drought. The district is hilly, the population lives in valleys.							
SECTORAL INFORMATION							
SHELTER:	Settlement State:		Mud houses with domed roofs surrounded by mud walls. The Kuchis live in tents.				
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :		The local communities in all villages are very flexible in providing temporary shelter for returnees. It is crucial that external support is provided for long-term accommodation. Around 100 shelters are being built in the district.				
	Comments: Estimates place at 30% the level of destroyed houses.						
AGRICULTURE:	Farming System:	Irrigated:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:			
		Rain Fed:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Main crops:	Type:	Harvest:	Problems:			
		Wheat, sesame maize and millet, melon and watermelon.	Average				
	Current Land Condition:		Fair				
	Existing Irrigation schemes:		They are many and important irrigation systems around the district that are in very bad condition. Most of them receive water from rivers and springs. Canals need rehabilitation as the embankments are damaged.				
Livestock Situation:		Estimates place the loss of livestock at 80%.					

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
	Horticulture Availability:	Fruit trees: - Market sale - Home use ✓	Mulberries, apricots			
		Vegetables: - - Market sale - Home use ✓	Carrots, turnips.			
	Comments:					
WATER:	Major Water Sources:	Streams, rivers, springs and wells.				
	Status of Shallow Wells:	It is estimated that 30% of the shallow wells are dry. The current number of wells is not sufficient to cover the population's needs.				
	Access to Clean Drinking Water:	The average distance from the existing dug-wells is 200 meters for 90% of the population and 5km. for other 10%.				
	Sanitation and Drainage:	The system is in a very bad condition in Murghab city center and does not exist elsewhere in the district.				
	Comments: In line with the monitoring during March/April 2002, the suggestion to ensure potable water during all seasons is to drill bore wells in all villages, with UNICEF standard criteria to serve 250 persons per well.					
INFRASTRUCTUR:	The Herat-Mazar road passes through the district. All roads are in bad condition and become inaccessible after heavy rains.					
HEALTH:	HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE:	<i>Number currently functioning</i>				
	Hospital (H):					
	Basic Health Centre (BHC):	1	<i>No. with female doctors</i>			
	Mother Child Health Centre (MCH):					
	Emergency Obstetrics Care Centre (EOC):					
	Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI):	2 teams	<i>Where?:</i> Murichaq, Bala murghab city			
	Disability Rehabilitation Facilities:	<i>Where?:</i>				
	Pharmacies with Medicine:	<i>Where?:</i>				
	Comments: Murghab centre has the only health care facility in the district. The rest of the population in the district does not have access to health services. The health centre in Murichaq is partially damaged and need rehabilitation, equipment and drugs.					
	EDUCATION:	Education Centre:				
Types		Currently functioning	Teachers:		Students/Pupils:	
			M	F	M	F
No. of Secondary Schools:		2	8	0	141	0
No. of Primary Schools:		11	80	2	3480	130
No. of Informal Schools:		0				
Madrassa:		0				
Comments:						

SECTORAL INFORMATION		
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:	Yes but not widespread.
	Identified areas to clear::	All residential area have been cleared
	Comments: Although the risk and coverage of Mines-UXO in the district is reported to below, there are still grazing and agricultural lands that have not been cleared.	
PROTECTION		
Population Movement:	There was some movement of Pashtuns from Faryab to Murghab in late 2001 - early 2002. Pashtuns from Faryab Province have established themselves in several areas around Murghab because the security situation here is good. Many IDPs have returned to the District and there are no recent reports of movement from the District.	
Women:	There are no NGOs working in the district on women's issues. There are very few girls attending school. Employment opportunities for women are close to nil.	
Children:	Children assist families with their agricultural work and in the bazaars. Schools are present in the larger villages. Schools are non-existent in the rural areas.	
Discrimination:	No problems reported	
Recovery of Property:	No problems were reported to UNHCR Protection Mission (late May 2002)	
Availability of Land:	There is land available for use by returnees but it is suitable for rain fed cultivation or grazing only.	
House Occupation:	No problems were reported to UNHCR Protection Mission (late May 2002)	
Security Situation:	The security situation is stable.	
Others:		
NGOs Working in the District		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALISEI - OI - NPO - IMC 		
Other Comments (including accessibility)		

Name of UNHCR Staff: _____ Signature: _____

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.