



# UNHCR Sub-Office Mazar-i-Sharif DISTRICT PROFILE

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<b>PROVINCE</b>	Kunduz	<b>Geo-Code:</b>	14		
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Imam Sahib	<b>Geo-Code:</b>	1402		
<b>Population in 1990:</b>	Settled :				
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION</b>					
<b>Total (Ind.)</b>		250,000 people			
<b>ETHNIC COMPOSITION</b>					
<b>Pashtun</b>	25%	<b>Hazara</b>	<1%		
<b>Tajik</b>	25%	<b>Uzbek</b>	45%		
<b>Turkmen</b>	5%	<b>Balouch</b>	%		
<b>Other ( )</b>		%			
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED IDP POPULATION</b>					
<b>Total (Ind.)</b>		200 families			
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED RETURNEE POPULATION (ACCORDING TO UNHCR RECORDS)</b>					
<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>2</sup></b>
5,000 families	31 <sup>st</sup> July	1429 families		55-60,000	8-10,000
<b>AUTHORITY</b>					
<b>Head of the District:</b>	Mula Gul Mohammed, formerly following Junbish party -Dustom, but currently follows Jamiat (Masood Group).				
<b>Functioning Authorities:</b>	Security commander polices commander and border commander.				
<b>GENERAL SITUATION</b>					
<p>Authority in the districts rests with three individuals, two of whom are brothers of the Provincial Governor of Kunduz. They are Haji Rawoof (Border Commander), Abdul Qayim (Police commander) and Nabi Joan (security commander). Shura does not function at all in the district.</p> <p>Economically, Imam Sahib is doing very well and is indeed one of the richest districts in the whole of Afghanistan. The land is very fertile and well irrigated, and was not affected by the recent droughts.</p> <p>Regarding security, the situation is generally calm, although there are reports of commanders demanding money from villagers.</p>					
<b>SECTORAL INFORMATION</b>					
<b>SHELTER:</b>	<b>Settlement State:</b>		There are compounds surrounded by mud walls and houses generally constructed from mud.		
	<b>Housing Situation of Returning Population :</b>		Many returnees living under temporary shelter.		
	<b>Comments:</b> Building materials available locally. A UNHCR funded project is currently constructing 350 houses for returnees in over 30 villages across the district.				
<b>WATER:</b>	<b>Major Water Sources:</b>		Canals and shallow wells.		
	<b>Status of Shallow Wells:</b>		Generally not concrete lined.		
	<b>Access to Clean Drinking Water:</b>		All villages have easy access to water, but not clean due to problems with wells.		
	<b>Sanitation and Drainage:</b>		Few latrines in the villages and traditional system.		
	<b>Comments:</b> Availability of water is not a problem in Imam Sahib, but the quality of the water can be poor. There is a need for training of the locals about hygiene and sanitation.				
<b>AGRICULTURE:</b>	<b>Farming System:</b>	<b>Irrigated: Yes</b>		<b>Comments:</b> 34,000 Ht. Irrigated & 10,000 rain-fed.	
		<b>Rain Fed: Yes</b>			
	<b>Main crops:</b>	<b>Type:</b> wheat, Rice, cotton, barley & mug.	<b>Harvest:</b> Good this year	<b>Problems:</b> None reported.	

Sectoral Information					
	<b>Current Land Condition:</b>		Very Good.		
	<b>Existing Irrigation schemes:</b>		There are four main irrigation canals (Shahrawan, Turkman, Kanam and Qiam).		
	<b>Livestock Situation:</b>		As estimated, 15% of the population keep large flocks, which are mostly for domestic use only.		
	<b>Horticulture Availability:</b>		<b>Fruit trees:</b> - Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> - Home use <input type="checkbox"/>		Fruit trees for market sale (lemon, apples & almonds) and melons
			<b>Vegetables:</b> - Market sale <input type="checkbox"/> - Home use <input type="checkbox"/>		Home use only.
	<b>Comments:</b> The agricultural situation in Imam Sahib is very good, with plentiful supplies of water. Tools are readily available in the bazaar. However, intake canals need some repair and the banks of the Amo river are weak in places, which could result in the destruction of farm land if the river becomes high.				
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE:</b>	Transport to and from Kunduz is poor, as the main road has not been cleared of mines. Transport within the district is better. Some work has been done on the Imam Sahib - Dasti Archi road by SHELTER FOR LIFE (NGO).				
<b>EMPLOYMENT:</b>	<b>Main Sources of Income:</b>	Farming, labouring, Animal husbandry and business.			
	<b>Comments:</b> Generally the employment situation is good as a result of the good harvest this year.				
<b>HEALTH:</b>	<b>HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE:</b>		<b>Number currently functioning</b>		
	<b>Hospital (H):</b>		0		
	<b>Basic Health Centre (BHC):</b>		3 clinics		<b>No. with female doctors</b> 3 female doctors in total
	<b>Mother Child Health Centre (MCH):</b>		2 (in Imam Sahib town)		
	<b>Emergency Obstetrics Care Centre (EOC):</b>		0		
	<b>Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI):</b>		0		<b>Where:</b>
	<b>Disability Rehabilitation Facilities:</b>		0		<b>Where:</b>
	<b>Pharmacies with Medicine:</b>		Yes		<b>Where:</b> Numerous in the city and villages.
	<b>Comments:</b> There are two clinics in Imam Sahib town and one in Basoos village, all supported by SCA. There are 14 medical doctors (3 female) and one senior doctor besides 13 nurses (all male), 40-50 midwives / TBAs in the district. Need exists for a mobile clinic to cover remote villages.				
<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>	11			
	<b>No. of Primary Schools:</b>	22			
	<b>No. of Informal Schools:</b>	0			
	<b>Madrasa:</b>	1 (not working currently)			

SECTORAL INFORMATION		
	<b>Comments:</b> Total number of teachers: female 62, male 465. Number of pupils: girls 5,188, boys 16,894 (breakdown by school not available). Teachers are not receiving salaries regularly, and school equipment is in short supply. Only 5 schools in the district have adequate buildings; the remainder rely on tents supplied by UNICEF, which are unsatisfactory. Also, majority of schools are without water supply and need wells.	
<b>MINE/UXOs:</b>	<b>Existence of mines &amp; UXOs:</b>	Yes
	<b>Identified areas to clear:</b>	Dashti Shermahi and Qarargahi, hills surrounding Nasiri, Majar and Mahmand villages and the roads to Kunduz and Shirkan Barder.
	<b>Comments:</b> Halo Trust is not working in the district currently.	
PROTECTION		
<b>Population Movement:</b>	A large number of refugees are now returning. There is a small IDP population within the town, mainly from Badakshan, but no plans to return in the immediate future.	
<b>Women:</b>	There are reports of marriage of girls at age of 12 or 13 (usually as a result of poverty of the family).	
<b>Children:</b>	Estimated 30% of children in the district are working and do not attend school. (See the given examples of young girls being married).	
<b>Discrimination:</b>	Pashtuns are under-represented in the local Authority (only one out of nine representatives at the Loya Jirga was Pashtun). However, examples of extortion by commanders are not limited to Pashtuns, but villagers of other ethnicities are targeted also.	
<b>Recovery of Property:</b>	One reported case of disputed land and house occupation concerning Shorkadok village (Uzbek returnees are prevented from living there by current Turkmen residents).	
<b>Availability of Land:</b>	Land availability is good, although some reports of occupation by commanders of land belonging to refugees.	
<b>House Occupation:</b>	See previous section.	
<b>Security Situation:</b>	The district is generally calm, although there are some isolated incidents of criminal activity.	
<b>Others:</b>		
NGOs Working in the District		
<b>The following NGOS are currently functioning in Imam Sahib:</b>  SHELTER FOR LIFE: Reconstruction of road from Imam Sahib to Dashti Archi. ACTED: Shelter construction for 350 returnees (UNHCR funded) CFA: Rebuilding of schools in Basoos and Qarawal villages. Concern: Provides support to one clinic. SCA: Supporting three clinics and previously held construction of pump wells.		
Other Comments (including accessibility)		
Travel is possible within Imam Sahib, but the main road to Kunduz is not accessible due to presence of landmines. However quality of roads is poor, especially in the winter.		

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- <sup>1</sup> Children under 12: Estimated figure based on Voluntary Repatriation Forms (VRFs)
- <sup>2</sup> Female Household: Women returned unaccompanied by men. Estimated figure based on VRFs.