



**UNHCR Sub-Office Central Region  
DISTRICT PROFILE**

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<b>PROVINCE:</b>	Kabul				
<b>DISTRICT:</b>	Istalif				
<b>Population 1990:</b>	36,674				
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>Returned IDPs</b>	<b>Recent Returnees</b>	<b>IDPs</b>	<b>Children under 12</b>	<b>Female Households</b>
8,500	1,997 (Ind) 409 (fam)	105 (Ind) 18 (Fam)	-	-	
<b>ETHNIC COMPOSITION: mix of Tajik, Pashtoon and Hazara</b>					
<b>EXPECTED RETURNING PULATION 2002</b>					
<b>IDPS</b>		35,000	<b>RETURNEES</b>		10,000
<b>AUTHORITY</b>					
<b>Head Of District:</b>	Zarif Rasheed				
<b>Other Information:</b>	The head and other officials of the district have been appointed recently but due to lack of office space they have not occupied the district centre. They are presently living in Kabul City.				
<b>GENERAL SITUATION</b>					
<p>The head of district mentioned 75,000 inhabitants (in 1999 ) as a correct number of inhabitants just before the war. The whole district has received very severe damages. There may be only one or two percent houses with roofs.</p> <p>The village had in the mid nineties a considerable population growth due to tourism and commercial activity. It is clear that population could of being much higher than indicated in the 1990 census.</p> <p>From being a prosperous and alive village, Istalif has become a ghost village but still has incredible potential for recovery.</p> <p>All agricultural, health and education infra structures are completely destroyed.</p>					
<b>SECTORAL INFORMATION</b>					
<b>SHELTER:</b>	<b>Percentage and the number of houses destroyed:</b>	100 %			
	<b>Housing Situation of Returning Population :</b>	Every house is destroyed			
	<b>Comments:</b>	111 mosques existed before the war and only 18 exist today. All formal pottery workshops and market are completely destroyed.			
<b>WATER:</b>	<b>Type of Potable Water Sources and the Distance:</b>	River , channels and springs.			
	<b>Availability of Potable water (%):</b>	Karizes , wells. 100%			
	<b>Sanitation and Drainage:</b>	No sanitation and drainage systems are available			
	<b>Comments:</b>	Due to continuous drought no enough water available for drinking. Most of the Kariazes and wells be came dried .			
<b>AGRICULTURE:</b>	<b>Main crops:</b>	Vine yard, wheat and different varieties of fruits			
	<b>Current Land Condition:</b>	Since Karizes are destroyed and drought caused to be little water available for irrigation so the majority of the land has not been cultivated.			
	<b>Existing Irrigation schemes:</b>	No system of irrigation is available.			
	<b>Agri/tool Banks:</b>	Poor.			
	<b>Animal Husbandry</b>	Some families keep cows, sheep, goats and poultry but the herds of seep and goats are available in Dara			
	<b>Comments:</b>	the main income of the inhabitants of the village was from the agricultural and handy craft activities but, unfortunately all these activities are stopped now because of the reasons mentioned above.			

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
<b>INCOME GENERATION:</b>	<b>Main sources of Income:</b>	80 % handy craft and 20% agriculture.	<b>% of No income in the district</b>			
	<b>Comments:</b> The most famous handy crafts are: Leather processing activities, pottery, furniture, carpet viewing, carpentry, etc. The village had international reputation for production of pottery.					
<b>HEALTH:</b>	<b>Health Centre:</b>	<b>Types</b>	<b>Currently functioning</b>	<b>Before 1998</b>		
		<b>No. of Clinic:</b>	-	three clinics in different villages.		
		<b>No. of Mobile Clinic:</b>	-			
		<b>No. of Hospital:</b>	-	One in centre		
	<b>Nurses and Mid-wives</b>	-				
<b>Comments:</b> All health facilities have been destroyed. People are visiting QaraBagh district for medical assistance. (1-2 hrs walk)						
<b>EDUCATION:</b>	<b>Education Centre:</b>	<b>Types</b>	<b>Currently functioning</b>	<b>Before 1998</b>		
		<b>No. of high School:</b>	None	1 for boys		
		<b>No. of Primary School:</b>	1	3 for girls and 4 for boys.		
		<b>No. of Home Base Sch:</b>	None	Not before		
	<b>Teacher:</b>	<b>Female:</b>		<b>Pupils:</b>	<b>Girls:</b>	
		<b>Male:</b>			<b>Boys:</b>	
<b>Literacy Rate %:</b>	20-30 %					
<b>Comments:</b> There were 100 teachers including female teachers before war but now all of them left the area except three. SCF US is establishing a Primary school under the back to School Programme.						
<b>MINE/UXOs:</b>	<b>Existence of mines &amp; UXOs:</b>		No problem in villages but there could be mines in the mountains and hills where the check posts of the fighters were located.			
	<b>Identified priority villages to clear:</b>		Mountains and hills.			
	<b>Comments:</b> The present population are reported to know how to keep themselves from the danger of mines.					
PROTECTION						
<b>Population Movement:</b>	On going returns at small scale from Kabul City and Facilitated repatriation. If no shelter provided families will return to Kabul.					
<b>Minority Issue:</b>	None					
<b>Land Ownership:</b>	Well defined, no problems reported					
<b>House Occupation:</b>	Nothing to report					
<b>Others:</b>	A semi ruined hotel in the area is used as a temporary district centre currently.					
NGOs Working in the District						
ACTED, SCF US, AMI, CARE						
Other Comments (Accessibility etc)						

Signature of the responsible researcher: