



**UNHCR Sub-Office JALALABAD
DISTRICT PROFILE**

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PROVINCE	Name: Kunar	Geo-Code: 10			
DISTRICT	Name: Sirkanay	Geo-Code 1016			
Population in 1990:	Settled 18732 refugees in Pakistan 15552				
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION (ACCORDING TO LA INFORMATION)					
Total (Ind.)	Returned IDPs (Fam.)	Recent Returnees (Fam.)	IDPs (Fam.)	Children Under 12	Female Households
42735	45	136	0	4502	490
ETHNIC COMPOSITION: Pashtun 100% Hazara 0% Tajik 0% Uzbek 0% Other: 0%					
CURRENT ESTIMATED RETURNEE POPULATION (ACCORDING TO UNHCR RECORDS)					
	Returned IDPs (Fam.)	Update on		Recent Returnees (Fam.)	Update on
	0	3/1/02		92	10/8/02
EXPECTED RETURNING POPULATION 2002					
	IDPS (Fam.)	0	RETURNEES (Fam.)	225	
AUTHORITY					
Head of District:	Haji Nawab				
Other Information:	The district governor, and police commander are, together with help of local shura are ruling the district without any problem				
GENERAL SITUATION					
Surkani District is located at the distance of 11 Km away from the center of Kunar Province (Asad Abad). This district borders Pakistan. Kunar River crosses the Northern side of the district. There is a total of 7 big villages that are affected by the drought.					
SECTORAL INFORMATION					
SHELTER:	Percentage and Number of Houses Destroyed:	70 %			
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :	Most of the returnees houses are damaged. They are living with their relatives.			
	Comments: Generally in Sarkani District more than 70 % houses were destroyed during the Russian war. More than 90% of Sarkani village has been destroyed in general.				
WATER:	Type of Potable Water Sources (and distance):	Springs, shallow wells and river. The average distance for shallow wells 1.5 km.			
	Availability of Potable water (%):	10 %			
	Sanitation and Drainage:	No Sanitation, toilet system exist, there is local system.			
	Comments: More than 80 % people drink water from the river and stream which is not healthy. People said that very few shallow wells were dug, but most of them have dried.				
AGRICULTURE:	Main crops:	wheat, corn, maize and rice.			
	Current Land Condition:	70% land is affected by drought. The remaining land is cultivated.			
	Existing Irrigation schemes:	The land is irrigated by intakes, river, spring and rain.			
	Agri/tool Banks:	Local (self built) tools.			
	Animal Husbandry	Cows, goats, sheep, hens and donkeys.			

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
	<p>Comments: Only a small part of their land is irrigated by water. The remainder of the land is not cultivated. Despite the fact that there is a major river flowing through the district, the very low water levels have resulted in insufficient water for irrigation.</p>					
INCOME GENERATION:	Main Sources of Income:	The main source of the income for the district is remittances from abroad.	% of NO income in the district	30 %		
	Comments:					
HEALTH:	Health Centre:	Types	Currently functioning	Before 1998		
		No. of Clinic:	1	1		
		No. of Mobile Clinic:	0	0		
		No. of Hospital:	0	0		
	Nurses and Mid-wives	6	0			
<p>Comments: There is only one clinic which has two doctors, five nurses a lab-technician, and a pharmacist. People walk 6 km to approach the clinic. The medicine available is limited. In addition, the clinic building is occupied by Mr.Jandad, a military commander affiliated with the Jamat Dawat Party.</p>						
EDUCATION:	Education Centre:	Types	Currently functioning	Before 1998		
		No. of High School:	1	1		
		No. of Primary School:	19	13		
		No. of Home Based Sch:	5	0		
	Teacher:	Female:	0	Pupils:	Girls:	1044
		Male:	130		Boys:	3566
Literacy Rate %:	9					
<p>Comments: Children are coming to school, but lack of teachers' materials, school building and female teachers continue to be the main problems. Teachers have not been receiving their salary for over five months, and have become involved in daily wage activities rather than teaching.</p>						
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:		Existence of mines are seen.			
	Identified priority villages to clear:		Yar Khan mountain, Dand Sar, Qala Sar, Smacha Kanday and Sahar Kanday.			
	<p>Comments: In the above mentioned villages, mines and UXOs still exist. The inhabitants reported that six months ago, a mine had killed an animal.</p>					
PROTECTION						
Population Movement:	Only new returnees are coming to the district.					
Minority Issue:	None.					
Land Ownership:	Every one occupies his own land.					
House Occupation:	There is no illegal and forceful occupation of other people's houses.					
Others:	Each family has regained control over the property that they had left behind before going into exile.					

SECTORAL INFORMATION
NGOs Working in the District
Non of NGO's are working there at present
Other Comments (including accessibility)
Many of the district's inhabitants are living in Pakistan. They are not willing to return to their home town because of drought,lack of job opportunity and lack of living space on their own land The population figure is taken from the statistics for 2002, prepared by the Eastern Region EPI management team for 2002 UNI Data Population of the Republic Health Department. Data collected from the district shura and district health authorities suggested a higher figure (42000).