



## UNHCR Sub-Office Central Region DISTRICT PROFILE

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<b>PROVINCE:</b>	Parwan				
<b>DISTRICT:</b>	Charikar				
<b>Population 1990:</b>	133,618				
<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>
100,000		1100 (Ind) 214(Fam)			
<b>ETHNIC COMPOSITION:</b> mex of Tajiks and Pashtuns					
<b>EXPECTED RETURNING PULATION 2002</b>					
<b>IDPS</b>		40.000	<b>RETURNEES</b>	60.000	
<b>AUTHORITY</b>					
<b>Head Of District:</b>	Ghulam Sediq Sediq, Mayor of Chaharikar city				
<b>Other Information:</b>					
<b>GENERAL SITUATION</b>					
<p>Charikar district consists of Charikar town plus 32 surrounding villages. Chaharikar is a big populated town/ city. There were at about 200.000 inhabitants in the whole district before 1990. The District is very active at present with business reopening, increasing presence of NGOs, and agricultural activity taking speed.</p>					
<b>SECTORAL INFORMATION</b>					
<b>SHELTER:</b>	<b>Percentage and the number of houses destroyed:</b>		10 %		
	<b>Housing Situation of Returning Population :</b>		In general good		
	<b>Comments:</b> No major problems are expected in relation to shelter in Charikar. A concern is the increased size of the families and the need to build new homes rather than rehabilitate destroyed ones.				
<b>WATER:</b>	<b>Type of Potable Water Sources and the Distance:</b>		River, Karaizes, channels		
	<b>Availability of Potable water (%):</b>		90% ( in some part of town quality is not good ).		
	<b>Sanitation and Drainage:</b>		Not good (traditional ).		
	<b>Comments:</b> Before tap water was available for drinking and Karaizes as well. But now Karizes are dried and pipes are destroyed. People drink water, which is not safe.				
<b>AGRICULTURE:</b>	<b>Main crops:</b>		Vine yards, wheat, corn and many kind of fruits and vegetables.		
	<b>Current Land Condition:</b>		Mainly cultivated/ small portions with mines around Charikar Town.		
	<b>Existing Irrigation schemes:</b>		The irrigation system exist but is not fully operational.		
	<b>Agri/tool Banks:</b>		Agriculture department is established but no any tool banks.		
	<b>Animal Husbandry</b>		Every family keeps animals for its own use.		
	<b>Comments:</b> A rapid improvement on agricultural activity is observed with some projects being initiated. Still inputs such as equipment, fertilizers, seeds, and repair of irrigation schemes are vital.				
<b>INCOME GENERATION:</b>	<b>Main sources of Income:</b>	90 % agri. 10 % business		<b>% of No income in the district</b>	30 %

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
	<b>Comments:</b> Charikar is an important commercial centre for the other parts of Parwan province. There is a need to increase manufacturing capacity and income generation for women.					
HEALTH:	Health Centre:	Types		Currently functioning	Before 1998	
		No. of Clinic:		3	3	
		No. of Mobile Clinic:				
		No. of Hospital:		1	1	
		Nurses and Mid-wives				
	<b>Comments:</b> The condition in the hospital is deplorable. Some repairs being carried out by IMC and other NGOs. Further repairs and improvement are required. UNHCR has considered supporting the partial rehabilitation of the Hospital.					
EDUCATION:	Education Centre:	Types		Currently functioning	Before 1998	
		No. of high School:		4 for B. 4 for G.	4 for B. 4 for G.	
		No. of Primary School:		40 for boys and girls	40 for boys and girls	
		No. of Home Base Sch:		0	0	
	Teacher:	Female:	300	Pupils:	Girls:	
		Male:	600		Boys:	
	Literacy Rate %:	50 %				
<b>Comments:</b> For high education there is a Pedagogic Institute functioning in the town.						
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:		No mines and UXOs in residential areas. Although some reports of mine presence in certain areas near the City.			
	Identified priority villages to clear:					
	<b>Comments:</b> No further information available.					
PROTECTION						
Population Movement:		No restriction on population movements. Regular arrival of population from North and South. Charikar represents a link or crossing point of tajik, Hazara and Pashtoon population.				
Minority Issue:		No problems reported. Although IDPs expressed fear of returning to certain areas. After discussions with authorities and assessment at village level returns have taken place.				
Land Ownership:		Well-defined, no problems reported.				
House Occupation:		No house occupation reported; if any the local authority will take care of that.				
Others:		Some very conservative parts of the province require caution mainly by local visitors.				
NGOs Working in the District						
MDA,ACTED,ICRC,MSF,ACF,AMI,ARCS, Emergency						
Other Comments (Accessibility etc)						
Easy to access the district. Located just both sides of the high way to northern provinces of the country and is at about 65 Km far from Kabul city.						

**Signature of the responsible researcher:**