UNHCR Sub-Office JALALABAD
DISTRICT PROFILE

DATE: 8/10/02

PROVINCE	Name: **Kunar**		Geo-Code: **10**		
DISTRICT	Name: Asad Abad		Geo-Code 1001		
Population in 1990:	Settled 36012 refugees in Pakistan 32538				
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION (ACCORDING TO LA INFORMATION)					
Total (Ind.)	**Returned IDPs (Fam.)**	**Recent Returnees (Fam.)**	**IDPs (Fam.)**	**Children Under 12**	**Female Households**
52472	**0**	**70**	**0**	**7590**	**350**
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**		**551**	**10/8/02**
EXPECTED RETURNING PUPULATION 2002					
IDPS (Fam.)	0	**RETURNEES (Fam.)**	0		
AUTHORITY					
Head of District:	Governor Sayed Yusuf				
Other Information:	The previous governor Hajji Jandad belonged to the party of Salafia (Mallah Jamilull Rahman). He had not been appointed by the central governor. The current governor had been announced by the central government several months ago, but the previous governor was reluctant to relinquish his position. Governor Sayed Yusuf took up his functions as governor in late August 2002.				

GENERAL SITUATION

Asad Abad (Chagha Saray) is located in the center of Kunar Province close to Kunar River, so it is recognized as the center of Kunar. It has 12 big and small villages. Since the whole area is surrounded by mountains, the agricultural land is not enough.

SECTORAL INFORMATION		
SHELTER:	**Percentage and Number of Houses Destroyed:**	40 %
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :	A large number of the houses of returnees have been destroyed, so they are living with their relatives.
	Comments: During the USSR aggression more than 50% houses were completely destroyed and some of the returnees are rebuilding their houses, but the rest of them can not, because of two major problems: The first is economic and the second is the increase in the size of family members over the years. The land owners of the above-mentioned village are willing to come together from Bajawar to Gira village, but are unable to, due to these two restrictive factors.	
WATER:	**Type of Potable Water Sources (and distance):**	River, stream, spring and shallow well. 2Km up to 3 Km
	Availability of Potable water (%):	40 %
	Sanitation and Drainage:	Local system (self build)
	Comments: 80% population are drinking from the river which is completely polluted. At the same time, the inhabitants can not access this source easily as some people need to walk 2-3 km in order to reach the river.	
AGRICULTURE:	**Main crops:**	Wheat, rice, sugarcane and vegetable.
	Current Land Condition:	Land condition is not good, because it is surrounded by mountains.

SECTORAL INFORMATION							
	Existing Irrigation schemes:		River, stream and intakes.				
	Agri/tool Banks:		Local made tool (Oxen).				
	Animal Husbandry		Goats, cows, sheep and buffalos.				
	Comments: 75% of the people are landless and 25% have land. It has been deeply affected by the drought. In addition, the river floods are washing and destroying agricultural land on a continuous basis. There is an urgent need for protective walls to avoid flooding and washing land by river.						
INCOME GENERATION:	**Main Sources of Income:**	Daily work and agriculture.	**% of No income in the district**	22 %			
	Comments: 25% people work in the land, while 20% people work as daily wage laborers in the city. The remainder of the population cut trees from the mountains, others go to Pakistan and Iran for earning purposes.						
HEALTH:	**Health Centre:**	***Types***	***Currently functioning***	***Before 1998***			
		No. of Clinic:	1	1			
		No. of Mobile Clinic:	2	2			
		No. of Hospital:	1	1			
		Nurses and Mid-wives	7	5			
	Comments: Asad Abad has only one hospital and one clinic, which is not sufficient to answer the needs of all of the inhabitants of Kunar. The residents of Nooristan province also bring their patients to these health centers. The patients also travel as much as 20-30 km to reach the hospital. Many patients lose their lives on the way before reaching the hospital.						
EDUCATION:	**Education Centre:**	***Types***	***Currently functioning***	***Before 1998***			
		No. of High School:	3	3			
		No. of Primary School:	10	12			
		No. of Home Based Sch:	10	10			
	Teacher:	**Female:**	25	**Pupils:**	**Girls:**	2816	
		Male:	179		**Boys:**	5506	
	Literacy Rate %:	20					
	Comments: All the schools require rehabilitation and are in need of equipment such as chairs, benches and tables. Classes are held in the mosque and open air. A large number of students are studying in schools, but there are no classrooms. In addition, some school buildings are occupied by the government.						
MINE/UXOs:	**Existence of mines & UXOs:**		Sakai and Gira.				
	Identified priority villages to clear:		Skai				
	Comments: Most of the villages are cleared from mines and UXOs by MDC, except Sakai and Gira villages.						

PROTECTION	
Population Movement:	Many of the inhabitants of the district left their homes during the Russian aggression. Many of the returnees are now expected to come back soon
Minority Issue:	Asad Abad has no minorities, as the ethnic composition of the district is 100% Pashtoon.
Land Ownership:	Some land cases are registered.
House Occupation:	Mula Jalil has occupied many houses of the people.
Others:	

SECTORAL INFORMATION
NGOs Working in the District
The following NGOs are currently operating in Kunar District: ISRA, AMI, NAC, MDC, MADERA, SCA and DACAAR.

Other Comments (including accessibility)
The main problem in Asad Abad (center of Kunar District) is flooding. The situation in Dam Kali and Gira villages is precarious,as a large portion of agricultural land has been washed away by the river. **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 (57000).**

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District Administrative/Judicial/Security Profile

DISTRICT			
Head of District Name:			Commamdar Jandad
Name of District:			Asad Abad
District Geo-Code:			1001
SHURA			
District Shura:	No	Chairman of the Shura:	Abdullah
Number of Shura's members:			25
JUSTICE			
District Court:	Yes	Name of the Judge	
Office of Attorney	Yes	Name of the Attorney:	Commamdar Jandad
Nature of the Court:			High Court
POLICE			
Police Department	Yes	Head of Police Department	Najmudin Khan
Number of Police Stations within the District:			1
MUNICIPALITY			
Availability of Municipality in the District:		Yes	
Head of Municipality:			Haji Khan Jan
Other Units attached to the District Office:			Administration Department, Finance Department, Statistic Department, Intelligent Department, Education Department, Tele communication Department, R.R.D, Low Department, Custom Department, Bank, Electricity Department, Transport Department, Public Health Department, Agriculture Department, irrigation Deportment, Olympic deportment, Cultural information Deportment, population Deportment.

Data collected on 6/4/02