



**UNHCR Sub-Office JALALABAD
DISTRICT PROFILE**

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PROVINCE		Name: Kunar	Geo-Code: 10
DISTRICT		Name: Asmar	Geo-Code
Population in 1990:		Settled 31540 refugees in Pakistan 28655	
CURRENT ESTIMATED POPULATION (ACCORDING TO LA INFORMATION)			
Total (Ind.)	Returned IDPs (Fam.)	Recent Returnees (Fam.)	IDPs (Fam.)
0	1500	100	0
		Children Under 12	Female Households
		3862	400
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.)
	0		0
EXPECTED RETURNING POPULATION 2002			
IDPS (Fam.)	500	RETURNEES (Fam.)	200
AUTHORITY			
Head of District:	Mulla Tor Khan		
Other Information:	Other key people in the district are Mulla Abdul Rauf, former commander of Mulla Jamilu Rahman, who now belongs to Mohaz e Mili, Malik Zarin, a former commander of Nijat Mili. He now he belongs to Rabbani's party as well		
GENERAL SITUATION			
Bar Kunar District has been split into two Districts: Asmar and Sheegal. Asmar District is located in the North of Asad Abad (about 35 km away from it) . It has 40 big villages and 20 sub villages. The mentioned district is a remote area. It is said that the first fight against the Russian presence in Afghanistan started from this district. The people are very poor and the amount of land is very small. There are always conflicts among the people there because it's multi tribal area.			
SECTORAL INFORMATION			
SHELTER:	Percentage and Number of Houses Destroyed:	20 %	
	Housing Situation of Returning Population :	The houses situation of returning population is not good some of them are living with their relatives.	
	Comments: 20 % (2000) houses has been destroyed. The mentioned number of destroyed houses in the district at the three levels (Russian war, Taliban war and tribal war).		
WATER:	Type of Potable Water Sources (and distance):	Spring, river, stream the distance is 100 m to 1000 m.	
	Availability of Potable water (%):	10 %	
	Sanitation and Drainage:	Local system (individual self built).	
	Comments: The number of spring is very small and at the same time it is very far from the villages and located in the mountain. The river and stream water are not potable water. The majority of the people are using the river water because it is near to them. MADERA and DACAAR made pipe scheme from springs for two villages. Some part of the pipe scheme destroyed by flood. This pipe scheme program is not enough for all the villages. The shallow well scheme is impossible because it is a remote area. The wells will give the water from 40 to 100 m deep.		
AGRICULTURE:	Main crops:	wheat, corn and vegetable.	
	Current Land Condition:	Agri-land is very small.	

SECTORAL INFORMATION						
	Existing Irrigation schemes:		Intake from rain water and snow.			
	Agri/tool Banks:		60% local made tools and 40 % by tractors.			
	Animal Husbandry		Cows, goat, donkey, sheep.			
	<p>Comments: Asmar District has total 2000 Jereb land, 500 jereb land out of the 2000 are irrigated by water and 1500 irrigated by rain. The mountains in this district have a lot of timber and fire wood forest, the requirements of people were construction of reservoir and intakes for snow and rain water because the river is very deep from the land (water level very low).</p>					
INCOME GENERATION:	Main Sources of Income:	Wood business, animal husbandry, agriculture and labor in Pakistan.	% of No income in the district	60 %		
	<p>Comments: A big land owner has not more than 2 Jereb agri-land, but it is enough to cover his expenditure. Only a small number of animal has remained as a result of the fighting between Taliban and the tribes. 70 % people are going to Pakistan for daily wage labor. The remaining 30 % are working with the traders of wood and agri-land for daily expenditure.</p>					
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	1	0		
<p>Comments: Asmar District has one clinic. It is running by AMIA, this clinic has 12 members staff: 1 MD Doctor, 1 Nurse, 2 Vaccinators, 1 Female health Educator and 3 for malnutrition program. 20 of them are male and one female The malnutrition program funded by WFP to female first health trained by MSH. The mentioned clinic building was built by former government. The salary of two vaccinators paid by UNICEF, the people are facing a lot of problem specially about the women disease (delivery) and this clinic has no midwives and the TBA has not been trained in this area.</p>						
EDUCATION:	Education Centre:	Types	Currently functioning	Before 1998		
		No. of High School:	1	1		
		No. of Primary School:	11	5		
		No. of Home Based Sch:	10	0		
	Teacher:	Female:	0	Pupils:	Girls:	1273
		Male:	95		Boys:	2684
	Literacy Rate %:	16				
<p>Comments: Asmar District has total 16 schools, 6 schools are registered with Government Education Ministry. The remaining schools are not registered with the Education Ministry. Those schools which are not registered with government have total 2339 student and 59 teachers. 509 Out of 2339 girls are studying in these schools, the mentioned home school students number are 825 boys and 420 girls. All school buildings have been destroyed by Russian war and Taliban war. As a result the students are studying in the open air and Mosques. Just UNICEF is providing all schools students books, bags and stationeries. All the teachers have not been receiving their salary on time from the government.</p>						
MINE/UXOs:	Existence of mines & UXOs:		Some cluster bombs are in the Palosell Naw village.			
	Identified priority villages to clear:		Palosall Naw			

SECTORAL INFORMATION	
	Comments: ATC has been cleared the area, with the exception of one spot where mines from the times of the Taliban remain.
PROTECTION	
Population Movement:	Normal
Minority Issue:	None
Land Ownership:	31 Jereb land from Madar Khan and Habiburahman have been occupied by Mulla Shir Waly belonging to I thad e Islami and Faiz Khan who belongs to Rabani (Jamait) Party.
House Occupation:	Habibu Rahman house was occupied by Faiz Khan who belongs to Jamiat e Islami group.
Others:	There are living two tribes Meshwani and Salarzi. Salarzi tribe was at the previous Taliban time a close supporter of the Government of Taliban,while the Meshwani tribe was in opposition with them at the time. When theNorthern alliance captured the district, the Meshwani tribe burned houses of the Salarzi . When the Taliban recaptured the district the Salarzi and some Meshwani tribesmen were led by Malik Zarin (Opposition). Malik Zarin has two Nationalities: the Pakistani and the Afghan, and is now the commander of Army base 9 in Kunar province. The situation at the moment appears calm. The head of the district belongs to the Meshwani tribe and he was selected by Malik Zarin.
NGOs Working in the District	
Vita had worked on road rehabelation, and DACAAR and MADERA worked about on potable water and the construction of a pipe scheme. MADERA has one animal clinic and one forest nursery. AMIA has a clinic , ATC has been working on demining. UNICEF provided stationary and books for schools.	
Other Comments (including accessibility)	
<p>Villagers expressed the urgent need for health centers, education facilities, a bridge over the river,and Professional and vocational courses.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data collected from the district shura and district health authorities suggested a higher figure (28305). Asmar District together with Shegal Distric are also known as Bar Kunar (UN codification). The figure of Bar Kunar are 41925 family population and 14 family returnees.</p>	