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Afghanistan



Country Information

Region: South Asia

Population: Approximately 35 million

Capital: Kabul

GDP (US\$): \$20.815 billion

Geography: The Hindu Kush Mountains divide the country into the Central Highlands that are part of the Himalayas, the Southwestern Plateau and the country's fertile Northern Plains.

General Climate: Arid to semi-arid climate with large temperature differences between altitudes and between warm and cold seasons.

INFORM Risk Rating: 7.7

Risk Summary

- The country's rugged mountain landscape and arid climate makes it prone to intense and recurring natural hazards, including earthquakes, floods, flash floods, landslides, avalanches, and droughts.
- Since 1980, disasters caused by natural hazards have affected 9 million people and caused over 20,000 fatalities.
- Flooding is the most frequent natural hazard historically, with approximately 100,000 people affected every year and average annual damages of \$54 million.
- Earthquakes cause the most fatalities historically, with more than 10,000 people killed since 1980 and average yearly damages of \$80 million.
- Droughts have affected 6.5 million people since 2000.
- 3 million people are exposed to very high or high landslide hazard.
- 2 million people and 10,000km of roads (15% of all roads) are exposed to avalanche.

Disaster Management System

National Level

- **National Disaster Management Commission (NDMC)**

The Apex body is the principal body for setting out national policy direction towards reducing disaster risks through vulnerability reduction, and emergency response. Members of the NDMC represent key sectors critical to managing disasters.

- **Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA)**

The ANDMA is the principal executing body at the national level, acting as the Secretariat for the NDMC. It is also responsible for coordination between international organizations involved in disaster response, relief, rehabilitation and mitigation, and the executive agencies of the Afghan Government.

Sub-National Level

- **Province-level Disaster Management Committees/ Commissions (PDMCs)**

PDMCs act as the counterparts to the NDMC. They are the vital link between the NDMC and other disaster management entities at the provincial, district and local level. They are headed by the Provincial Governor and are supported by the representatives of relevant government departments.

- **District-level Disaster Management Committees (DDMCs)**

District Administrators lead DDMCs and are responsible for coordinating with PDMCs, the ANDMA and the NDMC. The District Development Assembly (DDA), Municipalities and other concerned agencies are required to support DDMCs.

- **Community Development Councils (CDCs)**

CDCs are directly involved with development and emergency response activities in the communities. They also work with local NGOs, *shuras* and other community based organizations.

Helpful Links and Sources

Afghanistan Country Profile

<https://data.worldbank.org/country/afghanistan>

Afghanistan Disaster Risk Profile:

https://www.preventionweb.net/files/52177_afghanistanlow.pdf

Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority:

<http://www.andma.gov.af/>

Afghanistan National Disaster Management Plan (2010):

https://www.preventionweb.net/files/31182_afghanistannationaldisastermanageme-451.pdf

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan:

<https://www.mfa.gov.af/>