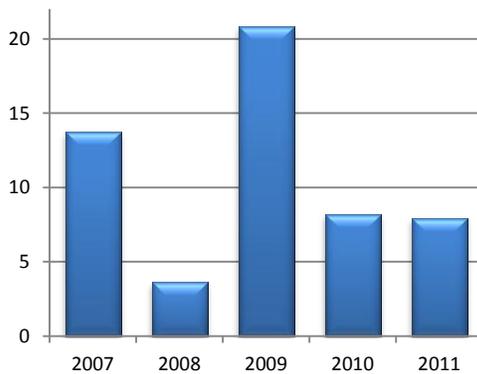
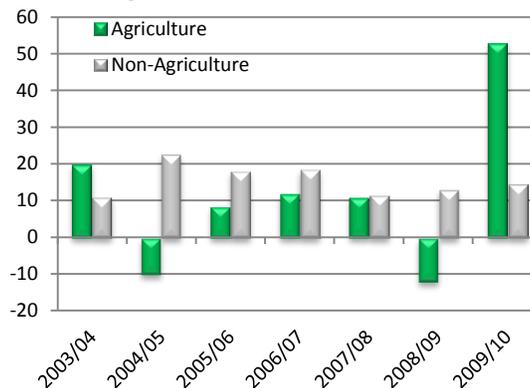


# Afghanistan Fact Sheet

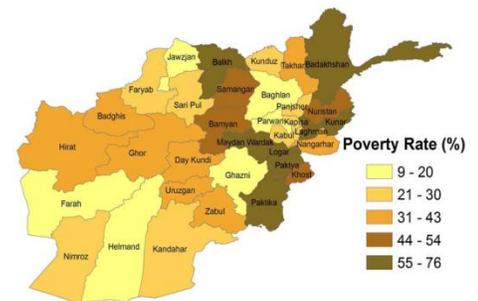
**GDP Growth Rate (%)**



**Agriculture GDP Growth (%)**



**Poverty Rate by District**



**GDP:** 15.6bn US\$ in 2010; 8.2% annual **GDP growth** in 2010. (IMF, April 2011)

**Kabul CPI Inflation:** 16.4 % year on year increase from May 2010 to May 2011. Regional events (trade blockages in Pakistan, drought in northern China) and global commodity price surges are driving domestic price increases.

**Exports as % of GDP:** 3.0% in 2010, which is down by 0.5% from 2009. However, nominal exports were up to 4.7 bn US\$ from 2009 but still below 2008 levels. (IMF, April 2011)

**External debt:** External debt stands at approximately 2.2bn US\$. 1.6bn US\$ of debt was relieved in 2010 under the extended heavily indebted poor countries initiative. (GIRoA, MoF, June 2011)

**GDP Per Capita** was at \$517 US in 2010 and is expected to rise to \$589 in 2011. (IMF, April 2011)

**Unemployment** is estimated at 35% in 2008, down from 40% in 2005 (CIA World Factbook)

Local **production of Opium** fell to roughly half of 2009 levels in 2010 despite the area under cultivation remaining constant. 2010's drastic reduction was caused by a naturally occurring plant disease in major production regions. The result was a 64% increase in the price of dried opium. Helmand province remains the leading producer of poppy cultivation at 65,045 hectares. (UNODC, April 2011)

In 2010 the average cash income of opium-growing households was 15-17% higher than those that did not grow opium

**Donor Funding** in 2009 amounted to six billion US\$ for development assistance. In 2010, US development assistance alone was nearly 4 billion US\$. (OECD, February 2011)

**Population:** 29.8m 2010 est; 51% male; 55% under the age of 20 (US Census Bureau, June 2011)

**Ethnic Groups:** Pashtun 42%, Tajik 27%, Hazara 9%, Uzbek 9%, Aimak 4%, Turkmen 3%, Baloch 2%, other 4% Pashtun 42%, Tajik 27%, Hazara 9%, Uzbek 9%, Aimak 4%, Turkmen 3%, Baloch 2%, other 4% (CIA World Factbook)

**Fertility rate:** 6.5 children per women; more than three times the replacement rate of 2.1. (UNICEF, April 2011)

**Poverty:** 42% of population is living below the poverty line. 20% is living slightly above the poverty line and 45% of the population is experiencing food poverty. (GIRoA, ANDS 07/08)

**Life Expectancy:** Afghanistan has the lowest overall female life expectancy in the world at 45 years at birth; and the third lowest total life expectancy in the world at 44 years at birth. (UNICEF, 2011)

**Mortality:** Afghanistan has the second highest Child Mortality in the world at 199 deaths per 1,000 births with 134 of those deaths occurring before age 1. (UNICEF & WB, April 2011)

Only 48% have **access to improved sources drinking water**. This is the lowest globally. Only 37% have access to **improved sanitation**. (UNICEF, April 2011)

**Literacy:** Only 25% of the population aged 16+ can read and write. **Youth Female literacy** is estimated at 18%. (NRVA 07/08 & UNESCO, April 2011)

**Primary school enrollment (net):** 7.3 million children enrolled with 38% female participation. (GIRoA, MoEd, 2011)