

**REGIONAL RURAL ECONOMIC REGENERATION
ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES (RRERS) STUDY**

PROVINCIAL PROFILES



NATIONAL AREA BASED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

MINISTRY OF RURAL REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT (MRRD)

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

AFGHAN PROVINCES

PROVINCE	PROVINCIAL CAPITAL	PROFILE COMPLETED
Badakhshan	Faizabad	✓
Badghis	Qaleh-ye Now	✓
Baghlan	Pol-e Khomri	✓
Balkh	Mazar-e-Shariff	✓
Bamyan	Bamian	✓
Farah	Farah	
Faryab	Meymaneh	✓
Ghazni	Ghazni	✓
Ghor	Chaghcharan	✓
Helmand	Lashkargah	✓
Herat	Herat	✓
Jawzjan	Sheberghan	
Kabul	Kabul	✓
Kandahar	Kandahar	✓
Kapisa	Mahmud-e-Raqi	✓
Khost	Khost	
Kunarha	Asadabad	✓
Kunduz	Kunduz	
Laghman	Mehtar Lam	✓
Logar	Pol-e Alam	✓
Nangarhar	Jalalabad	✓
Nimroz	Zaranj	✓
Nuristan	Nuristan	
Paktya	Gardez	✓
Paktika	Sharan	
Parwan	Charikar	✓
Samangan	Aybak	✓
Sari Pul	Sar-i Pol	
Takhar	Taloqan	✓
Uruzgan	Tarin Kowt	✓
Wardak	Meydan Shahr	✓
Zabul	Qalat	✓

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The provincial profiles developed by the partners during the Inception Phase were based on a format developed by the Knowledge Management Advisor, which was presented to MRRD and the partners at the inception workshop and agreed upon. This profile format was based on the ANDS categories relevant to the study with sections based on ANDS Sector 3 – Infrastructure and Natural Resources, 6 – Agriculture and Rural Development, 8 – Economic Governance and Private Sector Development and 1 – Security.

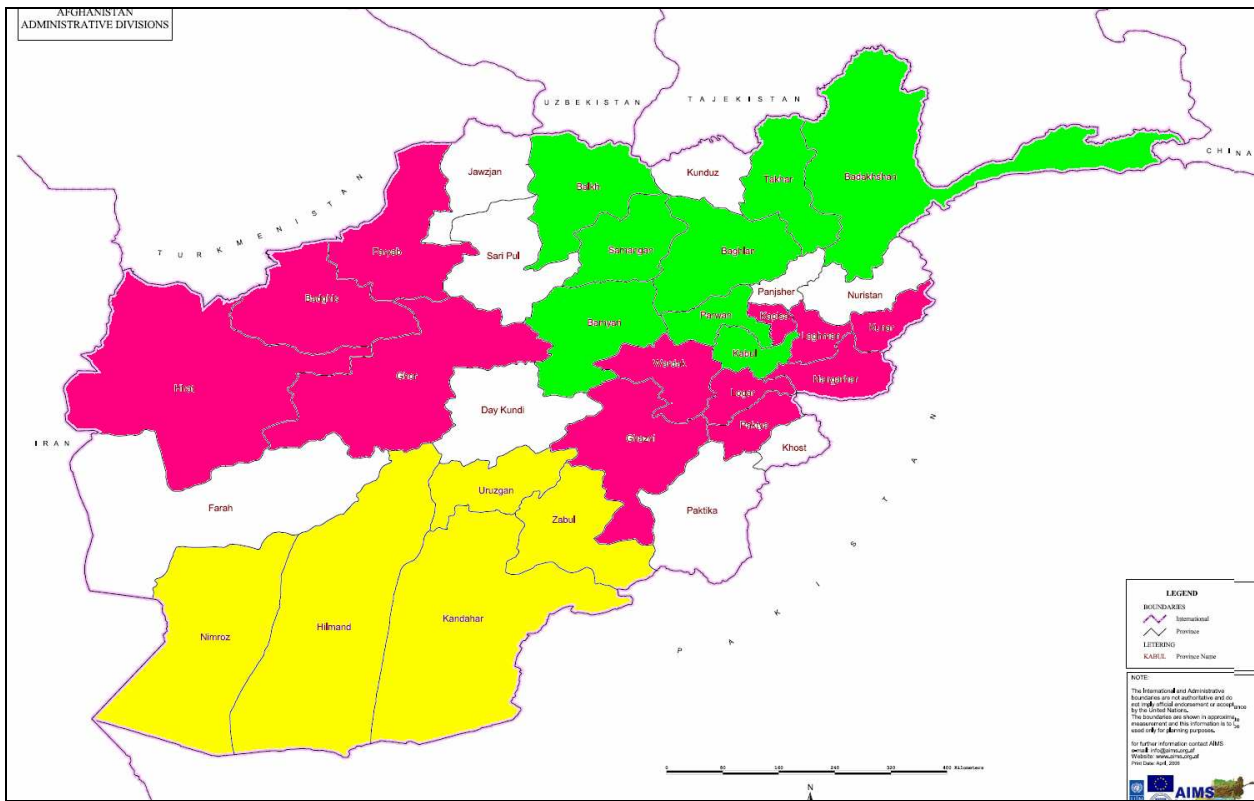
Information based on this format was collected for 25 provinces in total (see Figure 1). The provinces for which information was not collected included: Khost; Paktika; Day Kundi; Sari Pul; Jawzjan; Farah; Nuristan; Kunduz; and Panjsher.

Some of these profiles are more detailed than others due to the fact that the partners had worked extensively in the areas, and thus with the time constraint were able to collect much more relevant information in a shorter time scale. Also the provinces that were closer to the partner's district offices or projects meant more information was collected for these.

In some cases, such as the south, accessibility was an issue due to security which constrained the amount of information that was able to be collected. This was also a reason why some of the remaining nine provinces were not covered.

These profiles were used as a basis for developing the eleven areas that the RRERS Study will concentrate on during the implementation phase. These areas are made up of clustered provinces that all have similar geographical features and market activities, with the exception of the border districts of Badakhshan that has been separated from the rest of province to be considered its own discreet area due to its isolation and dissimilarity to the rest of the province.

Figure 1: Map of provinces covered by Regional Partners during Inception Phase



Map Key		
REGIONAL PARTNER	REGION	COMMENTS
AKF	North & North East Afghanistan	9 Provinces were not covered by field visits for reasons of security and inaccessibility.
DACAAR	East & West Afghanistan	
ACI	South Afghanistan.	