

AFGHANISTAN 20 YEARS ON....















WHAT WENT WRONG?



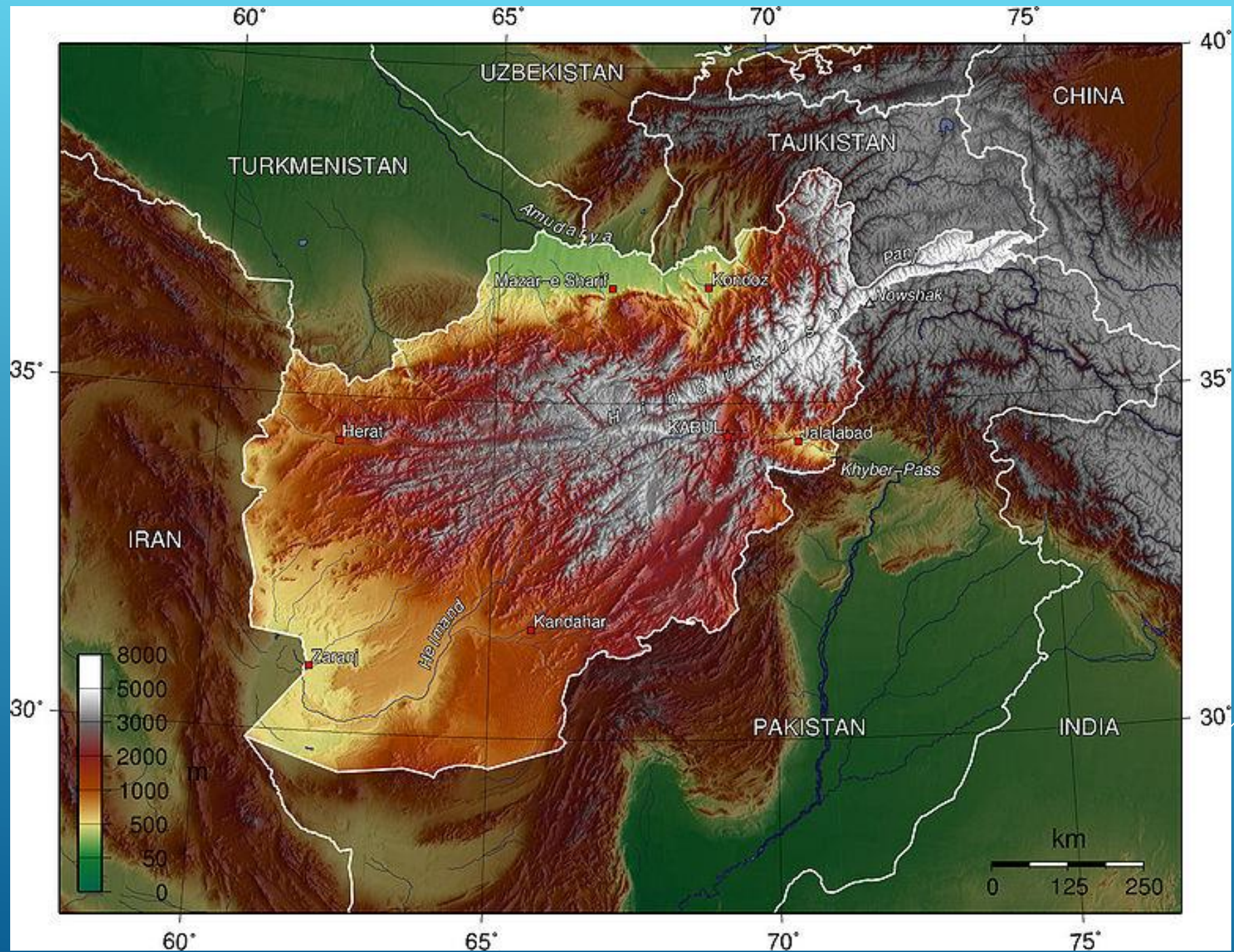


WAS IT WORTH IT?



...AND WHAT DO WE DO NOW?



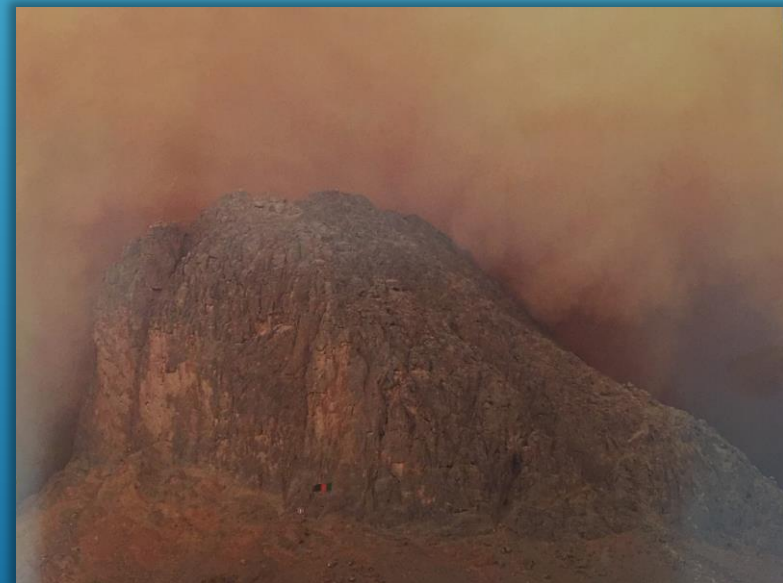
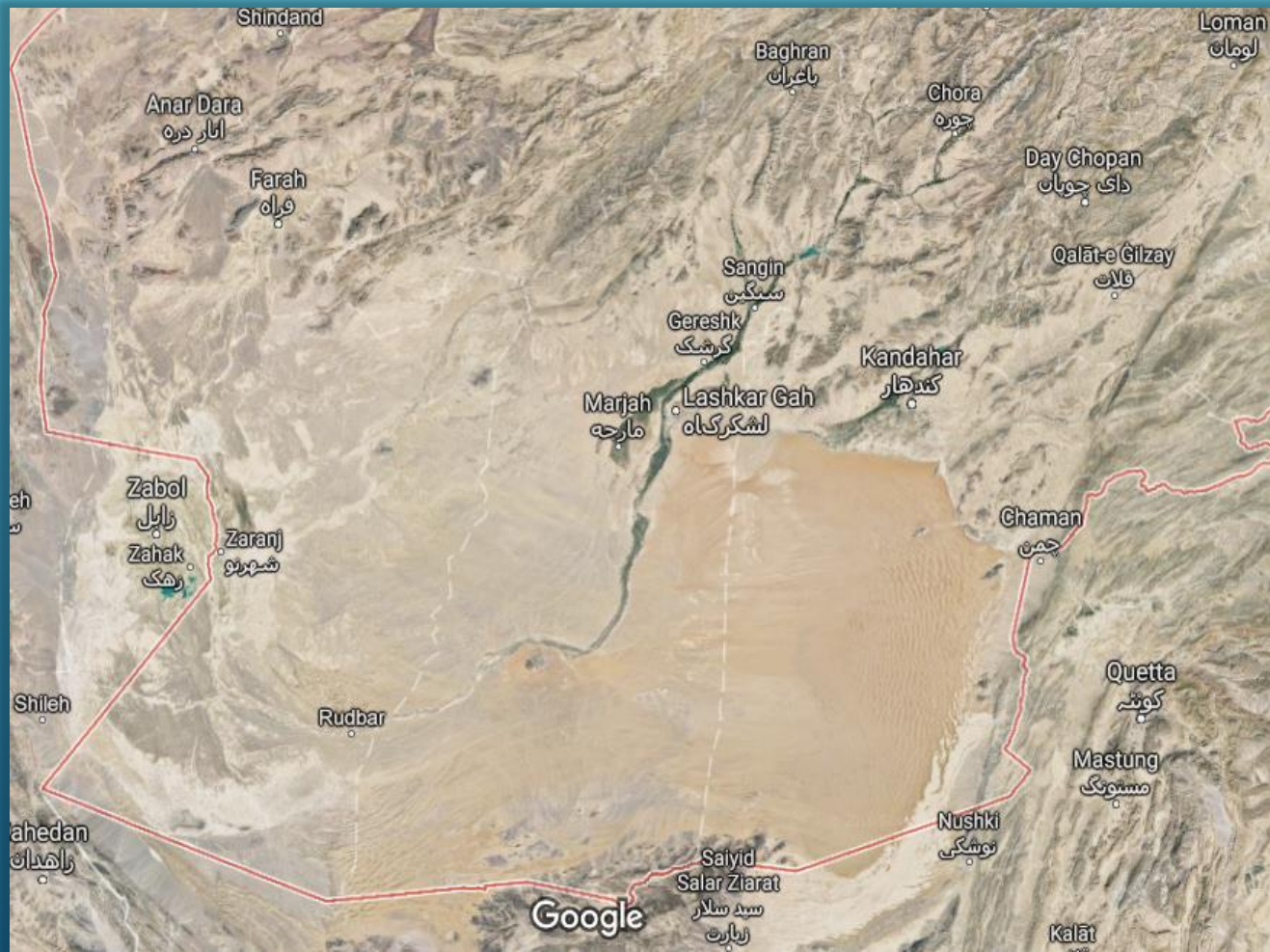






GEOGRAPHY: THE  
MAIN HIGHWAY IN  
AFGHANISTAN





# GEOGRAPHY: THE CLIMATE





# DEMOGRAPHY: THE PEOPLE





SEPARATING WATER  
WITH A STICK: PAKISTAN





# THE DEVIL AND HIS GRANDMOTHER: WARLORDS

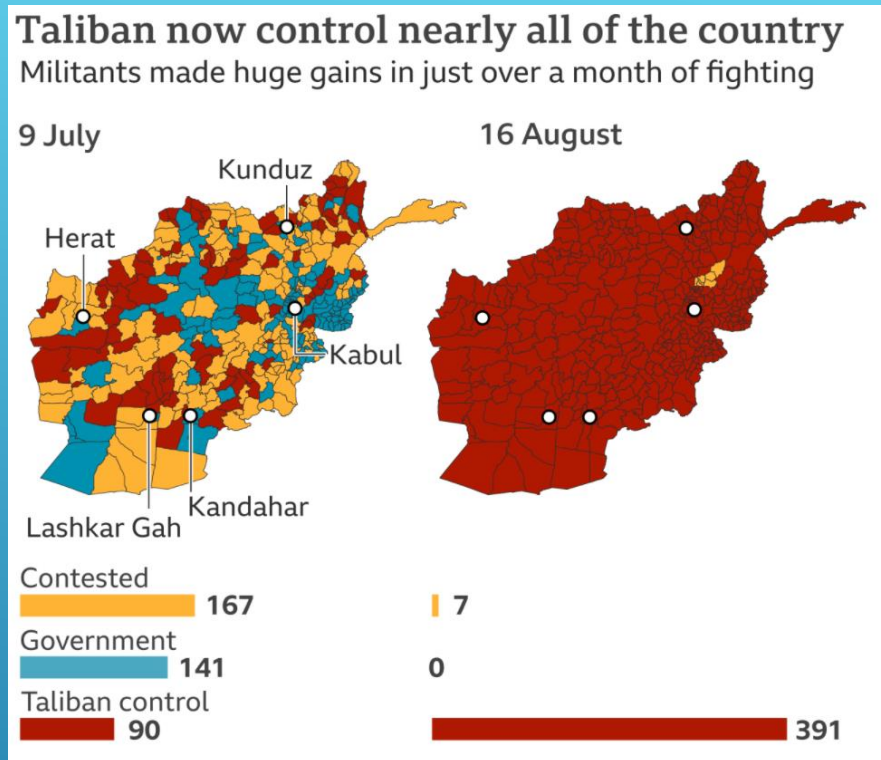






# THE WAZIR'S ELEPHANT





BBC News, 16 August



# THE TALIBAN – WHAT HAPPENED?





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Taliban fighters have entered Afghanistan's presidential palace hours after President Ashraf Ghani fled the country — in pictures [aje.io/jhsyub](https://aje.io/jhsyub)



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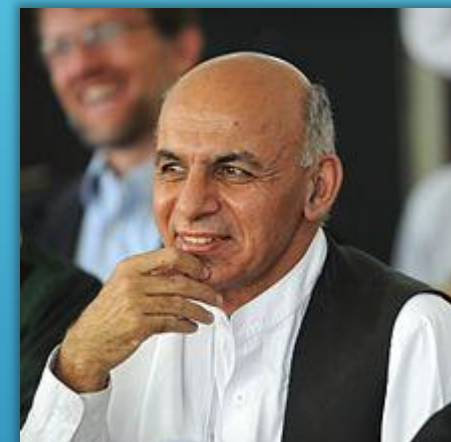


A Taliban fighter giving a tour of the mansion. The New York Times

# THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM?







CORRUPTION AND LACK ON UNITY

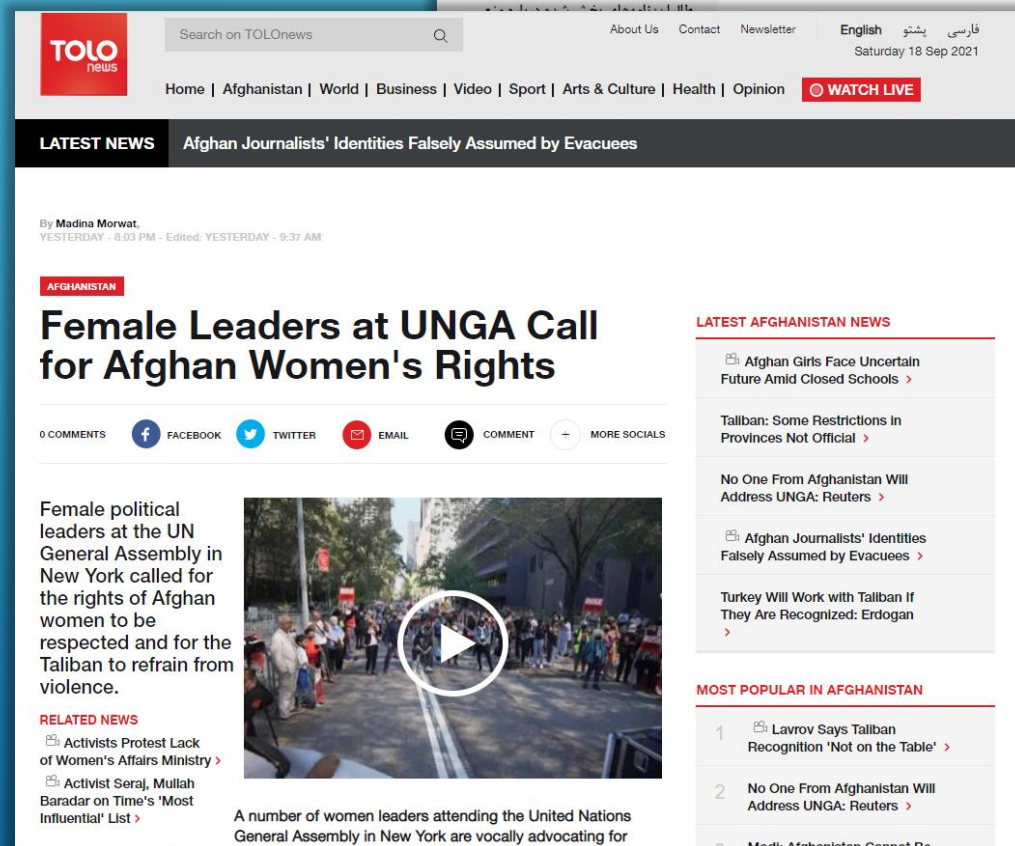




It was extremely disappointing because the corruption level was mind-boggling; almost everyone was corrupt, absolutely. Even in the last few days when we were fighting for the survival of the state, a few people saw an opportunity to make money, especially in the security sector.

Khalid Payenda, Former Minister of Finance,  
January - August 2021





MEDIA?





WOMEN'S RIGHTS



## Five Schools Reopened for Girls Above 6th Grade in Paktia

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Students of the province are happy about this action and asked that schools be opened for girls across the country.



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Five schools for girls have been reopened by tribals elders in Paktia and girls now have the opportunity to attend as the school year in warmer climate areas has begun.

## Girls in Paktia Take to Streets in Protest of Closed Schools

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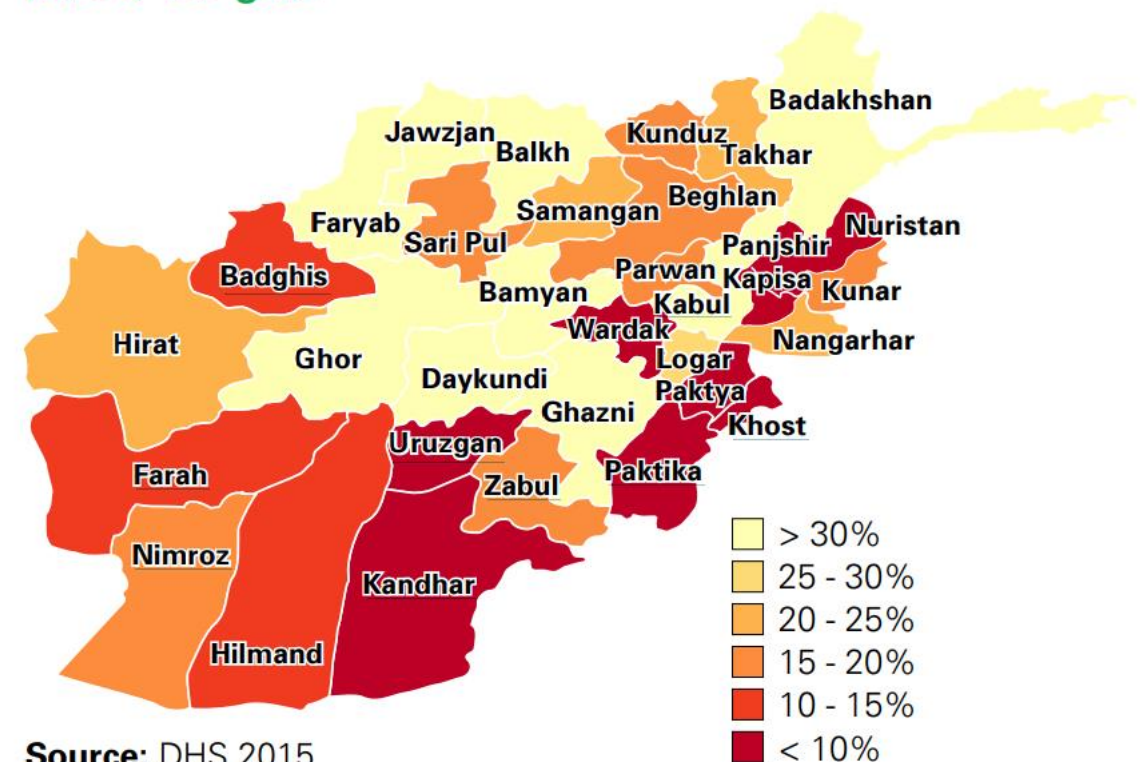
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### Figure 3 – Secondary net attendance rate (NAR) for girls<sup>5</sup>



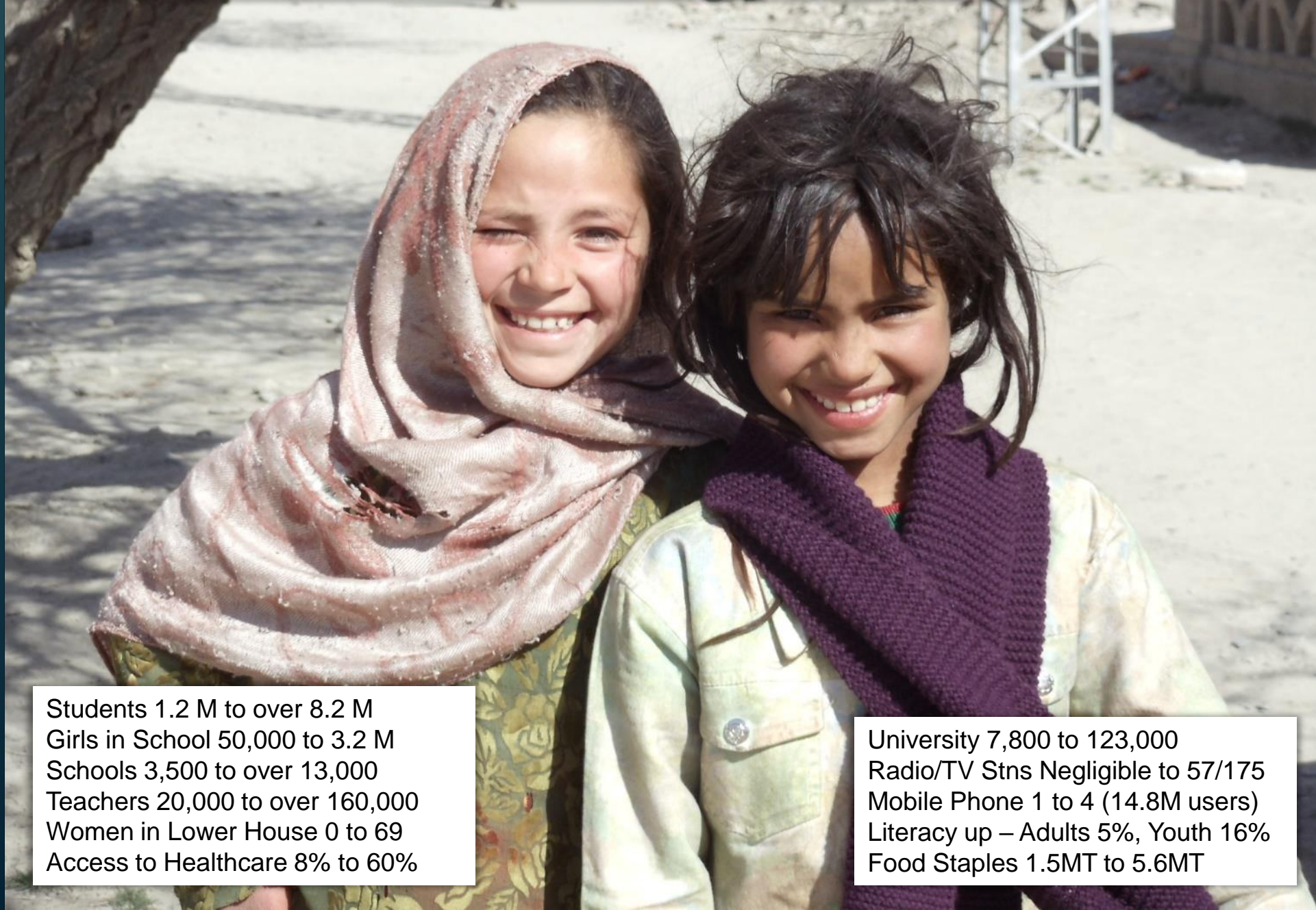
**Source:** DHS 2015

# GIRL'S EDUCATION



## 2001 – 2014: The Results are Undeniable

WAS IT WORTH IT?



Students 1.2 M to over 8.2 M  
Girls in School 50,000 to 3.2 M  
Schools 3,500 to over 13,000  
Teachers 20,000 to over 160,000  
Women in Lower House 0 to 69  
Access to Healthcare 8% to 60%

University 7,800 to 123,000  
Radio/TV Stns Negligible to 57/175  
Mobile Phone 1 to 4 (14.8M users)  
Literacy up – Adults 5%, Youth 16%  
Food Staples 1.5MT to 5.6MT



The Sacrifice was for  
the Next Generation







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We're visiting Afghanistan's remotest areas with our humanitarian partners to assess needs + ensure aid reaches vulnerable Afghans amid a bitter winter. 1st visit in 2 decades into rural Paktika & Khost provinces [#StayAndDeliver](#) [@UNHCRPartners](#)



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40 female police officers graduated from Academy of Police in Kabul. They are going to join security forces of the country to serve their people and country in an independent Afghanistan inshaAllah.



120

378

2,361



WFP Afghanistan

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Fleet: 300 trucks strong across the country delivers much needed food assistance to Chaghcharan District of Ghor Province - heavy snow has been a challenge to feed more than 18,000 people.

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# WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

Cultural Understanding requires effort before the war

Whole of Government effort requires resources and knowledge

Good Allies are Critical Allies

You can fight to win a war but not to win the peace

In counterinsurgency, we can't win hearts and minds, only the Government we are supporting can

Legitimacy is key - we need to review the rules of war, conflict and the use of force



# WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?

Be engaged in the world

Fund Global Affairs Canada

Subsidize Journalists

Create more academic and professional Links

Support credible NGOs that employ locals

Don't abandon Afghanistan

- It is not just about refugees – Canada should not be invisible
- Press for Reconciliation, Education and Security in Afghanistan
- Make it possible to donate to Afghans
- Watch Education of Girls – numbers and curriculum



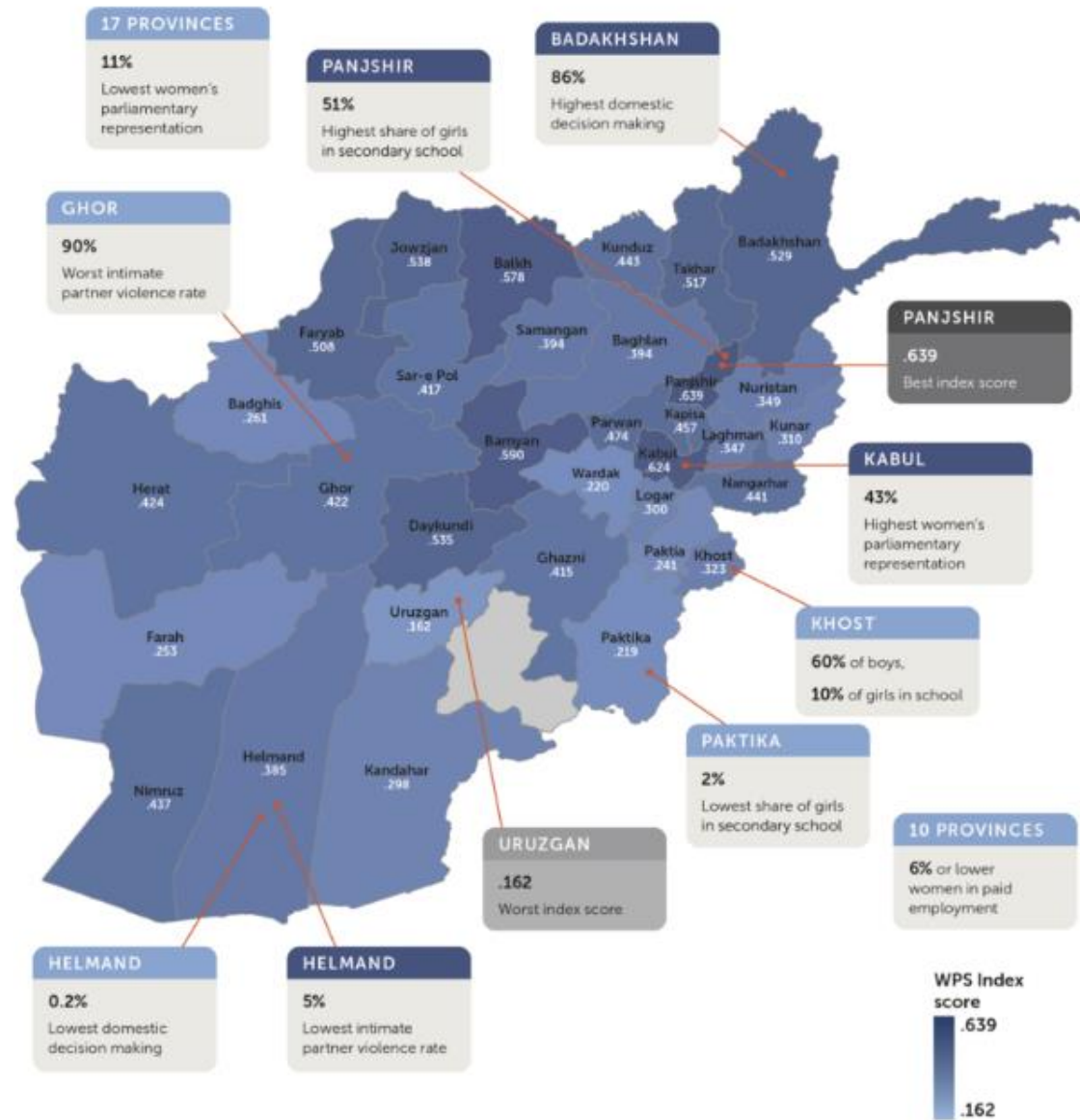


Afghan wars become serious only when they are over...

Canada needs to take this one seriously even now...

TASHAKUR.

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Index scores vary from province-to-province in Afghanistan.

