AFGHANISTAN IN 2015
A Survey of the Afghan People

After the first full year of Afghanistan’s National Unity Government, what do Afghan citizens think of the critical issues facing their country? The Asia Foundation’s 11th annual survey – and longest-running opinion poll in the country – interviews 9,586 Afghan citizens in all 34 provinces on security, corruption, the economy, women’s rights, and the Taliban.

NATIONAL MOOD: DIRECTION OF COUNTRY

57% of Afghans say their country is moving in the wrong direction, the highest level of pessimism in the past 10 years.

BIGGEST PROBLEMS FACING AFGHANISTAN

43% INSECURITY
35% UNEMPLOYMENT + POOR ECONOMY
24% CORRUPTION

NEARLY ALL AFGHANS SAY CORRUPTION A PROBLEM IN DAILY LIFE

90% CORRUPTION
highest percentage reported in a decade

HIGH LEVELS OF SATISFACTION WITH SOME PUBLIC SERVICES

72% ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER
68% QUALITY OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

AFGHANS REPORT SHARP CONFIDENCE DROP IN GOVERNMENT

SATISFACTION WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

SATISFACTION WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

SATISFACTION WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

CONFIDENCE IN PARLIAMENT

CONFIDENCE IN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

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**MAJORITY OF AFGHANS SUPPORT WOMEN’S EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION***

- **Islamic Madrasas**: 94%
- **Primary School**: 85%
- **High School**: 83%
- **University**: 74%

*in a woman’s home province

**BIGGEST PROBLEMS FACING AFGHAN YOUTH**

- **Unemployment**: 71%
- **Illiteracy**: 26%
- **Poor Economy**: 16%
- **Lack of Higher Education Opportunities**: 15%
- **Drug Addiction**: 14%

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION RISING RAPIDLY**

- **Afghan TV Ownership**: Nearly doubled in last 8 years
- **Household has 1+ Mobile Phones**: 82%
- **Households have Internet Access**: 1 in 5

**MIGRATION**

- **40% would migrate if given the opportunity**

  *Increase from 34% in 2011*

**ISIL/ISIS**

- **40% say ISIL/ISIS is a threat**

**WOMEN AND WORK**

- **2/3 (64%) of Afghans say women should be allowed to work outside home**

  - **Women Agree**: 73%
  - **Men Agree**: 54%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- **9,586 Afghans surveyed**
- **34 provinces | June 11 - June 28 fieldwork | 94 questions | 51% men and 49% women polled | 18% urban and 82% rural households | 939 trained Afghan enumerators | 75,144 Afghans polled since 2004 | Afghanistan’s broadest opinion poll**

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