The 2015 Afghanistan Demographic and Health Survey (AfDHS) is designed to provide data for monitoring the population and health situation in Afghanistan. The 2015 AfDHS is the first Demographic and Health Survey conducted in Afghanistan in collaboration with The Demographic and Health Surveys Program. The objective of the survey was to provide reliable estimates of fertility levels, marriage, fertility preferences, awareness and use of family planning methods, breastfeeding practices, nutrition, maternal and child health and mortality, awareness and behavior regarding HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and other health-related issues such as smoking, tuberculosis, and cancer that can be used by program managers and policymakers to evaluate and improve existing programs.

**SAMPLE**

- **24,395** households
- **29,461** ever-married women age 15-49
- **10,760** ever-married men age 15-49

Estimates for Zabul are not presented separately due to sample coverage issues; however, they are included in the total national estimates.
Afghan women have an average of **5.3** children.

Less than **2 in 10** women and **5 in 10** men have any formal education.

**2 in 3** Afghan households have access to an improved water source.

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Almost \( \frac{1}{2} \) of births are delivered in a health facility.

1 in 5 currently married Afghan women use a modern method of family planning.

46% of children age 12-23 months have received all basic vaccinations.
2 in 5 children under six months are exclusively breastfed.

1 in 4 households has at least one insecticide treated net (ITN).

Just 24% of women and 58% of men have heard of HIV.

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