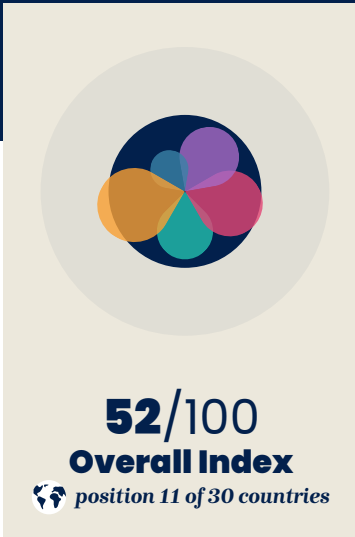


Country profile



# Afghanistan



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## ABSENCE OF EXTREME RESPONSES

**62/100** ●

### Death penalty

**100/100**

**1. Does the country retain the death penalty for drug offences?**

No

SOURCE: "Harm Reduction International (2021), THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG OFFENCES: GLOBAL OVERVIEW."

**2. What is the extent of death penalty application for drug offences in the country?**

N/A

SOURCE: "Harm Reduction International (2021), THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG OFFENCES: GLOBAL OVERVIEW."

### Extra-Judicial Killing

**50/100**

**3. To what extent is the practice of extra-judicial killing prevalent in the course of military and police anti-drug activity?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

### Militarised Policing

**25/100**

**4. To what extent are military or special security forces are involved in drug operations?**

To a large extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

### Life Sentencing

**100/100**

**5. Is there provision in legislation or sentencing frameworks for the imposition of life imprisonment for drug offences?**

No

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**6. Where there is provision in legislation or sentencing frameworks for the imposition of life imprisonment for drug offences, what is the nature of such sentences?**

N/A

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**7. How frequently are formal life sentences imposed for drug use and personal possession offences?**

N/A

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**8. How frequently are formal life sentences imposed for drug supply offences (production, dealing, or trafficking)?**

N/A

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

## Non-consensual confinement

25/100

9. To what extent is there a practice of non-consensual confinement in compulsory drug treatment centres?

To a large extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

## PROPORTIONALITY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE

32/100

### Human Rights Violations

18/100

10. How often are suspects in drug cases subject to violence or torture by the police?

Always or nearly always

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

11. To what extent does arbitrary arrest and detention for drug offences exist?

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

12. What is the country's score on the World Bank Fair Trial Indicator?

Severely Restricted

SOURCE: World Bank Data Repository

### Equity of Impact of Criminal Justice Response

66/100

13. To what extent does enforcement of drug policy disproportionately impact certain ethnic groups?

Not at all

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

14. To what extent does enforcement of drug policy disproportionately impact women?

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

15. To what extent does enforcement of drug policy disproportionately impact low-income groups?

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

### Mandatory minimum sentencing and pre-trial detention

37/100

16. Do the state's drug laws or legal frameworks include mandatory minimum sentences for any drug offences?

Yes

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

17. For states whose drug laws or legal frameworks include mandatory minimum sentences for any drug offences, does this relate to first offences or multiple offences?

Mandatory Minimum Sentences Apply to the First Offence

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

18. Do the state's laws include mandatory pre-trial detention for drug offences?

No

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

### Alternatives to arrest/prosecution/conviction/punishment

59/100

19. Is there any provision in state criminal justice policy for alternatives to arrest, prosecution, conviction and/or punishment for drug-related offences?

Yes

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

<p><b>20. Do alternatives exist at the point of initial contact with law enforcement (i.e., the police or other law enforcement officers) – before arrest and/or prosecution?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.</p>	
<p><b>21. Do alternatives exist after the point of arrest, but before conviction or formal criminal court proceedings?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.</p>	
<p><b>22. Where individuals are convicted with a final sentence (courts), are there alternatives to incarceration for drug offences?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.</p>	
<p><b>23. Do alternatives to arrest, prosecution, conviction and/or punishment for drug-related offences include treatment or care elements?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy</p>	
<p><b>24. Where alternatives to arrest, prosecution, conviction and/or punishment for drug-related offences include treatment or care elements, is relapse / non-attendance / treatment “failure” associated with subsequent imprisonment or punishment?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy</p>	
<p><b>25. Where alternatives to arrest, prosecution, conviction and/or punishment for drug-related offences include treatment or care elements, are a range of treatment options and modalities made available to people based on their clinically assessed need or preferences?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy</p>	
<p><b>Extent of imprisonment of individuals involved in non-violent drug-related offences</b></p>	<p><b>25/100</b></p>
<p><b>26. To what extent does the pursuit of state drug policy result in the imprisonment of non-violent offenders?</b></p>	<p><i>To a large extent</i></p>
<p>SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy</p>	
<p><b>Decriminalisation Policy</b></p>	<p><b>0/100</b></p>
<p><b>27. Is there a provision in national legislation or in official national policy documents for the decriminalisation of drug use and the possession of drugs for personal use?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.</p>	
<p><b>28. What % of the population live in a state/territory with decriminalisation provisions?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.</p>	
<p><b>29. For states or sub-national units with decriminalisation, what substances are decriminalised?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.</p>	
<p><b>30. Where there are administrative (non-criminal) sanctions for drug use and possession for personal use, what is the severity of these sanctions?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy</p>	
<p><b>31. To what extent has decriminalisation in this state been effective in diverting people who use drugs away from the criminal justice system?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy</p>	

## HARM REDUCTION

50/100

### Extent to which State Policy Prioritises Harm Reduction for People Who Use Drugs

100/100

**32. Is there an explicit supportive reference to harm reduction in national policy documents?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**33. Are people who use drugs included in the HIV national strategic plan?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** GDPI Coding Team.

**34. In states where people who use drugs are included in the HIV national strategic plan, are people who use drugs specified as key and vulnerable populations to be targeted for services?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** GDPI Coding Team.

**35. Are people who use drugs included in the Hepatitis-C national strategic plan?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** GDPI Coding Team.

**36. In states where people who use drugs are included in the Hepatitis-C national strategic plan, are people who use drugs specified as key and vulnerable populations to be targeted for services?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** GDPI Coding Team.

**37. Are people who use drugs included in the Tuberculosis national strategic plan?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** GDPI Coding Team.

**38. In states where people who use drugs are included in the Tuberculosis national strategic plan, are people who use drugs specified as key and vulnerable populations to be targeted for services?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** GDPI Coding Team.

### Harm Reduction Funding

0/100

**39. How Adequate Are Levels of Harm Reduction Funding Relative to Estimated Need?**

Very low

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International GDPI team

**40. Which of the following best describes the sustainability of harm reduction funding in the state over the next 3-5 years?**

Likely to be reduced

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

### Harm Reduction Intervention Availability and Coverage

52/100

**41. Is at least one needle and syringe programme operational in the state?**

Yes

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**42. Which of the following best describes the availability of needle and syringe programmes for people who inject drugs?**

Limited availability

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**43. Is at least one opioid agonist therapy programme operational in the state?** **Yes**

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**44. Which of the following best describes the availability of opioid agonist therapy programmes for people who use opioid drugs?** **Limited availability**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**45. Is peer distribution of naloxone available in this state?** **Yes**

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**46. Which of the following best describes the availability of naloxone for people who use opioid drugs?** **Limited availability**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**47. Is at least one in-prison needle and syringe programme operational in the state?** **No**

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**48. Which of the following best describes the availability of needle and syringe programmes to people in prison?** **Unavailable**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**49. Is at least one in-prison opioid agonist therapy programme operational in the state?** **Yes**

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**50. Which of the following best describes the availability of opioid agonist therapy to people in prison?** **Limited availability**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**51. Is at least one drug consumption room operational in this state?** **No**

**SOURCE:** Harm Reduction International (2021), The Global State of Harm Reduction 2020 - 7th Edition.

**52. Which of the following best describes the availability of drug checking services to people who use drugs?** **Limited availability**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

## **Equity of Access to Harm Reduction Services** **49/100**

**53. To what extent are there disparities in access to harm reduction services due to individuals' ethnicity?** **To a moderate extent**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**54. To what extent are there disparities in access to harm reduction services for women, including during pregnancy?** **To a moderate extent**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**55. To what extent are there disparities in access to harm reduction services due to individuals' sexual and/or gender orientation?** **To a moderate extent**

**SOURCE:** Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

## ACCESS TO MEDICINES

55/100

### Policy prioritisation of availability and accessibility of controlled medicines for the relief of pain and suffering

84/100

**56. Is there an explicit provision in national legislation (or in official national policy documents and regulatory instruments) that establishes the government's obligation to make adequate provision to ensure the availability of controlled medicines for the relief of pain and suffering?**

Yes

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**57. Is there an approved national medicines policy plan that recognises the importance of the availability and accessibility of controlled medicines for the relief of pain and suffering?**

Yes

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**58. To what extent does the policy-making process relating to controlled medicines meaningfully include stakeholders such as medical boards, health professionals (including pharmacists), patients, and representatives of patients?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

### De facto availability and accessibility of controlled medicines for the relief of pain and suffering

38/100

**59. What range of narcotic drug consumption does the state fall into?**

Low Access

SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (2021) 2020 Narcotic Drugs Report.

**60. To what extent are there geographic disparities in access to controlled drugs for the treatment of pain?**

To a small extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

### Equity of Access to controlled medicines for the relief of pain and suffering

56/100

**61. To what extent are there disparities in access to controlled drugs for the treatment of pain due to individuals' gender?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**62. To what extent are there disparities in access to controlled drugs for the treatment of pain due to individuals' socio-economic status?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**63. To what extent are there disparities in access to controlled drugs for the treatment of pain due to individuals' ethnicity?**

To a small extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

**64. To what extent are there disparities in access to opioid analgesics for the treatment of pain for people who use drugs?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States' Drug Policy

## DEVELOPMENT

47/100

### Alternative Development Policy Design

29/100

**65. Does the country include ‘alternative development’ or ‘sustainable development’ programmes to provide alternatives to the cultivation of crops used for illegal drug production?**

Yes

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**66. Are Alternative Development policies and programmes embedded within a broader development programme?**

No

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**67. To what extent are local communities, participants, and (where applicable) indigenous and minority groups meaningfully included in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of alternative development policies and programmes?**

To a small extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy

**68. To what extent is the protection of the environment prioritised in alternative development policy and programmes?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy

**69. To what extent does alternative development operate within a framework of militarized/ security sector operations as part of security policy?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy

### Management of Crop Eradication

48/100

**70. Does alternative development policy include provisions for forced crop eradication?**

Yes

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**71. Where provision is made for forced crop eradication, does policy also make provision for aerial spraying in forced crop eradication?**

No

SOURCE: GDPI Coding Team.

**72. To what extent are alternative development programmes sequenced to ensure that targeted households have adopted viable and sustainable livelihoods in advance of any crop eradication efforts?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy

### Efficacy of alternative development policy for key beneficiaries

57/100

**73. To what extent do alternative development policies and programmes facilitate the empowerment of women?**

To a large extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy

**74. To what extent do alternative development policies and programmes benefit young people?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy

**75. To what extent do alternative development policies and programmes implement a successful ‘pro-poor’ strategy?**

To a moderate extent

SOURCE: Survey of Experts in States’ Drug Policy