

Geography

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Paper 2 – resource booklet

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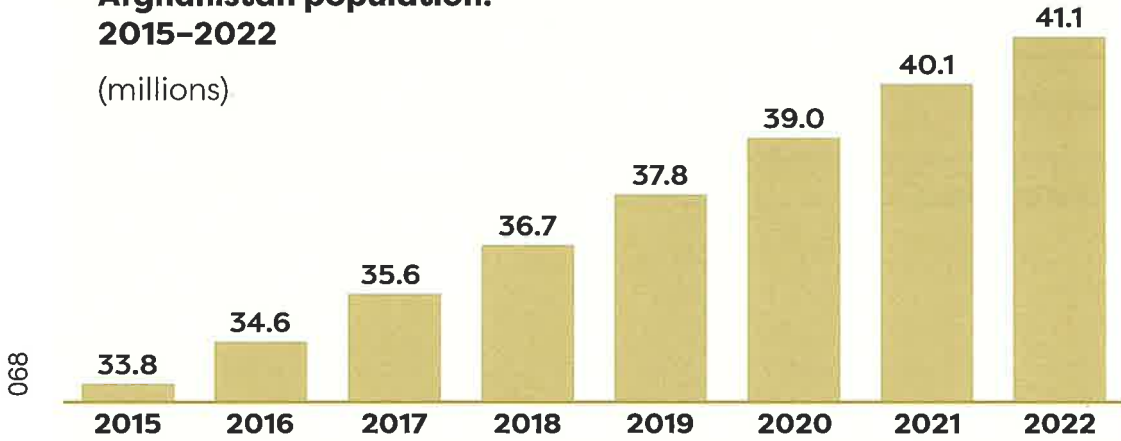
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4. The infographic shows issues relevant to water insecurity in Afghanistan.

WATER INSECURITY IN AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan population: 2015-2022

(millions)



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8 out of every 10
Afghan people



drink unsafe water



5 out of every 10
Afghan people



don't have access to basic sanitation facilities



6 out of every 10
Afghan people



don't have access to basic hygiene facilities



Access to improved water resources

in urban areas



- Wealthier residents
- More access to:
 - piped water
 - protected wells

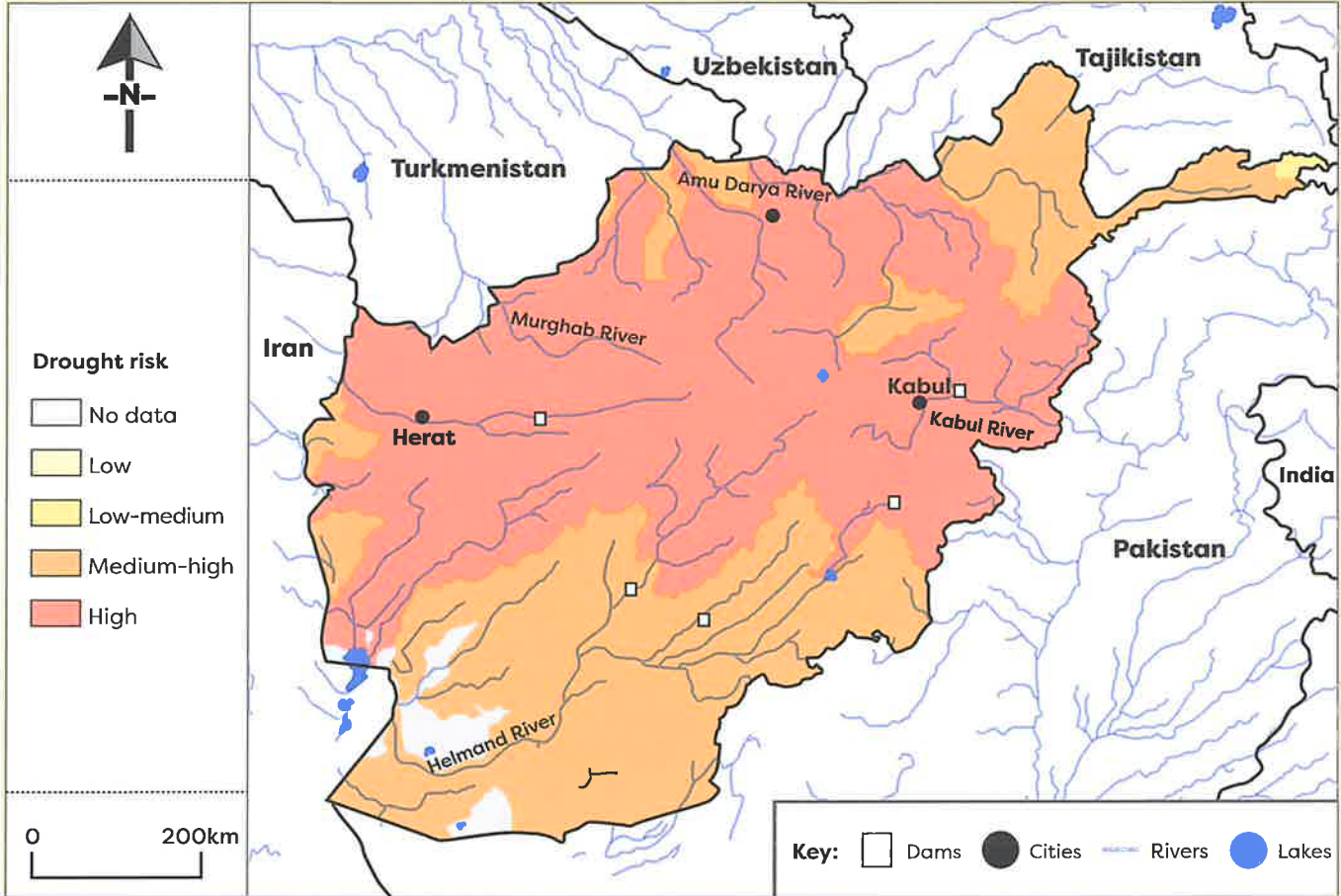
in rural areas



- Poorer residents
- Some access, but most rely on unsafe water sources



Drought risk in Afghanistan



Drought is the most frequently reported impact of climate change experienced by households in Afghanistan, increasing from **39% in 2021** to **64% in 2022**.
25 out of 34 provinces experience either severe or catastrophic drought conditions, affecting **more than 50%** of the population.

Impact of climate change on river flow

River basins	Change in water volume from 2007-2016	Predicted change by 2030
Kabul	-11 %	-21 %
Panj-Amu	-13 %	-25 %
Helmand	-19 %	-32 %
Murghab	-26 %	-50 %
North	5 %	-5 %

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