AfghanInfo Mobile App
Making socioeconomic data accessible to everyone

With its intuitive maps and visualizations, the AfghanInfo mobile app has become an important tool in the country for people in all sectors to access socioeconomic data.

AfghanInfo, a DevInfo database of socioeconomic statistics on Afghanistan pooling information from the MICS, national census, and other sources, has been managed since 2007 by the country’s Central Statistics Organization with support from UNICEF. In 2015, a new mobile app was released to access AfghanInfo data to significant publicity. By broadly increasing access to the database, the mobile app has served to disseminate and open its use; the tool is popular among university students, researchers and decision-makers, and has been highly downloaded.

Through AfghanInfo’s simple interface, users can access information on a wide variety of indicators either nationally or for a specific province. Data can be visualized in a table, on a map, or as a column, bar, pie chart, area, or line graph. Visualizations can be saved or downloaded and shared through other social media applications.

Features
- Indicators available through browse or search, and can be disaggregated by different dimensions
- One-touch creation of graphs and maps, which can be marked as favorite and shared via social media apps
- Data can be searched by map level
- Easy installation from Google Play and Apple App stores

Benefits
- Boosts utilization of statistics among various user subsets, including university students
- Serves as a key public-facing output by the Central Statistics Office
- Increases evidence-based decision-making in a challenging national context

Facts
Stakeholders: UNICEF, Afghanistan Central Statistics Office
Geographic Area: Afghanistan
Time Period: 2015
Topics: Socioeconomic Data
Tools: Database, Mobile App, Dashboard
Services: App development, capacity building workshop, ongoing platform support and maintenance
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Budget
USD 0.039 million