

## GENERAL PROFILE: AFGHANISTAN

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2021

**Population**  
40.099 Millions

**Exchange rate**  
92.980 AFN/US\$

**GDP**  
17 878 Millions current US\$

**Land area<sup>1</sup>**  
(q) 652 230 km<sup>2</sup>

**CPI growth**  
5.13 %

**GDP growth**  
4.00 %

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

|                           | 2005   | 2010   | 2015   | 2021       |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Merchandise exports       | 384    | 388    | 571    | (e) 1 037  |
| Merchandise imports       | 2 471  | 5 154  | 7 723  | (e) 5 574  |
| Merchandise trade balance | -2 087 | -4 766 | -7 151 | (e) -4 537 |

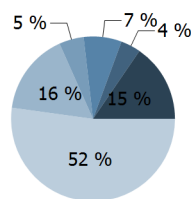
**+33.5 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2021

#### Export structure by product group in 2021

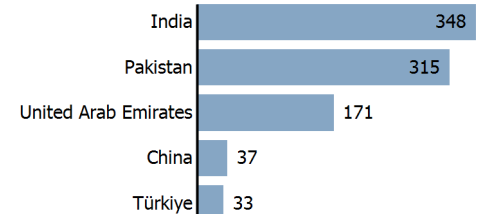
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Agricultural raw materials
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



#### Top 5 partners in 2021

(exports, millions of US\$)



### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

#### Total trade in services<sup>2</sup>

(millions of US\$)

|                        | 2005 | 2010  | 2015  | 2021 |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Services exports       | -    | 2 130 | 839   | -    |
| Services imports       | -    | 1 083 | 1 216 | -    |
| Services trade balance | -    | 1 047 | -377  | -    |

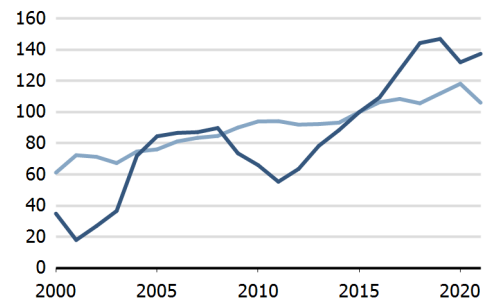
#### Services exports by main category<sup>2</sup>

(as % of total services)

|                | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2021 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Transport      | -    | 9.4  | 11.3 | -    |
| Travel         | -    | 3.5  | 9.5  | -    |
| Other services | -    | 87.1 | 79.3 | -    |

### TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



### ECONOMIC TRENDS

#### Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

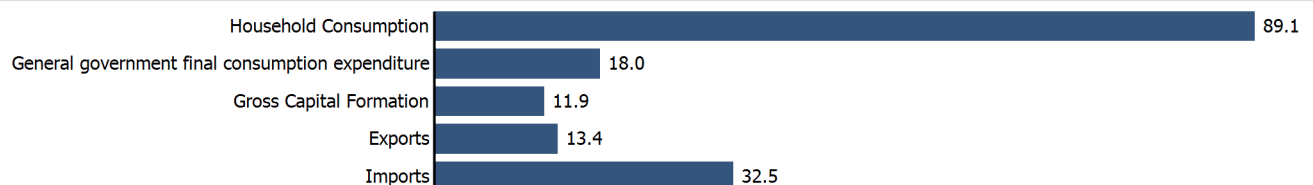
|                                   | 2005   | 2010   | 2015   | 2021   |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GDP, current                      | 6 221  | 14 699 | 18 713 | 17 878 |
| GDP per capita, current US\$      | 255    | 521    | 554    | 446    |
| Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %        | 7.51   | 5.25   | -1.42  | 4.00   |
| Current account balance, % of GDP | 29.96  | -3.93  | -22.41 | -      |
| Exchange rate (/US\$)             | 49.495 | 46.452 | 61.143 | 92.980 |

**+4.0 %**

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2021

#### GDP by expenditure in 2020

(as % of total GDP)



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## FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

|                                | 2005   | 2010  | 2015   | 2021  |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| FDI inflows                    | 271.00 | 54.20 | 169.15 | 20.60 |
| FDI outflows                   | 1.50   | -0.72 | 2.16   | 30.79 |
| Personal remittances, % of GDP | ..     | 2.57  | 1.86   | ..    |

**+0.2 %**

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2021

### Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



## TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

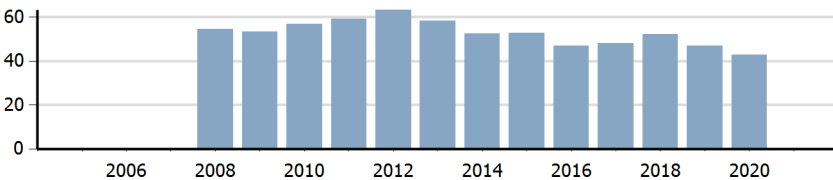
### Trade balance indicators<sup>2</sup>

(as % and index)

|                       | 2005 | 2010   | 2015   | 2021 |
|-----------------------|------|--------|--------|------|
| Balance, % of GDP     | -    | -21.81 | -37.65 | -    |
| Balance, % of imports | -    | -55.54 | -83.25 | -    |
| Normalized balance    | -    | -0.384 | -0.713 | -    |

### Trade openness<sup>2</sup>

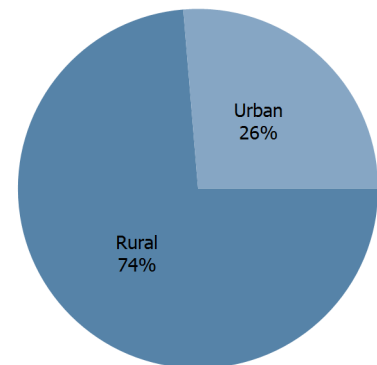
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



## LIVING AREA

### Population by living area in 2021

(% of population)



## OTHER INDICATORS

### Maritime transport indicators

|  | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)                 | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China) | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Container port throughput (TEU)                                  | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |

### Information economy indicators

(as % of)

|   | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2021 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Share of ICT goods, % of total exports        | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Share of ICT goods, % of total imports        | ..   | 0.37 | 0.16 | ..   |
| Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |

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Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2021

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## Notes:

- 1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- q Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

## Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. Not available or not separately reported
- Not applicable
- ... Not available, including no quotation
- # Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
- \*\*\* Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

## Abbreviations & acronyms:

- DWT: Dead weight tons
- FDI: Foreign direct investment
- GDP: Gross domestic product
- ICT: Information and communication technology
- TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
- US\$: United States dollar

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