**Afghanistan (2015)**

* Life Expectancy: = 50.49
* HDI rating = .468 (#169), female alone = 0.33, male alone = .549
* Infant mortality rate = 71
* Health Expenditure (% of GDP) 9.58
* Mean years of schooling = 3.21
* Expected years of schooling = 9.3
* Gross enrolment ration: primary (% of children of primary school age) = 97
* Gross enrolment ration: secondary(% of children of secondary school age) = 52
* Pupil-teacher ratio = 44
* GDP per Capita = 1,892.26
* Gender Inequality Index = .705
* Labour force participation rate: female = 15.7%, male = 79.7%
* Population in multidimensional poverty = 58.81%
* Share of working poor (less than $2 per day)= 73.6%
* Total population = 30.55 million
* %of urban population = 24%
* Religion: Islam
* Islamic State
* Capital City: Kabul
* Economic growth down 10% in 2014
* 1.6 million drug users (one of highest in the world)
* Opium production at record high in 2014
* Supplies 90% of world’s opium (ingredient in Heroin)
* Independence from Britain in 1919
* Communist coup (take-over) supported by Soviet Union in 1979 -withdraw in 1989
* Civil war 1989 – 1996 when Taliban gain control of Afghanistan
* Taliban sheltered Osama Bin Laden in 2001
* NATO withdrew in 2013 - control to Afgan Army
* 2004 – Hamid Karzai was first democratically elected president
* The Taliban – supported public executions for murder or adultery, amputations for theft, beards on men, burka (covering face) on women, banned TV, music, and cinema, stop girls from going to school after age 10
* Afghan team won a match in World Cup for Cricket for first time, against Scotland feb. 2015
* Kabul is in top 5 fasted growing cities in the world