



# Informal Settlement Profile: Sarak-e Bala Qala-e Zaman Khan

Kabul District, Kabul Province, Afghanistan  
November 2016



## Background

This profile provides an overview of conditions in the informal settlement **Sarak-e Bala Qala-e Zaman Khan**, located in Kabul district, Kabul province. This settlement is **urban** and its residents live in **full mud houses**.

## Key Figures

	Households (HH)	Individuals	Avg HH Size
<b>Current residents</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>6</b>
IDPs	170	1,020	6
Returnees	80	480	6

Size of settlement	2,684,800 sq m
Average area per person	1,790 sq m
Altitude	1,758 m

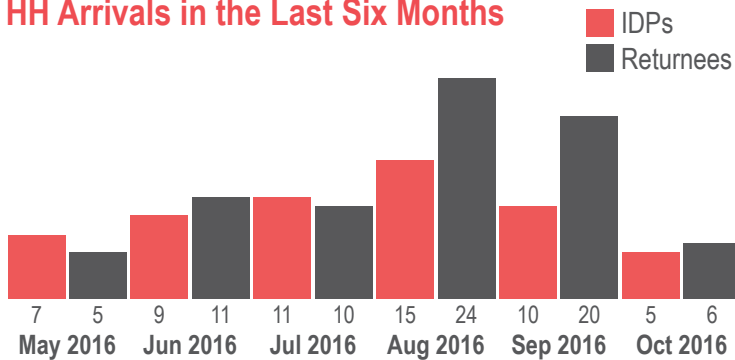
## Displacement

As an urban settlement, the residents of Sarak-e Bala rent privately owned houses dispersed amongst the Qala-e Zaman Khan neighbourhood. Households pay an average monthly fee of 4,500 Afghanis. Residents are ethnically diverse with 65% coming from Pashtun communities, 20% from Tajik populations, 14% from Hazara communities and 1% from Uzbek populations. Most IDPs previously lived in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunduz provinces, while all returnees travelled from Pakistan.

Initially, 26 IDP households moved to the site from Alingar, Laghman in 2012. In 2013, 30 IDP households from Rodat, Nangarhar arrived in the camp. In 2014, 25 households moved from Shinwar, Nangarhar. A fourth influx of 22 IDP households entered the settlement from Khanabad, Kunduz. The settlement has continued to expand throughout 2016, with a further 80 households returning from Peshawar, Pakistan and an additional 67 IDP households joining the site. However, since 2016, the settlement is no longer able to expand due to capacity issues.

Residents reportedly prefer to stay in Sarak-e Bala as they have formed a community with their families. There are also employment opportunities in the city, encouraging residents not to leave.

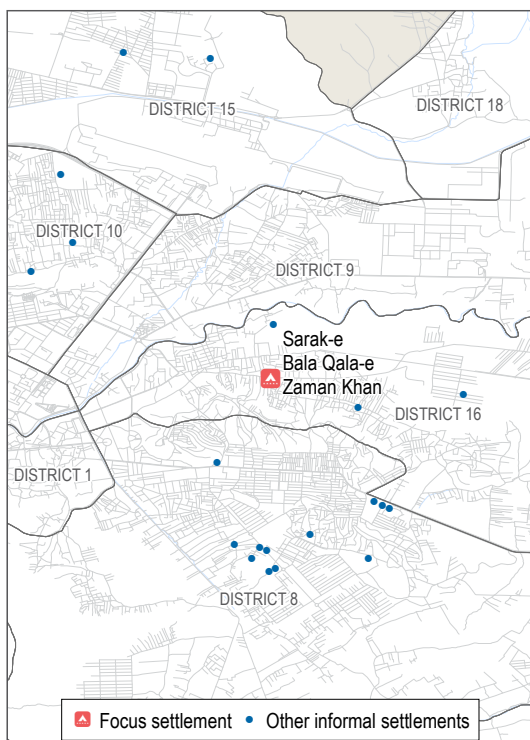
## HH Arrivals in the Last Six Months



## Previous Areas of Residence



## Location Map



## Informal Settlement Map

Lat. N 34.52628 Long. E 69.22405

