

Afghanistan: information on national emissions, population and GDP, and mitigation targets

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- Table with info on target (main and reclass; emissions from NDC; target quantis + plot).
- GWP: NDC emissions converted from AR2 to AR4 by national conversion factor (2010–2017, PRIMAP-hist v2.1).
- References!

1 Non-LULUCF emissions and socio-economic data

With national emissions of 34.0 Mt CO₂eq, Afghanistan contributed 0.07% to global emissions in 2017, and in 2030 its share is estimated to stay at a similar level (Table 1). The estimates for 2030 are based on the downscaled SSP2¹ Middle of the Road marker scenario (dmSSP2), in which Afghanistan is estimated to emit 43.7 Mt CO₂eq in 2030. That change in emissions would constitute a substantial increase of 28.4% compared to 2017. The pathways dmSSP1–5 show a range of 39.3–50.5 Mt CO₂eq in 2030, and 75.4–121.2 Mt CO₂eq in 2050. The country's global rank in terms of total emissions per unit of GDP² was 84 in 2017, and 198 regarding the per-capita emissions (99 and 201 in 2030). In terms of accumulated historical emissions, Afghanistan contributed to the global 1850–2017 emissions by 0.06%. When only accounting for the years 1990–2017, its contribution decreases to 0.05%. All of the emissions are presented

¹**SSPs:** Shared Socio-economic Pathways. Narratives and challenges to mitigation and adaptation: SSP1: Sustainability, Taking the Green Road (low / low); SSP2: Middle of the Road (medium / medium); SSP3: Regional Rivalry, A Rocky Road (high / high); SSP4: Inequality, A Road Divided (low / high); and SSP5: Fossil-fuelled Development, Taking the Highway (high / low).

²**GDP:** Gross Domestic Product. Throughout this document the GDP is given as GDP PPP, with PPP being the Purchasing Power Parity.

following GWP AR4³, and exclude emissions from LULUCF⁴ (exclLU), and bunkers fuels⁵ emissions (exclBunkers).

Table 1: National emissions (dmSSP2), GDP and population for Afghanistan, together with the emissions per unit of GDP and per capita emissions (all for 2017 and 2030). Additionally, the global share and its rank are displayed.

	Year	Total	Unit	Glob. share	Rank
Emissions	2017	34.0	Mt CO ₂ eq	0.07%	101
	2030	43.7	Mt CO ₂ eq	0.07%	103
GDP	2017	70.1	Billion 2011 GK\$	0.06%	94
	2030	138.9	Billion 2011 GK\$	0.07%	91
Emissions per GDP	2017	0.4	t CO ₂ eq / Thousand 2011 GK\$	0.4%	84
	2030	0.3	t CO ₂ eq / Thousand 2011 GK\$	0.4%	99
Population	2017	36.3	Million Pers	0.4%	39
	2030	49.7	Million Pers	0.6%	32
Emissions per capita	2017	0.9	t CO ₂ eq / Pers	0.06%	198
	2030	0.9	t CO ₂ eq / Pers	0.05%	201

For Afghanistan, in 2017 the main emissions share on sectoral level (Fig. 1) came from the Agriculture sector (44.9%), followed by Energy (41.7%), and Waste (12.3%). The Kyoto GHG⁶ with the highest emissions in 2017 was CH₄, constituting 44.0% of the national emissions. Second largest contributor was CO₂ (40.1%), followed by N₂O (15.9%). The total of F-gases⁷ only represented 0.0%. The total CO₂ emissions are expected to be 44.4% of the national Kyoto GHG emissions in 2030 (dmSSP2).

The national GDP increased in recent years, and the emissions per unit of GDP had an opposite trend (Fig. 2). The population increased, while the per capita emissions dropped. Following dmSSP2, the GDP is projected to increase towards 2050. The emissions per GDP are estimated to decrease towards 2050. Afghanistan's population is assumed to grow towards 2050, and the per capita emissions are expected to increase towards 2050.

2 LULUCF emissions

LULUCF emissions data for Afghanistan are available from the following sources (Fig. 3): FAO (2019).

High fluctuations? Data gaps? Difference between sources?

³**Global Warming Potential (GWP)**: we use GWP values from the IPCC 4th Assessment Report (AR4). They reflect the forcing potential of one kilogram of a gas' emissions in comparison to one kilogram of CO₂ (GWP_{CO2} = 1). The GWPs correspond to a 100-yr period and are for CH₄: 25, for N₂O: 298, for SF₆: 22800, and for NF₃: 17200. For the basket of HFC-gases the GWPs from AR4 are in the range 4–14800, and for PFCs 7190–12200. To assess emissions of several GHGs, their emissions are weighted by their respective GWPs and presented in CO₂ equivalents (CO₂eq).

⁴**LULUCF**: Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry. Emissions from LULUCF are excluded throughout the document, unless stated otherwise.

⁵**Bunkers fuels**: emissions from international aviation and shipping.

⁶**Kyoto GHG** (Greenhouse Gas) basket: carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃).

⁷**F-gases** (fluorinated gases): basket of HFCs, PFCs, and the gases SF₆ and NF₃. Some F-gases have very long atmospheric lifetimes and high Global Warming Potentials.

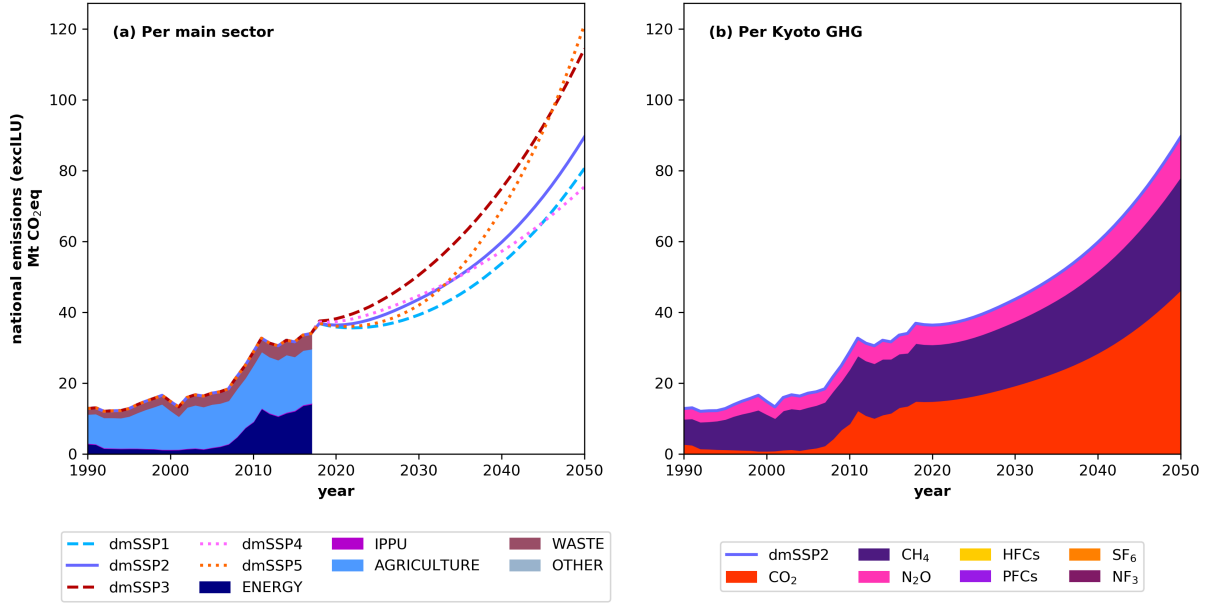


Figure 1: 'Stacked' timeseries of national emissions (exclLU) per main-sector (a) and Kyoto GHG (b). No information available on the sectoral contributions after 2017.

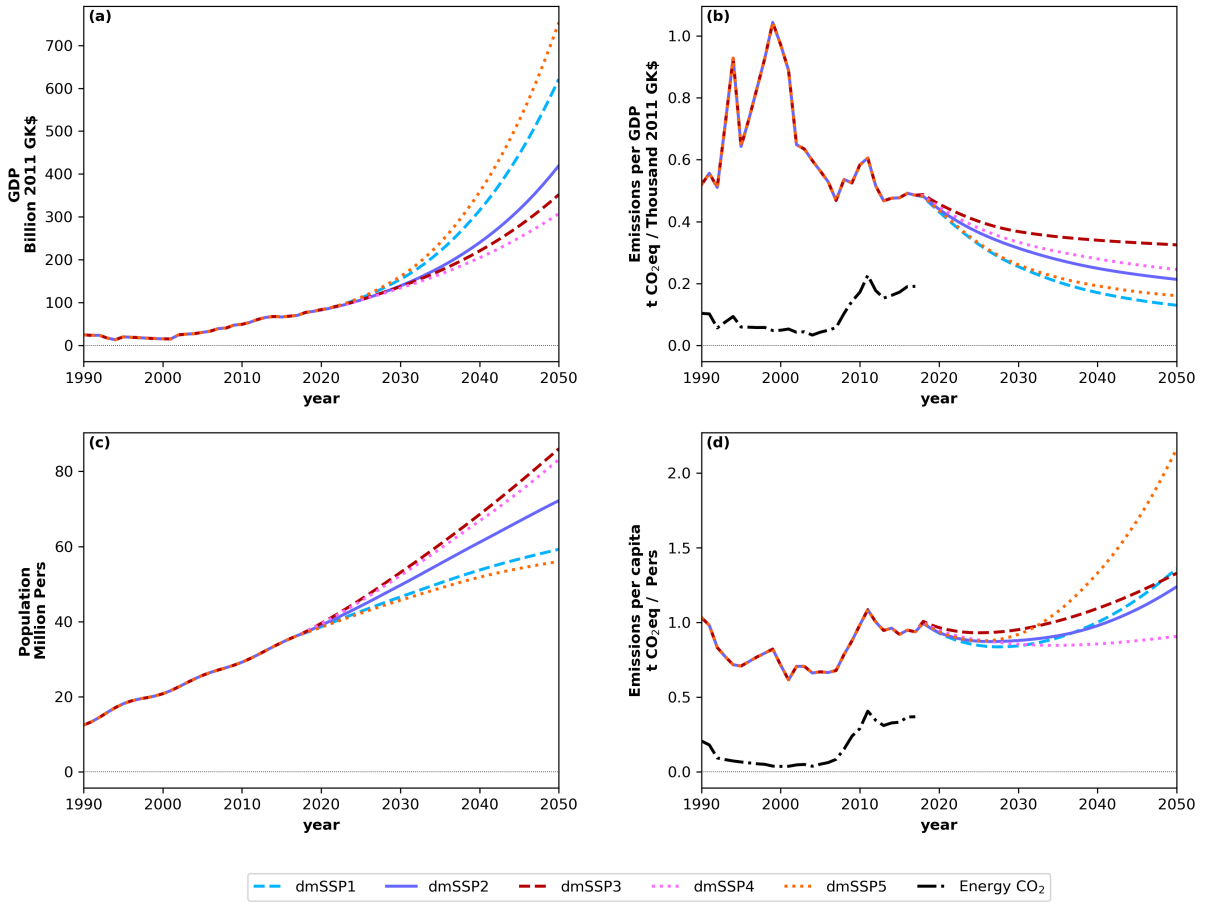


Figure 2: Timeseries of national GDP (a) and population (c), and Kyoto GHG emissions (exclLU, exclBunkers) per unit of GDP (b) or per capita (d).

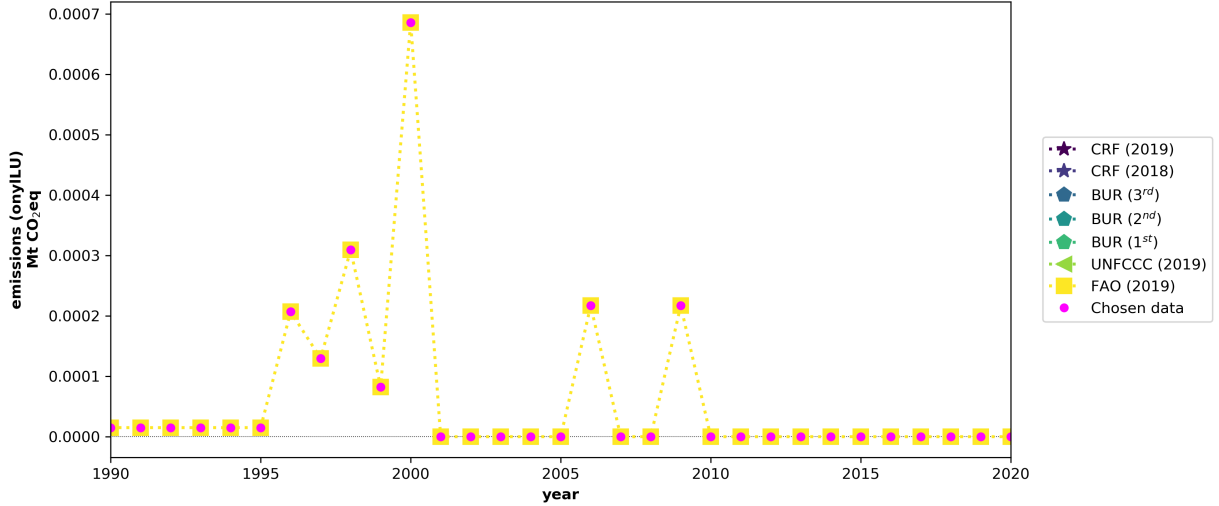


Figure 3: Timeseries of emissions from LULUCF (CO₂ plus CH₄ and N₂O) as available from different data-sources. Indicated in pink are the 'chosen' data, as used in our assessment of Afghanistan's NDC (if needed). The pink timeseries was inter- and / or extrapolated (interpolation: linear, extrapolation: constant).

3 Mitigation targets (NDC)

Give the %cov for the base and target year (and 2017). Global share for 2030 for the mitigated pathways and % reduction relative to 1990 and 2017. Table with the 'input' data and the resulting targets (like `ndcs_targets.csv`). Afghanistan has an NDC, with a GHG mitigation target of the type RBU (relative reduction compared to Business-As-Usual; main target type). The reclassified⁸ target type is ABS (absolute emissions target).

Table 2: Information on Afghanistan's GHG mitigation target(s).

type	condi.	range	value	tarYr	LU
RBU	condi.	best	-3.3%	2025	exclLU
RBU	condi.	best	-13.6%	2030	exclLU
RBU	condi.	best	-2.6%	2025	inclLU
RBU	condi.	best	-10.2%	2030	inclLU
ABS	condi.	best	40.29 Mt CO ₂ eq SAR	2025	exclLU
ABS	condi.	best	42.70 Mt CO ₂ eq SAR	2030	exclLU
ABS	condi.	best	51.80 Mt CO ₂ eq SAR	2025	inclLU
ABS	condi.	best	54.79 Mt CO ₂ eq SAR	2030	inclLU

4 Data sources and references

PRIMAP-hist v2.1: emissions from PRIMAP-hist are data from the country reported data priority scenario (HISTCR).

⁸**Reclassification:** when a country has, e.g., an RBU target (relative reduction compared to Business-As-Usual), and the BAU emissions are provided, it can be quantified based on the given emissions, and is reclassified from type_main RBU to type_reclass ABS (absolute emissions target). Additionally, 'NGT' targets can be reclassified as 'ABU' (absolute reduction compared to Business-As-Usual) if absolute mitigation effects due to planned policies and measures are provided.

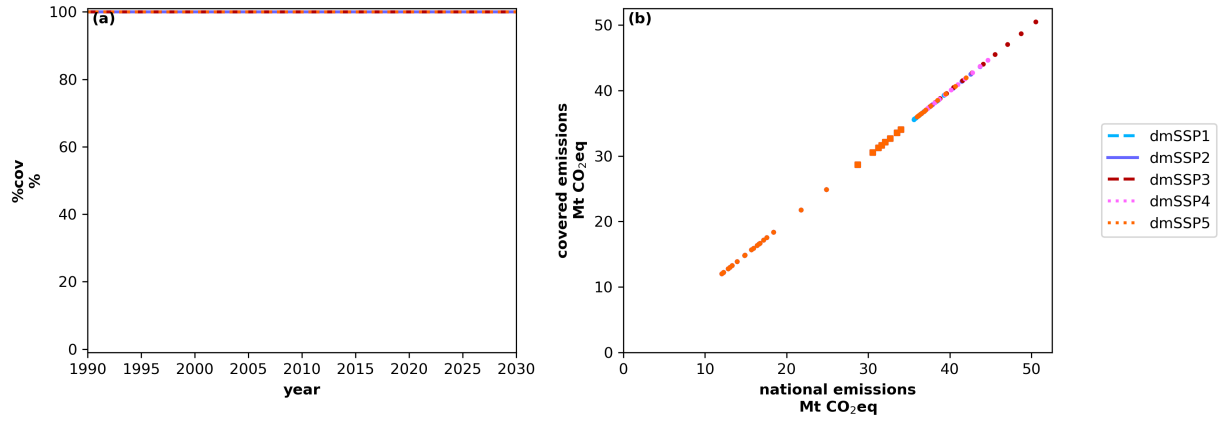


Figure 4: Timeseries of Afghanistan's national emissions (exclLU) and the share of emissions that is assumed to be covered by Afghanistan's mitigation target.

Table 3: Information on covered sectors and gases as retrieved from NDC and adapted ('Adap.': used to calculate %cov), and their shares in Afghanistan's 2017 emissions (exclLU, exclBunkers; total 34.0 Mt CO₂eq). If either the sector or gas is assessed as 'not-covered', the emissions from this sector-gas combination are counted as not-covered (-). Else the emissions are counted as covered (+; covered shares given in bold). (/) means that no information is available. LULUCF: NDC '/' and adapted '-' (estimated as a net source of 0.0 Mt CO₂eq in 2017; based on the 'chosen' LULUCF emissions).

	NDCs	Adap.	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	NF ₃	Total
NDCs			+	+	+	/	/	/	/	
Adap.			+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Energy	+	+	39.3%	2.1%	0.2%	/	/	/	/	41.7%
IPPU	+	+	0.8%	/	0.0%	/	/	/	/	0.8%
Agri.	+	+	0.0%	30.5%	14.5%	/	/	/	/	44.9%
Waste	+	+	/	11.4%	0.9%	/	/	/	/	12.3%
Other	/	+	/	/	0.3%	/	/	/	/	0.3%
Total			40.1%	44.0%	15.9%	/	/	/	/	100.0%

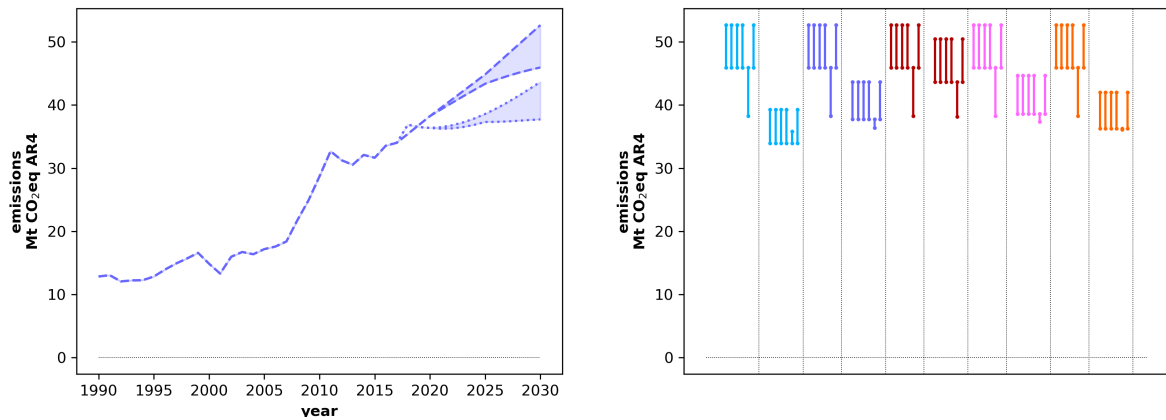


Figure 5: Quantified mitigation targets (based on different input data and calculation options). Vertical lines: conditionality / range; colour coded: dmSSP1-5; first / second set of six: prio NDCs / SSPs; set of six: coverage 100, lulucf unfccc, lulucf fao, bl uncondi, const emi, estimated coverage.