

Table 1 Frequency distribution of demographic characteristics of the study participants

Variable ^a	Females		Males		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age (years)						
25-34	211	39.7	248	43.5	459	41.7
35-44	190	35.8	96	16.8	286	26.0
45-54	95	17.9	117	20.5	212	19.3
55+	35	6.6	109	19.1	144	13.1
Residence						
District 1	54	9.2	144	23.6	198	16.6
District 2	118	20.2	21	3.4	139	11.6
District 3	186	31.8	92	15.1	278	23.3
District 4	65	11.1	296	48.6	361	30.2
District 5	162	27.7	56	9.2	218	18.3
Educational level						
Illiterate	514	88.3	276	45.9	790	66.8
Primary/unofficial education	32	5.5	133	22.1	165	13.9
Secondary school	30	5.2	133	22.1	163	13.8
University and above	6	1.0	59	9.8	65	5.5
Monthly income (Afghanis^b)						
≤ 10 000	280	47.9	465	76.1	745	62.0
10 000-20 000	18	3.1	25	4.1	43	4.0
≥ 20 000	34	5.8	1	0.2	35	3.0
Refused	252	43.2	118	19.4	370	31.0
Work status						
Government employee	18	3.1	113	18.6	131	11.0
Private business	1	0.2	101	16.7	102	8.6
Farmer/manual worker	3	0.5	286	47.2	289	24.3
Working in house	517	88.8	0	0.0	517	43.5
Unable to work/retired	2	0.3	101	16.7	103	8.7
Refused	41	16.7	5	0.8	46	3.9
Marital status						
Single	32	5.5	66	10.8	98	8.3
Married	514	88.0	534	87.7	1048	88.3
Other	32	5.5	8	0.2	40	3.4

^aMissing values in some categories; ^b\$US 1 = 57 Afghanis at the time of the study.