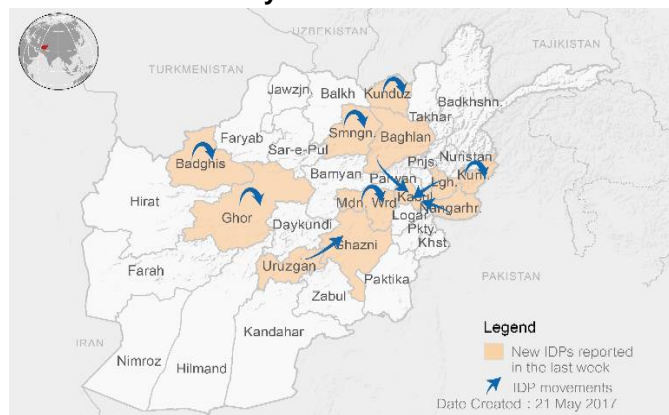


# Afghanistan Weekly Field Report



Week of 14 to 21 May 2017



## Countrywide Conflict Displacement

**2017:** As of 21 May, 101,380 individuals have been displaced in Afghanistan in 2017 with 29 provinces recording some level of forced displacement. This is a 37 percent decrease compared to in 2016 (160,195).

**Northern/North Eastern:** Clashes between government forces and NSAGs increased during the past week in Kunduz, Faryab and Samangan provinces. The government forces regained Qala-e-Zal district. During the week reportedly 26,110 individuals have been displaced within areas of Qala-e-Zal, Kunduz-Khanabad road to Kunduz city and Khanabad district centre. Since January 2017, 40,570 individuals have been displaced in the region, 40 percent of the country.

**Southern:** Clashes between NSAGs and government forces continued in Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul. In Uruzgan, 2,100 individuals have been reportedly displaced to Tirinkot city. New IDPs are reported in Kandahar city from Miyanishin and Spinboldak in Kandahar province. Assessments are underway in both cases. So far in 2017, 33,512 individuals have been displaced in the South and South Eastern region, 33 percent of the total displaced.

**Western:** In Farah, NSAGs warned farmers to speed up the collection of the agriculture crops as they are preparing to attack government facilities, the attack and counter-attack by government forces will destroy the crops at the time of harvesting. In Badghis, 1,400 individuals displaced from vicinity of provincial capital to Qala-e-Naw city due to arm clashes between government forces and NSAGs. Assessments are ongoing. In 2017, 9,010 individuals have been displaced due to conflict in the region.

**Eastern:** Clashes continued between NSAGs and government forces across the region during the past week. In Nangarhar 4,200 individuals were displaced from Chaparhar district as intra-NSAGs clashes continued. In Mehtarlam and Alishang of Laghman 1,078 individuals were displaced to Mehtarlam city, due to military clashes between government and NSAGs. Cross border shelling from Pakistan in Sarkani district, Kunar, displaced 210 individuals. 66 artillery shells were fired on Khas Kunar of Kunar and Lal Pur district of Nangarhar. Eastern region recorded 12,329 verified IDPs since the start of the year; around 12 percent of those displaced.

**Central:** Clashes between government forces and NSAGs

increased during the past week. In Ghazni, Waghaz district centre was temporarily overrun by NSAGs. The area is now back under ANSF control, no reported humanitarian consequences. 2,000 individuals have reportedly been displaced from Khas Uruzgan of Uruzgan to Jaghori and Malistan districts of Ghazni due to military operations. 1,389 individuals have arrived in Kabul city, displaced from Baghlan and Nangarhar due to clashes between NSAGs and government forces. 1,092 individuals have been displaced due to clashes between NSAGs and government forces from Nerkh and Jalrez districts in Maydan Wardak to the provincial capital Maydan Shahar. Assessments are underway for all the reported IDPs.

## Refugees and Returnees

A total of 4,564 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham border crossing from 14-20 May, a 3% increase from the previous week, bringing the year total to 59,985. Since 1 January, 133,544 undocumented Afghans have also returned from Iran bringing the total returnee population in 2017 to 193,529.

As of 20 May, 24,073 registered Afghans have returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan, Iran and other countries since the UNHCR Repatriation programme resumed in early April. Over 98 percent of all registered refugees returning to Afghanistan in 2017 are coming from Pakistan.

## Ongoing Response Activities\* (please see page 2)

**Southern:** In Kandahar city, WFP, DACAAR, UNICEF and NRC provided cash, food, latrine and bathing space to 1,204 IDPs from Nesh district of Kandahar, furthermore, WFP, DACAAR, UNICEF and NRC will provide cash, food, latrine and bathing space to 1,449 more IDPs from Nesh in the current week.

**Western:** In Badghis, NRC, IRC and UNICEF provided cash, hygiene kits and latrine to 1,316 IDPs, while ARAA (UNHCR IP) and WFP provided food and NFIs to 77 IDPs.

**Eastern:** In Nangarhar and Kunar, DRA/IRC, NRC and WFP distributed cash and food to 749 IDPs. In Nangarhar, IOM/UNICEF, DRA/IRC, DRA/SCI, SVA, DRA/Oxfam, WHO and UNFPA distributed hygiene and NFIs, cash, drinking water to returnees.

## Central:

In Kabul, DRC and CARE provided cash to 119 IDPs from. In Khost, WFP distributed food to 20,300 Pakistani refugees. In Paktya, OHD/WFP distributed food to 1,743 undocumented returnees while in Ghazni, DRC, ANDMA and DoRR provided cash assistance to 581 IDPs from Khas Uruzgan.

## Access Constraints and Security Incidents

**Eastern:** Last week, an army checkpoint near the Transit Centre in Torkham was attacked and eight IOM construction company workers were wounded, one critically.

### Key dates

- WR Badghis OCT meeting (22.05)
- CR Kabul WASH Cluster meeting (23.05)
- ER Nangarhar ES/NFIs cluster meeting (23.05)
- CR Kabul ICCT meeting (23.05)
- CR Kabul Nutrition Cluster meeting (24.05)
- WR Hirat Wash cluster meeting (25.05)

## Coordination Saves Lives

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## Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in April and May 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in April and May 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)	
					Apr- May 2017	2017
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	608	DRC, CARE, PIN	812	5,959
		Cash for food	155	DRC		
		Family kits	672	IRC		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	175	CARE		
	FSAC	Cash for food	314	DRC, PIN		
		Food Package	2,499	DRC, PIN, WFP		
	WASH	Other	63	CARE		
Central Highland	ESNFI	Cash	28	UNHCR		
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	3,852	DRC, NRC, SCI	1,038	12,329
		NFI Kits (Complete)	263	SCI, UNHCR		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,889	DRC, NRC		
		Food Package	2,016	NRC, WFP		
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	8,876	DRC, ACTED, NRC, PIN	13,657	26,404
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,701	NRC, SCI		
	FSAC	Cash for food	7,665	DRC, ACTED, NRC, WFP		
		Food Package	2,912	WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	10,577	DRC, ACTED, DACAAR, SCI		
Northern	ESNFI	Cash	2,058	NRC	5,744	14,166
		NFI Kits (Complete)	805	SCI		
	FSAC	Cooked food / bread	245	PIN		
		Food Package	3,703	PIN, WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	1,092	NRC		
	Souther Eastern	Other	Unconditional cash	1,078		
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	3,421	DRC, ACF, NRC	3,421	29,235
		Cash for food	96	ACF		
	FSAC	Food Package	11,567	WFP		
		Emergency latrines	357	DACAAR		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,449	UNICEF		
Western	ESNFI	Cash	3,548	DRC, ACF, NRC	4,122	9,010
		NFI Kits (Complete)	3,231	DRC, ARAA, IRC, NRC, UNHCR, UNICEF		
	FSAC	Cash for food	3,375	DRC, ACF, NRC		
		Food Package	601	DRC, ARAA, UNHCR, WFP		
	Health	Other	484	NRC		
	Other	Unconditional cash	231	DRC		
		Chlorine	197	IRC		
		Emergency latrines	1,514	IRC, NRC		
		Hygiene education	2,409	DACAAR, IRC		
		Hygiene kits	1,935	DACAAR, IRC, UNHCR, UNICEF		
		Water treatment tablet	974	IRC		

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 21 May 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).