

## AFGHANISTAN

### KHOST & PAKTIKA SITUATION UPDATE

22 October 2014

#### 1. KHOST & PAKTIKA UPDATE



Displacement of refugees from North Waziristan and South Waziristan Agency into Khost and Paktika provinces continues. As the situation is prolonged, UNHCR with support from TLO conducted focus group discussions with both refugee families and host communities, including men and women to get a better understanding of the needs and priorities of the populations in Khost and Paktika.

From these discussions, shelter has emerged as a priority as well as food, health, winterization and WASH. The findings indicate access to food and the rising cost of food stocks are a major

concern for both the refugees and hosting communities. Having exhausted their resources helping the displaced population, host communities are now beginning to ask for food and nutrition support. As a result affected populations have reported that in an effort to cut food costs, many are preparing only one meal per day.

Some of the displaced population have livestock, which can be an important source of nutrition and income, but given the approaching winter, diminishing availability of shelter and rising food prices, it may be difficult to maintain the livestock. Others are living under pine nut trees, which is preventing the host population from harvesting pine nuts and adversely impacts their livelihoods. Other refugees are sheltering in area poultry farms which is also disrupting production and affecting the availability and cost of poultry and meat.

In addition to a reduction in food supply and rising prices, there is the challenge in ensuring families are able to receive food and access distribution points particularly in the winter months. This will be particularly challenging for areas in which UNHCR and partners have limited access and families will have to travel greater distances to access distributions.

#### 2.1 PROTECTION CONCERNS

UNHCR has initiated a tent-to-tent survey and verification exercise in Gulan camp to gain a better understanding of the population and needs. As of 18 October, the teams had surveyed 262 family compounds with a total of 1,250 families or 7,093 individuals. There were 1,079 tents with 1,250 adult males (18%), 1,391 adult females (20%) and 4,452 children (63%). This exercise is ongoing and currently represents approximately one-third of the population.

This situation update provides a snapshot of the inter-agency regional humanitarian response in full coordination with host Governments and partners across the region.

All four boreholes in the camp are operational and are providing as estimated 300,000 litres per eight hours. UNHCR has stopped water trucking to the camp this past week, as the boreholes are positioned to ensure that no family living in the camp has to walk more than 200 metres for water.

## 2.2 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE - SINCE 18 JUNE 2014

- Food Assistance: WFP & partners have distributed one-month food rations to 29,260 families in Khost and Paktika with ongoing distributions; HNITPO & IMC are providing treatment for 572 children and 544 pregnant and lactating women for moderate and severe malnutrition in both provinces; UNICEF has supported 29 Outpatient centres to address severe acute malnutrition
- Health: WHO, UNICEF & IMC supported vaccinations for 47,280 children <10 in Khost and Paktika against polio with ongoing campaigns within districts. HNITPO has set-up 3 mobile clinics in Khost and UNICEF/IMC have set-up two mobile clinics in Paktika
- Mine Risk Reduction: MACCA/UNMAS partners Halo Trust and MDC have cleared 269,158 m<sup>2</sup> and; ARCS, OMAR and MDC have provided mine/ERW risk education to 24,306 individuals.
- NFIs: CARE, IOM, IRC, NRC and UNHCR distributed NFIs to 20,139 families
- Tents: CARE, IOM, IRC and UNHCR distributed tents to 10,264 families
- WASH: IRC distributed 440 emergency latrines & hygiene kits; DAACAR has provided materials to build 283 latrines in host communities and is providing clean drinking water in communities; 4 wells have been drilled in Gulan Camp and water is being trucked in to the camp
- SGBV & Women's Health: UNFPA distributed 850 dignity kits and delivered two reproductive health kits to clinics to support 10,000 people

## 3. NEXT STEPS

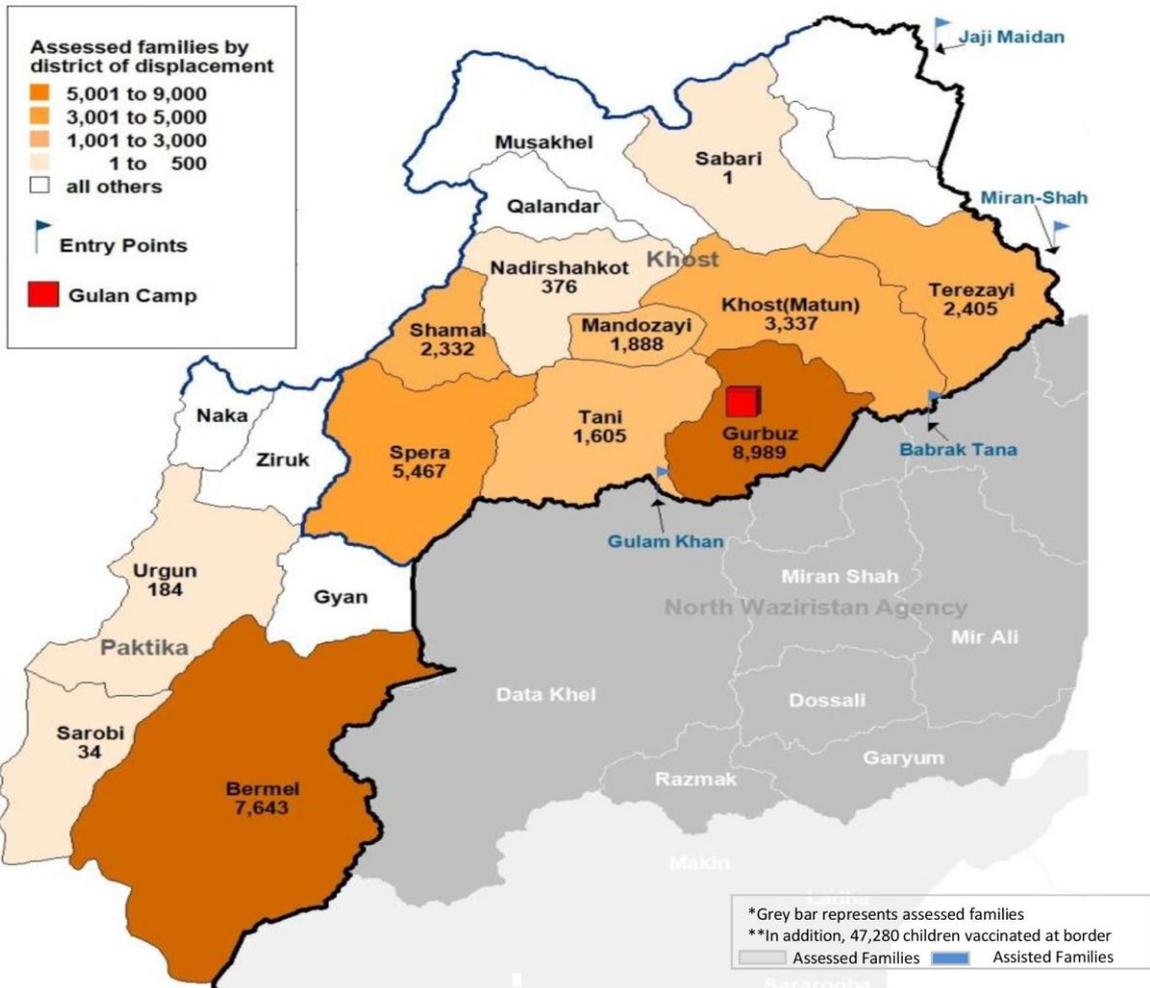
Wednesday 29 October 2014: Kabul Task Force Meeting 14h00 UNHCR Compound, Kabul

Agencies operating on the ground are encouraged to continue to provide updates regarding their planned and completed activities to ensure information is up-to-date and accurate for coordination and reporting purposes.

### Summary

In mid-June, following military operations in North Waziristan Agency, Pakistan, families began crossing into Khost and Paktika provinces, Afghanistan. Many families left suddenly, with few belongings and settled in host communities, or Gulan camp, Gurboz district, Khost. UNHCR and partners have been on the ground since the situation began, conducting assessments, delivering assistance and coordinating response efforts. Food, water, sanitation, shelter, health and mine clearance continue to be urgent priorities.

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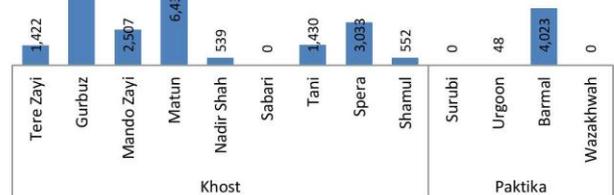
Mine Cleared Area and Vaccination Campaign Coverage for Refugee Children

24,360 people received Mine risk awareness education and 269,158 square metres have cleared.

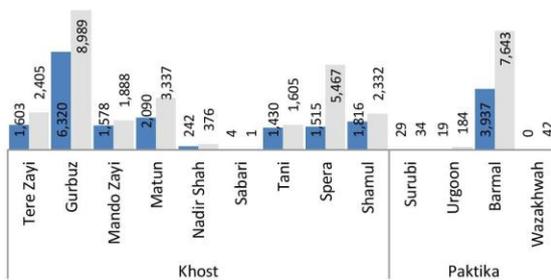
47,280 children vaccinated at the border – ongoing Campaigns in Khost and Paktika province

Families Assisted with Food

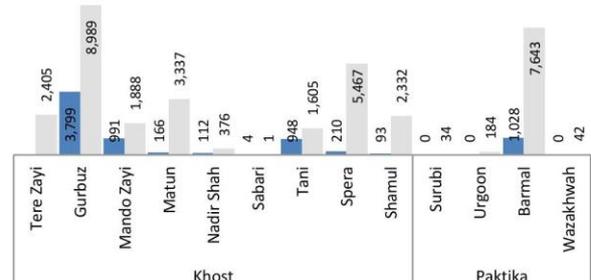
WFP distribution represents total food distributions since June 2014



Families Assisted with NFIs



Families Assisted with Tents



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