



1. Khost & Paktika Situation Update

UNHCR, APA and DoRR recently completed initial assessments of the displaced population in Paktika province and estimated that there are currently 6,375 families. The majority are in Barmal district and are in a similar situation to displaced families living in Khost. Initial observations indicate that many refugee families are living within host communities, while some are out in the open.

Although access is limited in Paktika province and many families are scattered in Barmal district, UNHCR, WFP and partners have already distributed NFIs and food rations to 1,900 families in Paktika. UNHCR has staff on the ground coordinating response efforts in Paktika with OCHA and the Deputy's Governor's office. Partners like APA and ORCD are making it possible for much needed assistance to reach vulnerable families.

IMC recently completed a WASH assessment in Paktika and found that due to overcrowding in host families' spaces and shelters, many WASH facilities do not meet standard hygiene and health requirements, while access to latrines is limited and the current water storage capacity is inadequate. IMC is also working with UNICEF in supporting DoPH to provide health services through two clinics and an outreach programme, which has reached over 4,700 individuals.

2.1 Protection Concerns

On the Pakistan side, UNHCR has distributed NFI kits to nearly 30,000 displaced IDP families. However, concerns regarding the ability to reach vulnerable

households as well as sufficient female staff at Grievance desks during the registration process remain. In addition, there are many IDPs living in schools, which poses a challenge as the school year begins in September.

On the Afghanistan side, although assessments, coordination and distribution of assistance is ongoing in Paktika, there is a concern given the security situation and limited access. Training of refugee and host community households as well as community leaders is needed to mitigate health risks. Food continues to be a significant concern for both provinces, while reaching host communities to ensure they can continue to provide the same level of support requires time and resources.

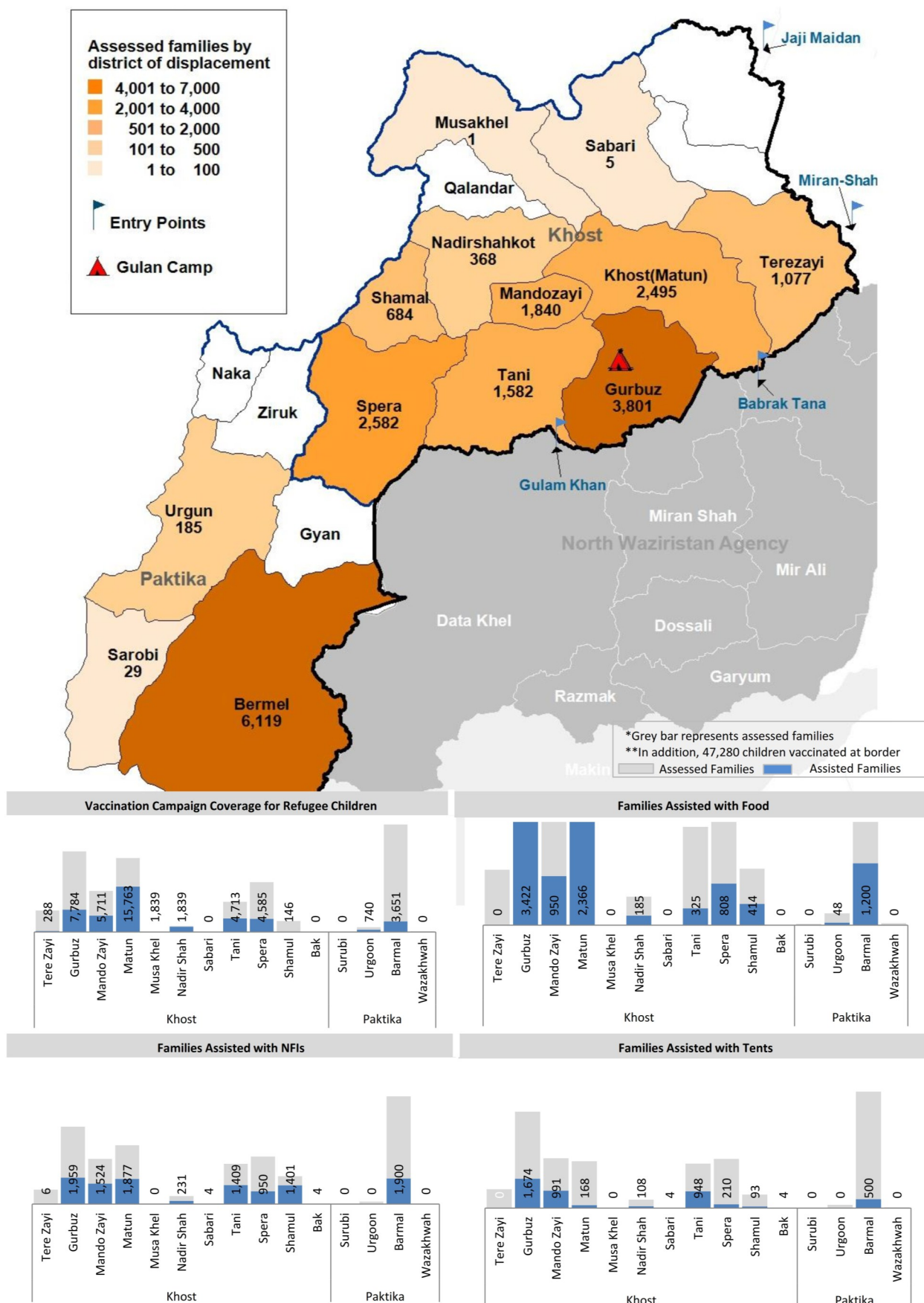
2.2 Humanitarian Response - since 18 June 2014

- **Food Assistance:** WFP & partners distributed one-month food rations to 8,470 families in Khost and 1,900 in Paktika; HNITPO & IMC are providing treatment for 182 children for moderate and severe malnutrition in both provinces
- **Health:** WHO, UNICEF & IMC vaccinated 34,715 children <10 in Khost & 12,565 children in 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:** 68,118 m² in Gulan camp; UNMAS and MACCA partners, ARCS & OMAR have provided mine/ERW risk education to 10,966 persons
- **NFIs:** IOM, IRC, NRC and UNHCR distributed NFIs to 9,214 families
- **Tents:** IOM, IRC and UNHCR distributed tents to 4,236 families
- **WASH:** IRC distributed 413 emergency latrines & hygiene kits; 2 boreholes are being drilled in Gulan Camp and water is being trucked in
- **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 20 August 2014: Kabul Task Force Meeting 14h00 UNHCR Compound, Kabul

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



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Cover photo: Distribution of food and NFIs, Paktika province Credit: ORCD
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