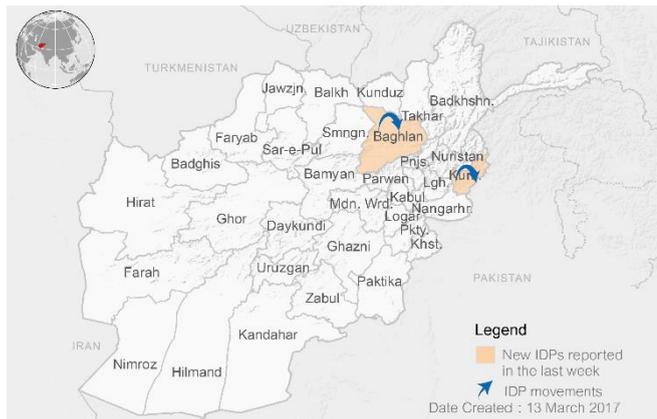


Week of 5 to 11 March 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

The total number of individuals displaced by conflict in 2016 has risen again slightly from last week to 653,294 as joint teams finalise assessments of those displaced last year.

In 2017 so far, 26,089 individuals have been verified as displaced, with 21 provinces recording some level of forced displacement. The provinces of highest displacement so far are Nangarhar, Kandahar, Faryab, Hilmand and Zabul.

Northern/North Eastern: Military clashes continue to incrementally rise each week with the improving weather conditions. In particular, fighting in Kunduz and Baghlan is reported to have displaced up to 3,500 unverified individuals in the past week, with assessments ongoing. Elsewhere, 196 IDPs were verified in Badakhshan, and 238 verified in Takhar.

Eastern: Cross-border shelling continued in Kunar, with 66 mortar rounds reported between 6-8 March, with some impacting residential areas. Government clearance operations also concluded in Nangarhar. 3,000 unverified IDPs were reported from both provinces, with assessments ongoing. The temporary re-opening of Torkham border also saw up to 20,000 Afghans (mostly temporary travellers) returning from Pakistan, although numbers are difficult to confirm.

Central: Ongoing clashes in Kapisa and Parwan continue to cause displacement, with 511 IDPs verified by assessments in Kapisa and 244 in Parwan. In Daykundi, heavy snowfall has affected 308 individuals with some homes destroyed, in addition to a small caseload in Bamyán.

Western: The overall security situation remains volatile, with armed clashes concentrated largely in Farah province and Shindand district in Hirat. Intensified fighting in Balabaluk district, Farah, has reportedly resulted in the displacement of up to 5,000 unverified individuals, mostly to neighboring villages. Assessments are ongoing. Smaller caseloads of IDPs were reported from various districts in Badghis and Ghor.

Southern: Conflict continues to intensify across the region, signaling a potentially severe fighting season ahead. Displacement remains relatively low, but may dramatically increase if fighting expands. Recent assessments verified 672 IDPs in Hilmand, 287 in Zabul, 4,249 in Uruzgan, and 1,365 in Kandahar. In Nimroz, 1,813 individuals have been verified displaced from recent heavy flooding, with another 3,493 unverified reported, who are currently being assessed.

Refugees and Returnees

The Torkham and Spin Boldak borders remained closed, with

the exception of a two-day reopening for travelers with documents on 7 and 8 March. During that time, IOM reported that 264 undocumented Afghans returned or were deported from Pakistan. The total number of undocumented returnees for 2017 is now 9,905.

UNHCR's repatriation program is scheduled to resume on 1 April 2017 following the winter pause.

Ongoing Response Activities* (please see page 2)

Northern/North Eastern: In Faryab, NRC and SCI provided cash and NFIs to 396 individuals affected by snowfall, and ANDMA, SCI and NCA provided cash, NFIs and tents to 14 landslide affected individuals. In Jawzjan, WFP, IOM and SCI distributed food and NFIs to 868 snowfall-affected individuals, and in Balkh, PIN, NRC, CARE, WFP and IOM provided food, cash, NFIs and winter assistance to 2,184 snowfall-affected individuals.

Eastern: For IDPs, RI provided cash to 658 individuals in Kunar; WFP, CWSA, DRC and NRC provided cash, food and NFIs to 3,038 individuals in Nangarhar, and CWS provided 35 individuals with cash in Laghman. For natural disaster-affected families, RI and NRC distributed cash to 462 individuals in Kunar and Nangarhar. For returnees, WFP commenced food distribution targeting 20,000 individuals, and CWSA, NCRO, DRA/IRC, NPO/RRAA, PU-AMI, IR, NRC, DRC, WHO, UNFPA, AADA, IOM and UNICEF provided cash, tents, NFIs, hygiene kits, winter kits, vaccines and health services, in addition to transport services from Torkham border.

Central: In Parwan, DRC and DACAAR provided cash, NFIs and WASH supplies to 224 IDPs, and in Kabul, UNHCR provided blankets to 672 returnees and hygiene kits to 756 IDPs and 2,331 returnees.

Western: In Hirat, DRC, NRC and DACAAR provided NFIs, cash, WASH supplies and winter kits to 280 IDPs, and WFP and IOM commenced distribution of food and NFIs to 434 natural disaster-affected individuals. In Ghor, ACF and WFP provided cash and food to 280 IDPs. In Badghis, NRC, IRC, UNICEF and WFP commenced distribution of food, NFIs, winter kits and WASH supplies to 647 IDPs.

Southern: In Zabul, WFP provided food to 4,165 natural disaster-affected individuals, and UNICEF provided 4,025 with NFIs. In Hilmand, ACF provided 672 IDPs with cash, and in Nimroz, ANDMA, RI, IOM and ARCS provided cash, food, hygiene kits and tents to 1,813 flood-affected IDPs.

Access Constraints and Security Incidents

Western: On 28 February, two DoPH supervisors attending a vaccination training workshop were abducted in Anardara district, Farah. They were released following negotiations.

Central: The complex attack on the Sardar Daud Khan hospital in Kabul on 8 March killed dozens, including patients and health workers. In January 2017 alone, there were 26 attacks on health workers and facilities country-wide.

Southern: Insecurity for all road access to Tirin Kot, Uruzgan, is currently preventing delivery of commodities for a response to IDPs displaced for more than two months. An alternative cash response is also hindered due to ongoing lack of flights.

Key dates

- CR ES/NFI Cluster Meeting (14.03)
- ER Jalalabad Returnee Response Coordination Meeting (15.03)
- WR Hirat WASH Cluster Meeting (16.03)

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in February and March 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted Since February and March 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)		
					Feb-Mar 2017	2016 and Jan-Mar 2017	
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	451	DRC	196	36,861	
		Family kits	1,988	DRC, UNHCR			
		Winter Kit	196	IR			
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,027	DRC			
		Food Package	1,449	IR, WFP			
		WASH	Hygiene kits	1,764			DACAAR
Central Highland					382		
Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	6,550	Other, IRC	5,178	46,302	
	FSAC	Cash for food	376	RI			
	FSAC	Food Package	6,174	ANDMA, WFP			
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	5,915	NRC, ACTED		208,346	
		Kitchen sets	735	ACTED			
		Winter Kit	735	ACTED			
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,583	NRC, ACTED			
		Food Package	910	WFP			
		WASH	Hygiene kits	3,584			DACAAR, ACTED
Northern	ESNFI	Other	350	UNHCR	1,099	69,904	
	FSAC	Food Package	7,252	ANDMA, UNICEF, WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,418	NRC, PIN, SCI			
Souther Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1,029	CARE	686	28,994	
	Other	Unconditional cash	1,694	PIN, SI			
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	945	DRC, ACF	1,349	187,174	
		Clothing	248	SCI			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,246	Other			
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,642	DRC, ACF			
		Food Package	1,246	Other			
		Other	Unconditional cash	697			ACF
		Other	Blankets	1,371			ACF, CRDSA, UNHCR, UNICEF
Western	ESNFI	Cash	3,355	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC	1,669	101,420	
		Clothing	436	UNICEF			
		Family kits	217	DRC			
		Food Package	70	NRC			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,970	DRC, ACF, CRDSA, UNHCR, UNICEF			
		Plastic Sheets	245	CRDSA, UNHCR, UNICEF			
		Tarpaulins	199	UNICEF			
		Winter Kit	1,863	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC			
		FSAC	Cash for food	3,057			NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC
			Food Package	2,835			WFP
	Other		199	UNICEF			
	WASH	Other	Unconditional cash	1,556			ACF
		WASH	Chlorine	405			DACAAR, IRC
			Emergency latrines	56			IRC, UNICEF
			Hygiene education	1,941			DACAAR, IRC
			Hygiene kits	2,295			DRC, DACAAR, CRDSA, IRC, UNHCR
			Water treatment tablet	332			IRC

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 11 March 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).

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