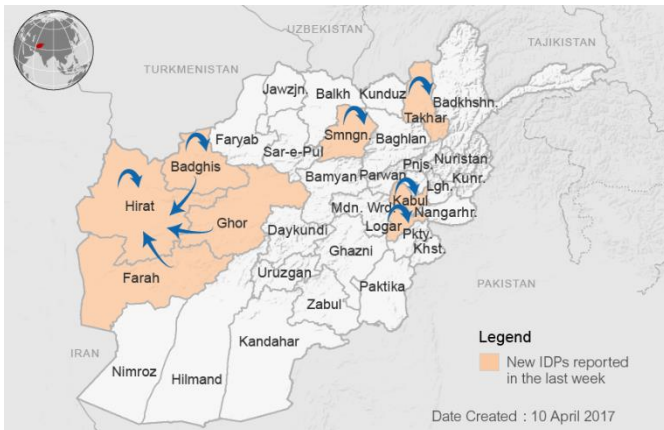


Week of 02 to 08 April 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

2016: The total number of individuals displaced by conflict in 2016 increased to 660,672, as joint assessment teams finalise assessments of those displaced last year. This remains the highest number on record, and a 40 per cent increase on the 470,000 displaced in 2015.

2017: 54,455 individuals have been verified as displaced, with 25 provinces recording some level of forced displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: Increasing tensions between two rival parties in Faryab have prompted some families to relocate to neighbouring provinces due to fears of new clashes. In Dara-e-Suf-e-Bala, Samangan, 1,050 people were reportedly displaced following an NSAG attack, while in Badakhshan, 16,905 individuals are estimated to have been displaced due to fighting in Jurm, Yamgan, Warduj, Raghistan, Yawan, Argo Fayzabad and Baharak. Assessments are planned for both provinces. In 2017 so far, 12,468 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately 23 per cent of the country total.

Southern: During the past week, clashes continued across the region causing displacements in Kandahar, Uruzgan and Hilmand, with over 7,000 individuals reportedly displaced in Hilmand alone. With the start of the poppy harvest, however, levels of fighting have dropped slightly in recent weeks. In 2017 so far, 25,146 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately 46 per cent of the country total.

Western: Consistent with previous weeks a number of high profile clashes were recorded between NSAGs and government forces in Farah, Badghis and Hirat provinces with tensions escalating between rival groups in Shindand district. No displacements have been reported to date.

Eastern: During the past week, ANSF operations supported by international military airstrikes took place in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar. Cross border shelling and artillery fire also continued in Khas Kunar and Lal Pur districts of Kunar and Nangarhar. No reports of civilian casualties or displacement have been received to date.

Central: Fighting intensified in several provinces across the region, including Logar, Paktya, Parwan and Kapisa, and reportedly displacing 1,400 individuals in Logar and 2,800 in Paktya. In Kabul 1,085 individuals were verified as conflict IDPs from Parwan, and 700 from Baghlan. In 2017 so far, 3,797 verified

IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately 7 per cent of the country total.

Refugees and Returnees

A total of 6,628 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings from 2-8 April, an increase of 14 per cent from the previous week, and bringing the year total to 24,598. Since 1 January, 74,992 undocumented Afghans have also returned from Iran bringing the total returnee population in 2017 to 99,590.

UNHCR's repatriation programme resumed on 3 April. As of 6 April, 886 Afghans returned through Torkham and Spin Boldak passes. UNHCR anticipates that numbers will increase further as the weather improves in May and June.

Ongoing Response Activities* (please see page 2)

Central: In Paktya, IRC and OHD (WFP) provided cash and food for 1,127 undocumented returnees. In Khost, ANDMA and UNICEF provided food, NFIs and hygiene kits to 294 flood affected individuals.

North/North Eastern: In Takhar and Badakhshan, WFP distributed a second food ration to 945 conflict IDPs. In Jawzjan, PIN and SCI distributed cash for 245 conflict IDPs and in Faryab, NRC provided assistance to 714 individuals.

Western: In Hirat, NRC, DRC and DACAAR provided cash and wash supplies to 217 conflict IDPs; while in Badghis, IRC and NRC provided food, NFIs and WASH supplies to 489 conflict IDPs. In Farah city, DRC and WFP supported 252 conflict IDPs with NFI kits and food assistance.

Eastern: The following organisations – NCRO, IRC, SCI WFP, DRA/SCI, WFP WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM, PU-AMI, UNHCR, AADA, HN-TPO, CWS and ARCS – have provided cash, NFIs, food and medical supplies to undocumented returns as well as responses to measles outbreaks and the provision of a range of health services in Laghman, Kunar, Nuristan and Nangarhar.

Access Constraints and Security Incidents

North/Northeastern: Access to Ghormach district in Faryab province is limited due to ongoing conflict and the presence of NSAGs.

Southern: WFP food distributions are on hold in Uruzgan following the looting by unknown gunmen of their partner warehouse where food items for 8,232 conflict IDPs were being stored.

Western: On 2 April in Badghis, unknown assailants threw a hand grenade into the compound of NGO Voice of Women Organization (VWO); no casualties were reported.

Eastern: On 03 April, in Dehbala, Nangarhar NSAGs attacked a secondary school destroying the building. The school had been closed prior to the attack.

Key dates

NR/NER Balkh, FSAC (10.04)
 NR/NER Faryab OCT (10.04)
 CR Kabul ES/NFIs (10.04)
 CR Logar, OCT (11.04)
 NR/NER Kunduz OCT (12.04)
 WR Hirat Health cluster meeting (12.04)

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

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in November and December 2016	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)				
					Jan - Apr 17	Jan 16 - Apr 17			
Central	ESNFI	Cash	842	DRC	4,414	38,233			
	ESNFI	Family kits	2,982	CARE, DRC, ARCS, DORRD, IRC, UNHCR, WFP					
	ESNFI	Kitchen sets	48	DRC					
	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1,085	UNHCR, CARE, IR					
	ESNFI	Winter Kit	196	IR					
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,810	DRC, CARE, PIN					
	FSAC	Food Package	3,136	IR, ANDMA, WFP, IRC					
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,743	DACAAR					
Central Highland	Other	Unconditional cash	64	PU-AMI	64	342			
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	1,336	NRC, IRC, DRC, SCI, OHW	9,342	49,094			
	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	7,313	UNHCR, NRC, APA, DORRD, ARCS, IRC					
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,712	NRC, DRC, RI, OHW					
	FSAC	Food Package	6,937	NRC, WFP, SCI, ANDMA, ARCS					
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	9,492	ACTED, NRC, CONCERN, DRC	16,499	221,310			
	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	7,602	SCI, UNICEF, UNHCR, CONCERN, ANDMA, ARCS					
	FSAC	Cash for food	5,439	ACTED, NRC, DRC					
	FSAC	Food Package	9,233	WFP, ANDMA, SFL, ARCS					
	WASH	Hygiene kits	5,978	ACTED, DACAAR, UNICEF, SCI					
Northern	ESNFI	Other	350	UNHCR	5,713	70,772			
	FSAC	Food Package	11,543	ANDMA, UNICEF, WFP, ARCS					
	Other	Unconditional cash	20,908	PIN, NRC, SCI, UNHCR					
South Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	946	CARE, ICRC	1,926	29,218			
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,862	SI, IRC, RI, DRC, PIN					
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	5,711	DRC, IRC, ACF, NRC	26,063	202,334			
	ESNFI	Clothing	2,117	SCI, UNICEF					
	ESNFI	Family kits	1,038	UNICEF					
	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	13,916	ICRC, UNICEF, UNHCR, NRC					
	ESNFI	Tarpaulins	4,249	UNICEF					
	ESNFI	Winter Kit	422	IRC					
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,680	DRC, ACF					
	FSAC	Food Package	18,682	ICRC, WFP, IRC, DRC					
	Other	Unconditional cash	9,821	HRDA, ACF, IRC					
	WASH	Chlorine	1,038	UNICEF					
	WASH	Hygiene kits	7,190	IRC, UNICEF, DACAAR, SCI, UNHCR					
	Western	ESNFI	Blankets	1,888			UNHCR, CRDSA, ACF, UNICEF	12,087	104,385
		ESNFI	Cash	5,263			NRC, IRC, DRC, ACF		
ESNFI		Clothing	436	UNICEF					
ESNFI		Family kits	553	DRC, UNICEF					
ESNFI		Kitchen sets	133	ACF					
ESNFI		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,743	UNHCR, ARAA, IRC, DRC, CRDSA, UNICEF, NRC, ACF					
ESNFI		Other	195	ACF					
ESNFI		Plastic Sheets	245	UNHCR, CRDSA, ACF, UNICEF					
ESNFI		Tarpaulins	332	ACF, UNICEF					
ESNFI		Tents	28	ACF, UNICEF					
ESNFI		Winter Kit	3,311	NRC, IRC, DRC, ACF, UNICEF					
FSAC		Cash for food	6,552	NRC, WFP, DRC, ACF, IRC, ANDMA					
FSAC		Food Package	7,051	WFP, ACF, DRC					
FSAC		Other	199	UNICEF					
FSAC		Wheat	28	DRC					
Other		Unconditional cash	569	ACF					
WASH		Chlorine	1061	IRC, DACAAR					
WASH		Emergency latrines	933	IRC, DACAAR, UNICEF					
WASH		Hygiene education	5212	IRC, DACAAR					
WASH		Hygiene kits	4389	ACF					
WASH		Water treatment tablet	1160	IRC					

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 09 April 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).