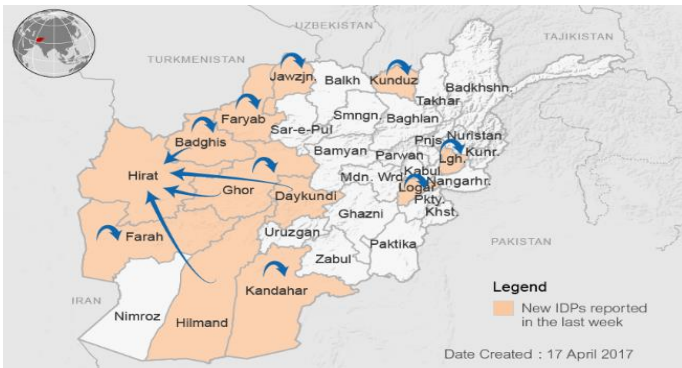


Week of 09 to 15 April 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

2016: The total number of individuals displaced by conflict in 2016 increased to 660,995, as joint assessment teams finalise assessments of those displaced last year. This remains the highest number on record, and a 41 per cent increase on the 470,000 displaced in 2015.

2017: 58,656 individuals have been verified as displaced, with 26 provinces recording some level of forced displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: The security situation deteriorated across the region with military operations in Bilcheragh, Faryab reportedly displacing 8,400 individuals: ARCS will carry out an assessment in the coming days. In Jawzjan, 840 individuals were reportedly displaced from Darzab to Shiberghan following clashes between government forces and NSAGs while in Kunduz fighting continued during the week in Chardara, Dasht-e-Archi and Emamsahib. No related displacements have as yet been reported. Since the beginning of the year 14,903 individuals have been displaced in the region, almost 25 per cent of the total displaced countrywide.

Southern: Military operations and airstrikes reportedly displaced 2,800 individuals from Nesh to Dand in Kandahar and from Nawa-e-Barakzai in Hilmand. Assessments are planned in both locations.

Western: Sporadic clashes occurred between government and NSAGs in Hirat, Badghis, Ghor and Farah. No displacements have been reported.

Eastern: Clashes between government forces and NSAGs intensified in the past week in Nangarhar and Laghman. In Laghman, 1,240 individuals were reportedly displaced from Alingar, Alishang and Dawlatshah to the provincial capital Mehtarlam. Intermittent cross border shelling and artillery in Khas Kunar and Shegal Wa Sheltan and Sarkani in Kunar and Gushta in Nangarhar also reportedly displaced 651 individuals to Khas Kunar. Assessments will take place shortly.

Central: Fighting between government forces and NSAGs in Khoshi, Charkh and Baraki Barak districts in Logar reportedly displaced 2,415 individuals to Pul-e-Alam and Mohammad Agha districts. Assessments are planned. Military operations are also ongoing Ghazni, Paktia and Paktika with some civilian displacements expected.

Refugees and Returnees

A total of 8,428 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned

or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings from 9-15 April, an increase of 27 per cent from the previous week, and bringing the year total to 33,026. Since 1 January, 87,843 undocumented Afghans have also returned from Iran bringing the total returnee population in 2017 to 120,869.

UNHCR's repatriation programme resumed on 3 April. As of 16 April, 5,508 registered Afghans have returned to Afghanistan from neighbouring countries.

Ongoing Response Activities* (please see page 2)

Central: In Ghazni, DRC distributed cash to 225 conflict IDPs and in Kabul to 175 IDPs alongside CARE. In Paktya, ANDMA, OHD/WFP and UNICEF provided food, NFIs, and hygiene kits to 1,015 flood affected individuals.

North/North Eastern: In Baharak, Takhar, ACTED distributed cash to 300 conflict IDPs and in Maymana city, Faryab, ANDMA and UNICEF provided food and NFIs to 203 flood affected individuals. Elsewhere, in Badakhshan, IOM and ANDMA responded to 231 flood affected individuals with NFIs and food.

Western: In Hirat, WFP, DRC and DACAAR provided food, NFIs and WASH supplies to 231 conflict IDPs. In Farah, DRC will provide cash for 231 conflict IDPs and in Ghor, ACF and ARAA (UNHCR IP) distributed cash to 117 IDPs.

Eastern: In Nangarhar and Laghman, NCRO, IRC, AIESO, WFP and SCI distributed cash and food assistance to undocumented returns. In Kunar, NRC distributed cash to 2,142 conflict IDPs while in Nangahar SCI distributed NFIs to 217 IDPs.

Southern: In Tirin Kot, Uruzgan, WFP assisted 882 conflict IDPs after a pause of suspension. In Chakhansur, Nimroz, Relief International distributed hygiene Kits to 1,344 flood affected individuals; 16,800 individuals will receive water purification tablets in the coming week.

Access Constraints and Security Incidents

Western: Ten health facilities were closed in western Farah province following NSAG threats that they increase trauma care services for the war wounded resulting in the withdrawal of staff, and leaving an estimated 50,000 civilians without access to basic health services. Community elders are in negotiations with NSAGs to open the facilities. In a separate case in Ghor, NSAGs established a checkpoint on the Chaghcharan-Pasaband road - the only route to Pasaband district in neighbouring Hilmand - blocking transportation of all commodities. Related price hikes have been reported.

Southern: In Tirinkot, Uruzgan, food distributions temporarily put on hold following the looting of food stocks intended for 8,232 IDPs resumed when they were returned following mediation efforts from community elders.

Key dates

- SER Paktika, OCT meeting (16.04)
- WR Hirat, WASH cluster meeting (16.04)
- CR Kabul IMWG Meeting (17.04)
- ER Laghman OCT meeting (17.04)
- NR/NER Balkh, Contingency Preparedness Workshop (17.04)
- CR Kabul Nutrition Cluster Meeting (19.04)
- CR Kabul EiEWG (19.04)
- WR Hirat OCT meeting (19.04)

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

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted from January to April 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)				
					Jan - Apr 17	Jan 16 - Apr 17			
Central	ESNFI	Cash	874	DRC	4,547	38,366			
	ESNFI	Family kits	2,982	CARE, DRC, ARCS, DORRD, IRC, UNHCR, WFP					
	ESNFI	Kitchen sets	48	DRC					
	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1,260	UNHCR, CARE, IR					
	ESNFI	Winter Kit	196	IR					
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,826	DRC, CARE, PIN					
	FSAC	Food Package	3,311	DRC, 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	9,583	49,335			
	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	7,740	UNHCR, NRC, APA, ARCS, SCI, DORRD, 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	18,914	223,725			
	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	5,733	70,792			
	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	27,683	203,954			
	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	26,924	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	13,241	105,539
		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)	7,484	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	6,669	NRC, WFP, DRC, ACF, IRC, ANDMA					
FSAC		Food Package	7,317	WFP, ACF, DRC					
FSAC		Other	199	UNICEF					
FSAC		Wheat	28	DRC					
Other		Unconditional cash	800	ACF, DRC					
WASH		Chlorine	1061	IRC, DACAAR					
WASH		Emergency latrines	933	IRC, DACAAR, UNICEF					
WASH		Hygiene education	5478	IRC, DACAAR					
WASH		Hygiene kits	4655	UNHCR, ARAA, IRC, DACAAR, CRDSA, NRC, ACF, UNICEF,					
WASH		Water treatment tablet	1160	IRC					

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 16 April 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).