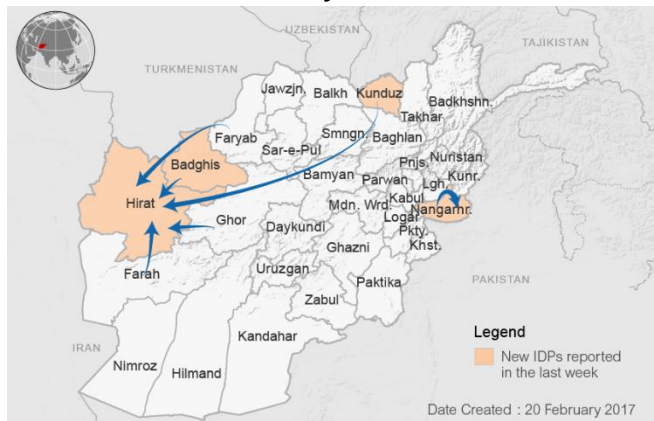


Week of 12 to 18 February 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

The total number of individuals displaced by conflict in 2016 has risen to 652,690 as joint teams finalise assessments of those displaced last year. In 2017 so far, 15,445 individuals have been verified as displaced, with 18 out of 34 provinces recording some level of forced displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: In keeping with the previous weeks' trends, the region remained volatile with NSAGs taking control of several additional villages in Faryab province, adding to areas already captured this year in Khaja Sabz Posh and Shirintagab districts, and increasing insecurity along the Maymana highway. Unconfirmed reports indicate that 400 families from Gurzad village in Shirintagab district were displaced as a result of this fighting, with assessments due to commence shortly. In 2017 so far, 3,137 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately 20 per cent of the country total.

Eastern: Intense cross border shelling and airstrikes from Pakistan into Afghanistan - hitting Parchaw Rina and Machmegee villages of Lal Pur district - continued for two days during the week following suicide bombings in Pakistan on 13 and 16 February. As a result, unconfirmed reports indicate that between 1,200 to 2000 individuals were displaced to Chaknawar, Mohmandara, Goshta, Ghanikhel and within Lal Pur District. Assessments are due to commence shortly.

Western: Throughout the week, Farah registered a number of armed clashes between ANSF and NSAG forces while Hirat experienced low key armed clashes in Karukh, and Ghoryan districts. As a result, 199 individuals were displaced to Qala-e-Naw city (Badghis) and 371 people to Hirat city. In 2017 so far, 1,576 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately 10 per cent of the country total. ANSF conducted clearing operations in Guzara district.

Southern: Frontline clashes and airstrikes remained active throughout the week in Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul. Unconfirmed reports indicate up to 200 families were displaced from Sangin to Lashkargah city while assessments identified 156 newly displaced families in Uruzgan. Routes to Nad-e-Ali/Marja, Nawa-e-Barakzai and Garmser remain closed. In 2017 so far, 8,247 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; more than 50 per cent of the country total.

Refugees and Returnees

The total number of undocumented returnees for 2017 has now risen to 9,286, commensurate to the figure (9,335) reported in the first quarter of 2016. From 12 to 18 February,

986 undocumented Afghans arrived from Pakistan, representing a 19% decrease on the previous week following the closure of Torkham border on 17 February.

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, 6,804 displaced individuals were provided with cash assistance, NFIs, and food by NRC, WFP, UNICEF and SCI. In Samangan, 350 displaced individuals received food, cash assistance, hygiene kits, fuel and blankets from UNHCR.

Eastern: For 1,633 IDP families, NPO/RRAA and IR distributed cash for food, NFIs and winter kits in Nangarhar. For 152 natural disaster affected families in Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar, ARC, NRC, SCI and DRC provided NFIs, hygiene kits, cash for food, tents, PSS kits and winter kits. For returnees, NPO/RRAA, RI, Afghanaid, Pu-AMI, IR, NCRO, DRC, WHO, UNFPA, AADA, IOM and UNICEF provided cash for food, PSS training, SIM/Phone set, NFIs, hygiene kits, winter kit and health services in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces. In addition, UNICEF provided 200 winter cloth kits for 1,600 children under 10 years and 200 women.

Western: 1,113 conflict displaced individuals received cash for NFI, winter kits, hygiene kits, food and hygiene awareness from IRC, WFP, DACAAR, IOM and NRC. WFP prepositioned food items for 150 families in Badghis and 531 children were vaccinated in Ghor following a measles outbreak.

Central: In Kabul, IR provided food, winter kits and NFIs to 196 conflict displaced individuals in Qarabagh district. In Ghazni, IOM and ANDMA provided food and NFI assistance to 10 natural disaster affected families. In Khost, WFP through APA, distributed food assistance to 1,400 NWA refugee families in Gurbaz, Gulan camp, Tani, Mandozai and Spera district. In Paktika, ORCD - with support from WFP - distributed food to 2,300 NWA refugees families in Barmal district.

Southern: ACF, IOM and WFP provided cash, NFIs, tents and food assistance to 104 natural disaster affected families in Maywand, Spinboldak and Lashkargah city.

Access Constraints and Security Incidents

Northern/North Eastern: ANDMA, DoRR and ARCS assessed and verified 928 IDP families in hard-to-reach locations of Kunduz city but due to shortage in resources and suspension of the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies activities no humanitarian assistance was provided.

Western: An ANDMA-led assessment comprised of IOM and WFP was unable to reach Chesht-e-Sharif to assess 150 flood affected households and 28 families in Regi village of Jawand district (Badghis) due to insecurity in both areas.

Eastern: Limited flights for humanitarian cargo including poor weather is slowing down the response pace to the recent avalanche incident in Eastern region. Critical lifesaving supplies are currently stuck in Jalalabad.

Key dates

- CR Kabul WASH Cluster Meeting (21.02)
- CR Kabul ERP Review Workshop (21.02)
- SR Kandahar ERP review Workshop (21.02)
- CR Kabul FSAC Cluster Meeting (22.02)
- WR Hirat Protection meeting (22.02)
- CR Kabul ICCT Meeting (23.02)
- WR Hirat HRT meeting (23.02)

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

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted Since January and February 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)	
					Jan-Feb 2017	2016 and Jan-Feb 2017
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	356	DRC	2,387	36,264
		Family kits	2,268	IRC, UNHCR		
		Kitchen sets	48	DRC		
		Winter Kit	196			
	FSAC	Cash for food	769	DRC, PIN		
		Food Package	2,051	WFP		
WASH	Hygiene kits	1,253	DACAAR			
Central Highland	Other	Unconditional cash	40	PU-AMI	64	382
Eastern					-	39,752
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	4,501	ACTED, NRC	2,422	206,680
		NFI Kits (Complete)	7,602	ARCS, SCI		
	FSAC	Cash for food	3,381	ACTED, NRC		
		Food Package	6,300	ARCS		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	3,150	DACAAR, UNICEF		
Northern	ESNFI	Other	350	UNHCR	4,838	69,358
	FSAC	Food Package	14,007	ANDMA, ARCS, UNICEF, WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	14,664	NRC, PIN, SCI, UNHCR		
Souther Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1,029	CARE	1,702	28,627
	Other	Unconditional cash	5978	IRC, PIN, RI, SI		
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	2,117	DRC, ACF	10,116	185,038
		Clothing	2,117	SCI, UNICEF		
		Family kits	1,038	UNICEF		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	9,667	ICRC		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,286	DRC, ACF		
		Food Package	11,536	ICRC, WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	9,124	HRDA		
	WASH	Chlorine	1,038	UNICEF		
		Hygiene kits	1,038	UNICEF		
	Western	ESNFI	Blankets	444		
Cash			2,399	ACF, IRC, NRC		
Clothing			237	UNICEF		
Family kits			217	DRC		
NFI Kits (Complete)			980	DRC, CRDSA, UNHCR		
Other			195	ACF		
Plastic Sheets			245	CRDSA, UNHCR, UNICEF		
Tents			28	UNICEF		
Winter Kit			654	DRC, IRC, NRC, UNICEF		
FSAC		Cash for food	2,294	ACF, IRC, NRC		
		Food Package	3,157	WFP		
Other		Unconditional cash	1,022	ACF		
WASH		Chlorine	681	DACAAR, IRC		
		Emergency latrines	557	DACAAR, IRC		
		Hygiene education	1,399	DACAAR, IRC		
		Hygiene kits	1,552	DRC, DACAAR, ACF, CRDSA, IRC, UNHCR		
Water treatment tablet		945	IRC			

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 20 February 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).

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