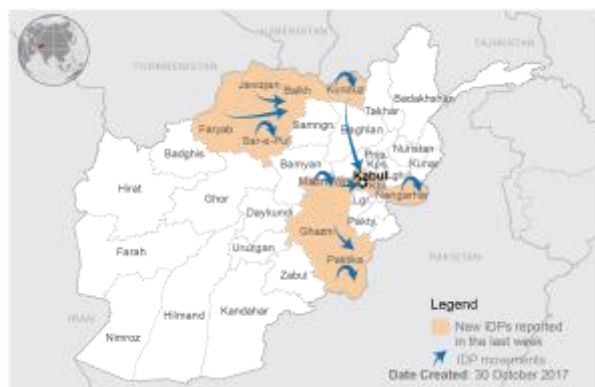


Week of 23 – 29 October 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

As of 29 October, a total of 296,190 people were displaced due to conflict in Afghanistan, an increase of more than 800 people compared to the previous week. The provinces sheltering the highest numbers of IDPs are Nangarhar (34,872), Kunduz (29,883), Badghis (24,625) and Baghlan (18,788).

Central: More than 1,060 displaced people reportedly arrived in Maydan Shahr, Wardak, 800 people in Sharana, Paktika, and 600 in Kabul City after heavy armed clashes between NSAG and ANSF in Wardak and Paktika provinces. Fighting is ongoing with additional displacement anticipated in the coming weeks. In 2017, 18,833 people have been verified as displaced in the Central Region, 6 per cent of the total displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: More than 7,300 people have reportedly been displaced from Emamsaheb, Chardara and Dasht-e-Archi to Emamsaheb Centre and Kunduz city. An additional 10,000 people have been reportedly displaced to Balkh and Sar-e-Pul provinces from Faryab, Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pul, Baghlan and Kunduz provinces. This year, 106,923 displaced people have been verified in the two regions, 36 per cent of total displacement.

Eastern: Fighting between NSAGs in Khogyani, Nangarhar, which erupted on 15 October continue to impact upon the civilian population. Between 15,000 to 18,000 people have so far been displaced to the surrounding villages and to Sukhrod and Behsud districts. Currently, 13,475 people have been verified in need of humanitarian assistance. Since January, 46,733 people have been displaced in the Eastern Region, 16 per cent of the displacements across the country in 2017.

Southern/South Eastern: No significant displacements have been reported during the reporting period. A new polio case has been identified from Shahwalikot district, Kandahar bringing the total number of confirmed cases to six across the region so far this year. Down telephone networks in Uruzgan and Helmand has made communication difficult and disrupted assessment and response activities. A total of 66,739 people are currently displaced in the two regions, 22 per cent of the total displacements this year.

Western: No significant displacements were reported during the reporting period from Badghis, Farah, Ghor or Herat provinces. Nearly 100 displaced people were selected for assistance by assessment teams based on eligibility and vulnerability criteria. In total, 56,962 people are currently displaced in the Western Region, 19 per cent of the total displacements this year.

Returnees and Refugees

From 22 to 28 October, a total of 870 people spontaneously returned from Pakistan to Afghanistan, another 53 were deported, according to IOM. From Iran, 9,009 people returned spontaneously and 9,024 were deported. As of 28 October, 91,926 undocumented people have returned from Pakistan and 335,037 from Iran this year.

In the same reporting period, 782 refugees returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan, according to UNHCR. Since January, more than 54,000 refugees have returned from Pakistan, 79 per cent less compared to the 260,000 in the same period of the previous year. A total of 1,089 refugees have returned from Iran since January, half of the more than 2,100 in the same period of the previous year.

Ongoing Response Activities *(please also see page 2)*

During the past week, nearly 30,000 displaced people, undocumented returnees and refugees received some form of humanitarian assistance in all regions of the country.

CR: DRC provided cash assistance for food and shelter to 854 individuals displaced from Sia Gird (Ghorband) to Kabul city, in addition to hygiene and NFI kits from DACAAR and CARE respectively.

NR/NER: In Kunduz city, NRC distributed cash for 200 individuals, while ACTED distributed cash for 900 individuals. UNHCR distributed NFIs, WFP food and DACAAR WASH packages to 1,100 IDPs. In Takhar, ACTED distributed MPC and Mission East NFIs for 600 individuals.

ER: 5,985 IDPs were assisted with food (WFP, ARCS), NFIs (UNHCR, ARCS) or cash assistance (NRC, SCI) in Khogyani, Behsud and Jalalabad. WFP distributed cash for food to 18,879 undocumented returnees in Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman provinces. SCI distributed cash for food to 1,000 returnees in multiple districts of Nangarhar Province.

SR: Ongoing multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance was provided to 800 IDPs in Qalat, Zabul Province.

WR: ACF, DRC and NRC provided cash assistance for transportation, food, rent, fuel and shelter to 1,318 individuals, a proportion of which received food from WFP, NFIs from UNHCR and hygiene kits from DACAAR. DAIL Badghis has plans to distribute 180 tons of wheat seeds to 3,600 farmers.

Uncovered Needs and Response Gaps

CR: Shelter assistance is required for 420 individuals (60 families) in Fandaqestan valley of Sia Gird district, Parwan. Provincial authorities have requested that humanitarians cover the gap.

Security Incidents and Access Constraints

CR: Heavy armed clashes are ongoing in Chak, Jaghato, Nerkh and Jelrez districts of Wardak Province.

ER: NSAGs have indicated that they will close the Jalalabad-Asadabad highway. This is a concern for humanitarian actors as it is one of the main supply routes in the region.

NR/NER: With the winter season approaching, and given anticipated physical access constraints in Badakhshan, partners are requested to preposition emergency stocks in the province.

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in September and October 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in Sep and Oct 2017		Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)	
						Sep - Oct 2017	2017
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	2,509		DRC, IRC	5,540	18,481
		Family kits	3,710		Other, DORRD		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,113		CARE		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,970		DRC		
		Food Package	4,494		ANDMA, Other, WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,113		DACAAR		
Central Highland	ESNFI	Cash	164		ACF	164	352
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	1,865		NRC, PU-AMI, DRC, SCI	7,008	46,733
		Food Package	6,458		UNHCR, WFP		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,865		NRC, PU-AMI, DRC, SCI		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	6,458		IRC, WFP		
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	1,701		NRC, ACTED	3,612	67,015
		NFI Kits (Complete)	2,604		UNHCR		
	FSAC	Food Package	7,756		WFP		
		Unconditional cash	903		ACTED		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,701		DACAAR		
Northern	ESNFI	Blankets	614		SCI	1,615	39,908
		Clothing	614		SCI		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,515		DACAAR, PIN, SCI, UNHCR		
		Tarpaulins	614		SCI		
	FSAC	Food Package	6,039		DACAAR, PIN, SCI, WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	5,339		NRC, ACTED, CARE, PIN		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,524		DACAAR, SCI		
		Food Package	2,646		OHD		
Souther Eastern	Other	Unconditional cash	7,567		IRC, PIN, SI	2,030	16,814
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	6,191		NRC, ACF, IRC	2,686	49,925
		Family kits	242		SCI		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,026		UNHCR		
	FSAC	Cash for food	5,887		ACF, WFP		
		Food Package	3,855		WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	368		NRC, ACF		
		Hygiene kits	4,348		IRC, UNICEF		
		Other	3,855		UNICEF		
		Water treatment tablet	1,421		UNICEF		
		Unconditional cash	300		NRC, ACF		
Western	ESNFI	Cash	141		ACF	10,323	56,962
		Emergency shelter kits	28		IRC		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,624		UNHCR		
		Tents	28		IRC		
		Unconditional cash	300		NRC, ACF		
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,189		NRC, ACF		
		Food Package	1,917		WFP		
		Unconditional cash	15,981		NRC, ACF, DRC, ANDMA		
	WASH	Chlorine	1,293		IRC, DACAAR		
		Emergency latrines	38		IRC		
		Female hygiene kits	1,812		UNHCR		
		Hygiene education	1,752		IRC, DACAAR		
		Hygiene kits	4,001		IRC, DACAAR, UNHCR		
		Soap	175		IRC		
		Water treatment tablet	175		IRC		

Acronyms: ACF, Action Against Hunger | AA, Afghan Aid | AFN, Afghan afghani; 1,000 AFN ~ US\$14.60 | ANDMA, Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority | ANSF, Afghan National Security Forces | ARCS, Afghan Red Crescent Society | CWSA, Community World Service Asia | DAC, District Administrative Centre | BPHS, Basic Package of Health Services | DACAAR, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees | DoRR, Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation | DRA, Dutch Relief Alliance | DRC-DDG, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group | ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IMC, International Medical Corps | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NFI, Non-food item | NRC, Norwegian Refugee Council | NSAG, Non-State Armed Group | OCT, Operational Coordination Team | OHC, Organization for Humanitarian and Development | PIN, People In Need | PU-AMI, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale | SCI, Save the Children International | SHPOUL, Sound Humanitarian, Participatory & Organizational Uplift | SI, Solidarités International | SVA, Shanti Volunteer Association | UNHCR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund | WASH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | WFP, World Food Programme |

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 29 October 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available). To calculate the number of people per family, the national average of seven family members is used.

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