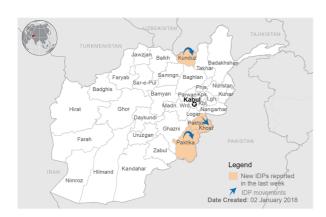
Afghanistan Weekly Field Report



Week of 25 - 31 December 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

From 1 January to 31 December 2017, a total of 445,335 people were displaced due to conflict in Afghanistan, up by 7,428 people compared to the previous week. The number of IDPs in the Eastern Region has reached nearly 140,205 with more than 123,538 of them in Nangarhar Province, of which 64,513 are due to the recent October-onward Khogyani displacement. Nangarhar province's displacement figures are followed by Kunduz with 38,542 and Badghis Province with some 26,659 displaced people.

Central Region: Following previously reported displacements in Paktika Province, an additional 1708 individuals displaced to the district centres of Urgun and Sahara districts within the same province. Similarly, in Khost 1589 individuals displaced to Khost centre. Joint assessment teams mobilised for assessment. In 2017, nearly 21,605 people were verified as displaced in the Central and Capital regions, five per cent of the total displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: In Kunduz Province, over 25,000 civilians submitted petitions to DoRR claiming displacement from Dasht-e-Archi and Emamsaheb districts following an ANDSF military operation. Displaced civilians have temporarily settled in the centers of Emamsaheb, Dasht-e-Archi districts and Kunduz city. This year, more than 139,900 IDPs have been verified in the two regions, 31 per cent of this year's total displacement.

Eastern: The latest updates indicate some 65,513 IDPs displaced inside Nangarhar as follow up to intra NSAG fighting in Khogyani district, Nangarhar Province. Since January, 140,205 people have been displaced in the Eastern Region, 32 per cent of the displacements across the country in 2017.

Southern/South Eastern: In Helmand Province, the recent interagency assessment in Nawa district identified only 17 displaced families in a two-week period but a high number of displaced returnees with a high vulnerability and humanitarian needs. A joint assessment is being organised to assess the returnee displaced needs. Of note, a 30-month girl has been diagnosed with polio in Shahwalikot district in Kandahar. Some 73,301 people are currently displaced in the two southern regions, 17 per cent of total displacements in 2017.

Western: The situation in the Western Region has been calm in the past week with no reports of significant displacements. More than 69,001 people were displaced in the Western Region in 2017, 15 per cent of the total displacements this year across the country.

Returnees and Refugees

During the latest reporting period, 498 people spontaneously returned from Pakistan to Afghanistan, of whom 53 were deported, according to IOM. From Iran, 6,382 people returned spontaneously and 6,321 were deported. This year, 98,140 undocumented people have returned from Pakistan and 466,303 from Iran.

During the same reporting period, no further refugee returns were noted, according to UNHCR. This year, a total of 58,752 refugees have returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan, Iran and other countries.

Ongoing Response Activities

During the past week, more than 110,042 displaced people, undocumented returnees, refugees and host families received humanitarian assistance including winterisation across the country.

CR: In Paktika, ORCD assisted 938 refugees from North Waziristan with winterized NFIs (wood, blankets, plastic sheets, tents and male scarfs). In Khost, APA distributed cash to 4550 displaced, host or returnee individuals. Similarly, in Kabul, UNHCR distributed WFP food packages to 22,400 refugees. Lastly, in Kabul, WFP distributed to 8,575 displaced individuals.

NR/NER: In total, more than 5,348 conflict displaced people received humanitarian aid in Balkh, Sar-e-Pul and Baghla provinces across different sectors of assistance: NRC and PIN distributed multi-purpose cash, WFP food, SCI and UNHCR emergency household items, UNICEF hygiene kits and DACAAR WASH packages.

ER: Multipronged distributions continued in the Nangarhar: UNICEF distributed winter kits and blankets to 4,914 displaced individuals in Khogyani district; DRC distributed cash to 574 displaced people in Jalalabad, Surkhrod, Kuzkuar and Rodat districts. DAACAR continued its water distribution and installed 4 emergency bathrooms and distributed 60 hygiene kits in Khogyani and Surkhrod districts. OHW distributed cash to 49 people in Surkhrod district. OHW provided cash for rent to 91 people in Surkhrod district. Four mobile and three fixed AADA and PU-AMI health facilities continued to support health services in Sra Gala and Chamtala areas. Lastly, ZOA/SHPOUL distributed hygiene kits to 3,437 displaced in Khogyani. Meanwhile, in Kunar Province, PU-AMI distributed cash to 126 displaced people, while NRC distributed cash to 63 displaced. Further, at Torkham, in the IOM transit centre UNICEF distributed hygiene and winter kits, including blankets, to 266 people; UNFPA reached 1542 patients, with a focus on mothers and children health and IMC provided WASH services to 215 returnees. Some 7,857 people received outpatient services in the region and 511 children were vaccinated. WFP distributed food to 7,945 people in Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman provinces.

SR: More than 812 displaced people in Dand district, Kandahar received winter kits from IOM and hygiene and WASH kits from UNICEF. Some 121 individuals received cash from ACF

WR: No response took place in the region during the reporting period.

Winterisation assistance

In the past week, UNHCR and partners of the Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster (ES/NFI) the winterisation package distribution: US\$200 for heating fuel for three months. In total, more than 39,708 families have received winterisation support and cluster partners distributed some 168,328 blankets and 8,335 sets of clothing. An estimated 78,000 families are in need

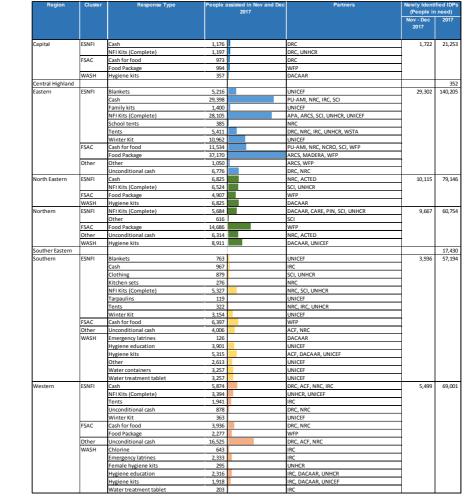
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of humanitarian aid to get through the coming winter months.

Other relevant developments

Eight health facilities were closed in Badghis Provinces, depriving approximately 100,000 people of health care services, as NSAG made demands on the BPHS implementer HEWAD to boost the capacity of clinics by adding trauma care services and additional medicines, as well as recruit NSAG members or NSAG recommended personnel in the clinics. In September 2017, NSAG closed 25 health facilities in their territory in Abkamari, Balamurghab, Jawand, Qadis and Muqur districts of Badghis Province with similar demands, but the health facilities were reopened by the mediation of local elders. Earlier in April 2017 a further 10 clinics had been closed and reopened in similar circumstances.



Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in November and December 2017

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 26 November 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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