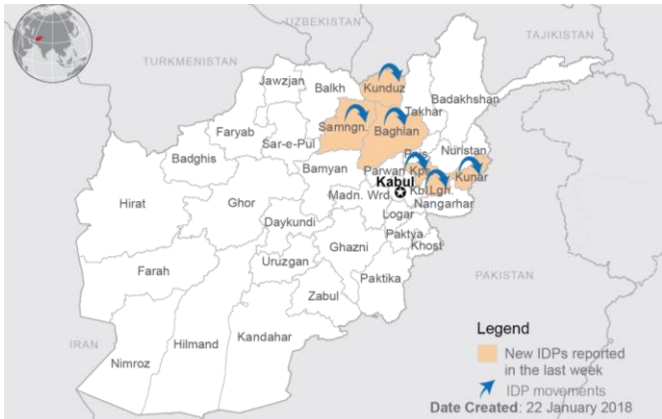


Week of 15 - 21 January 2018



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

The number of displaced people registered in the OCHA Displacement Tracking System (DTS) is up by more than 5,600 people compared to the previous week. These displacements occurred end of 2017 and are reflected in the DTS only now. The most recent displacements mentioned below are reported based on ground information that is being triangulated and verified.

Central Region: According to information from the ground, more than 2,000 people have been displaced from villages in Nejrab District, Kapisa Province, to the district centre and other villages due to military operations in the past two weeks. More than 500 people arrived in Kabul in secondary displacement from three provinces. Since beginning of last year, 22,441 people were verified as displaced in the Central and Capital regions, five per cent of the total displacement.

Northern/North Eastern Region: Close to 7,000 people were displaced to Kunduz City, Kunduz, since 15 January from Chardarah district by military operations, according to initial information. Some 500 people have been displaced to Pul-e-Khumri City, Baghlan, according to authorities, due to military operations. In 2017 more than 146,600 IDPs were verified in the two northern regions, 32 per cent of the total displacement.

Eastern Region:

More than 700 people arrived in Mehtarlam from Alingar district, both in Laghman, according to authorities, following intimidation by members of NSAGs. In Kunar Province, women and children of 100 to 150 families have reportedly left several villages along the border with Pakistan further into Narai and Ghaziabad districts. Tensions are rising in the area over the construction of a border fence by the Pakistan Army. Currently, the number of displaced people in the Eastern Region stands at more than 141,400 since January 2017, representing 31 per cent of the total displacement across the country.

Southern/South Eastern Region: No significant new displacements have been reported from the two southern regions. A total of 76,000 displaced people were recorded since beginning of last year, 17 per cent of the total displacement.

Western: The situation in the region has been calm in the past week with no reports of significant displacements. More than 71,200 people are currently displaced in the Western Region, 16 per cent of the total displacement in Afghanistan.

Returns to Afghanistan

From 14 to 20 January, a total of 10,084 Afghans returned to Afghanistan: 354 people returned spontaneously from

Pakistan, 79 were deported and 5,188 returned spontaneously from Iran, from where an additional 4,463 people were deported. UNHCR's voluntary repatriation programme is suspended due to winter. Since the beginning of the year, 31,583 Afghans have returned to their home country.

Launch of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

On 15 January, the [Humanitarian Response Plan 2018 – 2021](#) was officially launched in Kabul by the Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah and the Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Toby Lanzer. The humanitarian community is seeking US\$430 million from international donors to assist 2.8 million people in 2018.

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

During the past week, more than 10,000 displaced people, returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian aid, including winterisation assistance.

NR/NER: More than 2,500 conflict IDPs received humanitarian aid in Kunduz and Jawzjan provinces during the past week. In Kunduz, 1,300 displaced people received cash from ACTED, WASH supplies from DACAAR, emergency shelter improvement materials and winter clothing from SCI and NFIs from UNHCR. Also in Kunduz, 300 IDPs received cash and NFIs from NRC and WASH supplies from DACAAR. In Jawzjan, PIN provided cash to 740 IDPs in Sheberghan City, SCI provided them with NFIs, UNICEF with winter clothing for children and DACCAR added hygiene kits for all families. In the same district, UNICEF supported 460 IDPs with NFIs, hygiene kits and winter clothing for children.

ER: UNICEF distributed NFIs, hygiene kits, winter kits and blankets to 1,200 IDPs in Khogyani, Nangarhar. PU-AMI distributed cash and food to 287 IDPs in Asadabad, Kunar. CWSA distributed cash for food 161 people in two districts of Laghman. ZOA/SHPOUL distributed 132 hygiene kits to displaced families in three districts of Nangarhar. NRC distributed cash to 245 undocumented returnees in Behsud and Surkhrod districts, Nangarhar, and Mehtarlam District, Laghman. Health Cluster partners provided consultation to nearly 5,500 returnees and IDPs and vaccinated more than 500 children.

SR: In Shahwalikot district, Kandahar, the NGO Human Resource Development Agency (HRDA) distributed cash for food to 450 displaced people. More than 100 people also received NFIs, based on their needs.

Gaps

According to partners on the ground, displaced families in an area called Shahidano Kalacha in Tirinkot, Uruzgan, have no access to safe drinking water, despite several completed projects in the area. The WASH Cluster will conduct an assessment in search for a solution.

Access and Security

Two staff members of a national NGO were reportedly beaten and detained for a short time in Maywand district, Kandahar, by two members of the Afghan Local Police. They were freed following the intervention of the Chief of Police. The reasons for the incident remain unclear.

On 20 January, an explosion in a health facility in Khogyani district reportedly wounded a woman. It is the second such incident in the health facility and the third one in the area that has only recently been retaken by the Afghan military forces which allowed the NGO running the clinic to return.

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in December 2017 and January 2018

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in Dec 2017 and Jan 2018	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)		
					Dec 2017 and Jan 2018	Since Jan 2017	
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	2,275	DRC, IRC, PIN	1,874	22,441	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	595	DRC			
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,331	DRC, PIN			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	336	DACAAR			
Central Highland						352	
Eastern	ESNFI	Blankets	2,976	UNICEF	1,129	141,420	
		Cash	8,969	IRC, NRC, PU-AMI			
		Family kits	1,400	UNICEF			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	18,676	APA, ARCS, IR, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF			
		Tents	3,073	DRC, IRC, NRC			
		Winter Kit	4,872	UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	5,735	NCRO, NRC, PU-AMI			
		Food Package	8,211	ARCS, MADERA, WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,776	DRC, NRC			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	8,757	DACAAR, SHPOUL, ZOA			
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	5,971	ACTED, NRC	5,068	82,576	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,670	SCI, UNHCR			
		Winter Kit	1,085	SCI			
	FSAC	Food Package	4,053	WFP			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	5,971	DACAAR			
Northern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	4,984	SCI, UNICEF	8,569	64,073	
	FSAC	Food Package	12,404	WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	3,227	ACTED			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	8,295	UNICEF			
Souther Eastern						17,430	
Southern	ESNFI	Blankets	1,218	UNICEF	1,279	58,591	
		Cash	119	IRC			
		Clothing	455	UNICEF			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,283	SCI, UNHCR			
		Tarpaulins	574	UNICEF			
		Tents	168	IRC, NRC			
		Winter Kit	3,773	UNICEF			
		FSAC	Cash for food	4,834			NRC, WFP
	Other	Unconditional cash	1,940	ACF, NRC			
		WASH	Emergency latrines	140			DACAAR
			Hygiene education	4,356			UNICEF
			Hygiene kits	4,331			DACAAR, NRC, UNICEF
			Other	3,523			UNICEF
			Water containers	3,712			UNICEF
			Water treatment tablet	3,712			UNICEF
Western	ESNFI	Cash	3,873	DRC, IRC, ACF, NRC	4,708	71,251	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	3,887	UNHCR, UNICEF			
		Unconditional cash	1,740	DRC, NRC			
		Winter Kit	1,208	NRC, UNICEF			
		FSAC	Cash for food	4,960			DRC, NRC
	Food Package		1,007	WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	14,862	DRC, ACF, NRC			
		WASH	Chlorine	2,336			DACAAR, IRC
			Emergency latrines	11			UNHCR
			Female hygiene kits	976			
			Hygiene education	3,310			
			Hygiene kits	3,443			DACAAR, IRC
			Water treatment tablet	530			DACAAR, IRC, UNICEF

Acronyms: ACF, Action Against Hunger | 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 | DACAAR, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees | DoRR, Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation | DRC-DDG, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NFI, Non-food item | NRC, Norwegian Refugee Council | NSAG, Non-State Armed Group | 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 | 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 | ZOA/SHPOUL, Zoa Refugee Care/ Sound Humanitarian, Participatory and Organizational Uplift |

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 14 January 2018, 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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