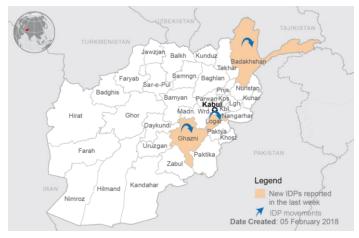
Afghanistan Weekly Field Report



Week of 29 January to 4 February 2018



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

Since the beginning of the year, a total of 6,966 displaced people have been recorded in OCHA's <u>Displacement Tracking System</u> (DTS), all of them displaced in 2018. The highest number of displaced people this year was reported from the North-Eastern Region.

Central Region: In Ghazni, nearly 3,400 people arrived in Ghazni centre from several districts, according to initial reports, due to ongoing military operations, continued intimidation and forced taxation by members of NSAGs. In Logar, more than 1,000 people were reportedly displaced to two districts within the Province from Charkh and Barakibarak districts, due to military operations.

Northern/North Eastern Region: A military operation in Jorm district, Badakhshan Province, displaced more than 100 people within the district, according to information from the ground.

Eastern Region: No significant displacements have been reported from the Eastern Region in the past week.

Southern/South Eastern Region: No significant new displacements have been reported from the two regions.

Western: The situation in the Western Region has been calm in the past week with no reports of significant displacements.

Returns to Afghanistan

On 31 January, the Pakistani Federal Cabinet decided to grant a 60-day extension of the Proof of Registration (PoR) cards of 1.4 million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan, just as the cards expired. This decision brings important reprieve to all refugee families, notably as UNHCR's voluntary repatriation programme is paused during winter. If no new extension is granted, pressure could mount again on all 2.4 million Afghan citizens living in Pakistan to return to their home country.

From 28 January to 3 February, a total of 11,183 Afghans returned to Afghanistan, according to IOM. A total of 520 people returned spontaneously from Pakistan and 70 were deported. Some 2,317 people returned spontaneously from Iran, from where an additional 8,276 people were deported.

Natural Disaster

An earthquake with 6.1 magnitude on the Richter scale shook Afghanistan on 30 January with its epicentre south of Fayzabad, Badakhshan. It was felt by more than 20 million people, according to MMAP, but did not cause any major damage according to ANDMA in the affected provinces.

Ongoing Response Activities (please also see page 2)

During the past week, more than 38,000 displaced people, returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian aid, including winterisation assistance.

CR: UNHCR and WFP provided NFIs and food to nearly 1,300 displaced people from Tagab and Alasay districts of Kapisa province in the provincial capital Mahmud-e-Raqi. In Khost Province, WFP distributed food packages to 14,000 Pakistani refugees. In Ghazni, DRC-DDG distributed cash for food to 400 people displaced by conflict.

NR/NER: In Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh Province, nearly 200 IDPs from Faryab and Sar-e-Pul provinces received cash from NRC, emergency household items and hygiene kits from CARE and food from WFP. In Maymana, Faryab Province, more than 1,800 displaced people received cash from ACTED, WFP and UNCHR will provide them with food and NFIs shortly. In Kunduz Cty, a business man provided food and blankets to 300 displaced people from Chardarah district, Kunduz Province.

ER: PU-AMI distributed cash to more than 950 IDPs in Kunar Province and conducted hygiene promotion. WFP distributed food to 420 IDPs in Kunar and Mehtarlam provinces and NCRO distributed cash for food to 500 IDPs in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces and hygiene kits for 560 displaced people from Khogyani district, Nangarhar. APA distributed NFIs to 812 IDPs in Chaparhar and Khogyani, Nangarhar. DACAAR built 37 emergency latrines in displacement settlements in Khogyani and distributed hygiene kits to 200 families. In Surkhrod, Nangarhar, DACAAR installed three hand-pumps and distributed hygiene kits to nearly 1,000 returnees. ZOA/SHPOUL distributed more than 450 water kits to displaced families in four districts of Nangarhar. DRC-DDG assisted 196 people with multipurpose cash in Mehtarlam, Laghman. CWSA distributed cash for food nearly 1,500 returnees from Pakistan in Nangarhar Province and APA distributed NFIs to 588 returnees. Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) provided winter and kitchen kits to more than 2,600 returnees in the same province. Health Cluster partners provided consultations to more than 3,800 returnees and IDPs and vaccinated 598 children. More than 1,200 people received psychosocial counselling and 88 cases of gender-based violence received support at family protection centres.

SR: In Khakrez and Maywand districts of Kandahar, the NGO Human Resource Development Agency (HRDA) completed the response to more than 2,000 displaced people by providing cash assistance and emergency household items.

WR: During the reporting period, a total of 210 displaced people in Hirat Province received cash assistance from DRC-DDG and NRC, hygiene kits from IRC and WASH kits from DACAAR. In Farah, more than 670 displaced people received cash from DRC-DDG, emergency household items from UNHCR and DACAAR conducted hygiene promotion and water chlorination. In response to the long standing eviction threats to three informal settlements in Hirat Province, authorities with the support of humanitarian partners developed a relocation plan that will be discussed by the Durable Solution Committee chaired by the Provincial Governor.

Access and Security

Insecurity along the Andkhoy-Maymana highway, Faryab Province, persists. Humanitarian partners were however able to move humanitarian cargo including winterisation assistance for 2,000 families by contracting local transport companies.

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	Sine Jar 2017	
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	2,457		IRC, DRC, PIN	11,023	31,590	
		Family kits	1,281		UNHCR			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	595		DRC, SCI			
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,513		DRC, CARE, PIN			
		Food Package	1,281		WFP			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	518		DACAAR			
Central Highland	ECNIEL	Dii	2.076		LINUCEE	4.420	352	
Eastern	ESNFI	Blankets Cash	2,976		UNICEF	1,129	141,420	
		Family kits	8,969 1,400		NRC, PU-AMI, IRC UNICEF			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	18,676		APA, SCI, ARCS, IR, UNHCR, UNICEF			
		Tents	3,073		NRC, IRC, DRC			
		Winter Kit	4,872		UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	5,735		NRC, PU-AMI, NCRO			
		Food Package	8,211		ARCS, MADERA, WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,776		NRC, DRC			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	8,757		DACAAR, SHPOUL, ZOA			
North Eastern Northern South Eastern	ESNFI	Blankets	301		UNHCR	13,531	90,409	
		Cash	9,100		NRC, ACTED		1	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	8,596		SCI, UNHCR			
		Winter Kit	2,401		SCI			
	FSAC	Food Package	7,182		WFP			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	9,100		DACAAR			
	ESNFI	Clothing	1,435		SCI, UNICEF	11,184	66,457	
	5646	NFI Kits (Complete)	8,449		NRC, CARE, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF			
	FSAC	Food Package	14,917		WFP			
	Other WASH	Unconditional cash	6,230 11,193		NRC, ACTED, PIN			
	Other	Hygiene kits Unconditional cash	2,856		NRC, DACAAR, CARE, UNICEF IRC, DRC, OHD, SI	525	18,781	
South Eastern	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,204		DRC, SI	323	10,701	
Southern	ESNFI	Blankets	2,275		UNICEF	2,030	59,342	
	251411	Cash	199		IRC, ACF	2,030	33,3 1.	
		Clothing	455		UNICEF			
		Family kits	1,057		UNICEF			
		Gas Cylinder/Stove	1,057		UNHCR			
		Kitchen sets	1,057		UNHCR			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,283		HRDA, SCI, UNHCR			
		Tarpaulins	1,631		UNHCR, UNICEF			
		Tents	168		NRC, IRC			
		Winter Kit	4,830		UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	5,971		NRC, HRDA, WFP		1	
	Health	Newborn kits	-		UNICEF			
	Other	Unconditional cash	3,077		NRC, ACF			
	WASH	Emergency latrines	140		DACAAR		1	
		Hygiene education	5,413		UNICEF		1	
		Hygiene kits	5,388		NRC, DACAAR, UNICEF UNICEF	 	1	
		Other Water containers	4,580		UNICEF	-	1	
		Water filters or treatment units	4,769 1,057		UNICEF	-	1	
		Water friters or treatment units Water treatment tablet	4,769		UNICEF			
Western	ESNFI	Cash	3,800		NRC, IRC, DRC, ACF	5,964	72,507	
	[Emergency shelter kits	73		IRC	3,304		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	3,887		ACF, UNHCR, UNICEF		1	
		Unconditional cash	1,740		NRC, DRC		1	
		WinterKit	1,208		NRC, UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	4,960		NRC, DRC, ACF		1	
	L	Food Package	1,007		WFP		1	
	Other	Unconditional cash	14,862		NRC, DRC, ACF		1	
	WASH	Chlorine	2,336		IRC, DACAAR		1	
	1	Emergency latrines	11		IRC		1	
		Female hygiene kits	976		IRC, UNHCR			
		Female hygiene kits Hygiene education Hygiene kits			IRC, UNHCR IRC, DACAAR IRC, DACAAR, ACF, 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 | DRC-DDG, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NCRO, New Consultancy and Relief Organization | 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 4 February 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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