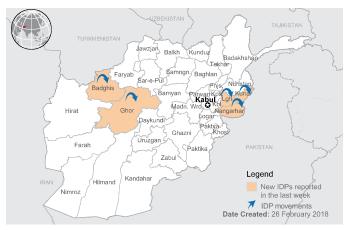
Afghanistan Weekly Field Report



Week of 19 - 25 February 2018



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

Since the beginning of the year, a total of 18,500 displaced people have been recorded in OCHA's <u>Displacement Tracking System</u> (DTS). This is an average of 385 displaced people per day, roughly one third of the more than 1,200 people displaced on average every day in the past year.

Central Region: No significant displacements have been reported from the two regions in the past week. Regarding the situation of some 2,500 Kuchi families in Khost reportedly stranded in Khost in need of humanitarian assistance, authorities stressed that the border has been closed to the nomadic herders for the last three years and that many Kuchi families have either settled in the province or only move within Afghanistan, not crossing into Pakistan. Only 102 Kuchi families from Shamal district, Khost, recently displaced by military operations have been identified for humanitarian assistance to be led by ANDMA.

Northern/North Eastern Region: No significant displacements have been reported from the two regions in the past week.

Eastern Region: Approximately 4,200 people have been displaced in Alingar District within the district and to Mehtarlam City, according to authorities. Their displacement was caused by a military operation targeting NSAGs and some families reportedly sheltered in the open, fearing airstrikes. Some 1,600 people reportedly were displaced from Surkhrod, Jalalabad, Behsud and Rodat district to several districts within Nangarhar Province, notably due to intimidation by members of NSAGs.

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

Western: Nearly 600 people were reportedly displaced to Chaghcharan, Ghor Province, from Pasaband, Charsadra, Taywarah, Tolak, Shahrak and DoLayna districts. More than 650 people were displaced to Qala-e-Naw City, Badghis, from Balamurghab, Muqur, Abkamari, Qadis, Jawand.

Returns to Afghanistan

From 18 to 24 February, 356 people returned spontaneously from Pakistan to Afghanistan and 8 were deported, according to IOM. In the same week, 4,884 people returned from Iran and 10,037 were deported. In total, 91,705 Afghans have arrived in Afghanistan since the beginning of the year.

Ongoing Response Activities (please also see page 2)

During the past week, more than 50,000 displaced people, returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian assistance.

CR: In Gardez, Paktya, ANDMA distributed food and NFIs from UNICEF to more than 1,000 people displaced by heavy rains. In Gulan camp and five districts of Khost, WFP distributed food to 19,600 refugees from Pakistan.

NR/NER: More than 130 people affected by rains in Nahr-e-Shahi district, Balkh, were provided with food from ANDMA, cash assistance from Care, NFIs from IOM and tents and hygiene kits from NRC. WFP provided food to 14,000 people in Maymana City, Faryab, as part of seasonal assistance. In Baghlan, nearly 1,200 displaced people received food for one month from WFP, cash from ACTED, NFIs from UNHCR and DACAAR will add hygiene kits. In Kunduz City, Kunduz, more than 1,280 displaced people from Chardarah received cash from ACTED, food from WFP, NFIs from UNCHR and SCI and WASH packages from DACAAR. In Sar-e-Pul City, Sar-e-Pul, more than 570 IDPs were provided with cash from NRC, NFIs from UNHCR and food from WFP.

ER: NCRO distributed cash for food and hygiene kits to 580 IDPs Khaskunar District, Kunar. Also in Kunar, 460 IDPs received cash and hygiene promotion from PU-AMI in Chawkay District, WFP distributed food rations to 730 displaced people in three districts and UNHCR distributed NFIs to nearly 1,200 IDPs in four districts. Partners of the Health Cluster provided consultations to nearly 4,000 returnees and IDPs and vaccinated more than 400 children. More than 1,000 people attended psychosocial counselling sessions by UNFPA/AADA in Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar provinces. In two schools in Mehtarlam, Laghman, the NGO International Medical Corps (IMC) trained 30 young women and as many young men of emergency committees in basic Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

SR: In Tirinkot, Uruzgan, WFP distributed food to 3,200 displaced people, UNHCR distributed emergency shelter and UNICEF winter clothing, hygiene and WASH kits. Some 2,400 of the IDPs also received cash assistance from NRC. In Ziheri, Kandahar, HRDA provided emergency household items to 1,000 displaced people.

WR: In Farah City, Farah, DRC-DDG provided cash and UNICEF NFIs to 1,000 displaced people. DACAAR will provide WASH package to the families once flights to Farah are resumed following recent cancellations due to weather conditions. In Qala-e-Naw, nearly 400 displaced people received food from WFP and 130 of them received cash assistance from IRC and winter kits from UNICEF. As an exceptional measure, a humanitarian NGO paid the debt of a family living in an informal settlement in Hirat City to ensure that a six-year old girl would not be forced into marriage.

Gaps

On 21 February, one person was reportedly killed touching unexploded ordnance in Shegal Wa Sheltan District, Kunar, two bystanders were injured. Similar incidents have been reported in the past months from the Eastern Region where military operations have been frequent. These cases underline the importance of mine clearance following military operations and mine risk education and awareness programs.

Access

Five trucks carrying donated wheat were diverted by members of an NSAG in Shahrak district, Ghor. The trucks and their cargo were able to continue their way following the intervention of local community elders.

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

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in Jan and Feb 2018		Partners	Newly Ident (People in	
						Jan and Feb 2018	Sine Jan 2017
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	1,225		IRC, DRC	9,758	32,199
		Family kits	1,281		UNHCR		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	392		DRC, SCI		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,484		DRC, CARE, PIN		
		Food Package	1,281		WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	924		DACAAR		
Central Highland							352
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	630		DRC, PU-AMI	281	141,684
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,767		IR		
	FSAC	Cash for food	630		DRC, PU-AMI		
North Eastern	ESNFI	Blankets	6,909		UNHCR, UNICEF	13,440	97,479
		Cash	12,565		NRC, ACTED		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,754		UNHCR, UNICEF		
		Winter Kit	2,401		SCI		
	FSAC	Food Package	12,565		WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	11,543		DACAAR		70.00
Northern South Eastern	ESNFI	Clothing	742		UNICEF	2,174	71,868
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,823		CARE, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF		
	FSAC	Food Package	4,081		WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	5,964		NRC, ACTED, PIN		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,652		NRC, DACAAR, CARE	4.074	26.020
	FSAC	Food Package	700		OHD	1,071	26,929
	Other	Unconditional cash	3,801	_	IRC, DRC, OHD, PIN, SI		
c	WASH	Hygiene kits	2,275		DACAAR, SI	14.012	72 241
Southern	ESNFI	Blankets	2,659		UNICEF	14,012	73,341
		Cash	1,227		ACF		
		Clothing	455		UNICEF		
		Family kits	2,204		UNICEF		
		Gas Cylinder/Stove	1,057		UNHCR UNHCR		
		Kitchen sets	1,057				
		NFI Kits (Complete) Tarpaulins	5,210 1,512		HRDA, SCI, UNHCR UNHCR, UNICEF		
		Tents	49		NRC, UNHCR		
		Winter Kit	6,415		UNICEF		
	FSAC	Cash for food	6,714		NRC, HRDA, WFP		
	IJAC	Food Package	3,120		WFP		
	Health	Newborn kits	-		UNICEF		
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,478		ACF, NRC		
	WASH	Emergency latrines	161		ACF, DACAAR, UNICEF		
	WASH	Hygiene education	5,779		UNICEF		
		Hygiene kits	6,398		NRC, DACAAR, UNICEF		
		Other	6,234		UNICEF		
		Water containers	5,779		UNICEF		
		Water filters or treatment units	1,057		UNICEF		
		Water treatment tablet	5,779		UNICEF		
	ESNFI	Cash	3,948		IRC, ACF, NRC, DRC	4,971	75,051
		Emergency shelter kits	73		IRC		75,051
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,107		ACF, DRC, UNHCR, UNICEF		
	1	Tents	12		IRC		
	1	Unconditional cash	862		NRC, DRC		
	1	Winter Kit	1,135		NRC, UNICEF		
	FSAC	Cash for food	6,262		ACF, NRC, DRC		
		Food Package	396		WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	18,206		ACF, NRC, DRC		
	WASH	Chlorine	3,073		IRC, DACAAR		
	1	Emergency latrines	293		IRC		
	1	Female hygiene kits	1,207		IRC, UNHCR		
		Hygiene education	3,564		IRC, DACAAR		
	1	Hygiene kits	3,442		IRC, ACF, DACAAR, DRC, UNICEF		
	1	Water treatment tablet	706		IRC		l

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 | HRDA, Human Resource Development Agency | 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.

Translations: This report will be made available in English, Dari and Pashto:

To access the report in all languages, follow this link https://goo.gl/Q4CjrR or scan the QR-code with your mobile phone: Apps to scan a QR-codes are available for Android and iOS smart phones.

