

Week of 19 – 25 March 2018



## Countrywide Conflict Displacement

According to OCHA's [Displacement Tracking System \(DTS\)](#), a total of 42,214 people have been displaced by conflict since the beginning of the year in 25 out of 34 provinces. This number is up by more than 7,300 compared to the previous week, notably due to triangulation of information and verification of displaced families through assessments and not due to new displacements. The province with the highest number of displaced people remains Kunduz with 13,615 IDPs, followed by neighbouring Takhar with 5,362 IDPs.

**Eastern Region:** Renewed cross-border shelling into Kunar Province has reportedly displaced some 3,000 people in Dangan District. The majority of them have found shelter in the district centre, 250 IDPs have reportedly moved to Barkunar district and some 100 to Shegal district. According to assessments of interagency partners, the families fled their homes with only few belongings and are unable to return to their homes as the shelling reportedly continues.

**Southern Region:** According to yet unconfirmed reports from the ground, military operations have displaced around 700 people inside Chora and Dehrawud districts, Hilmand, and around 1,400 people displaced to Tirinkot City, Uruzgan. Military operations in Nad-e-Ali/Marja district in the south of Hilmand Province reportedly caused the temporary displacement of a limited number of families within the district.

## Returns to Afghanistan

From 19 to 25 March, more than 8,600 Afghan citizens have returned to their home country. According to IOM, 701 people returned spontaneously and 19 were deported from Pakistan and 4,158 returned spontaneously from Iran from where another 3,388 were deported. As part of UNHCR's voluntary repatriation programme, 338 refugees returned from Pakistan, Iran and other countries in the past week.

## Gaps

Authorities in Kandahar called on humanitarian partners working in food security to prepare for the possible impact on the Southern Region of the ongoing dry spell. Authorities have currently stocked 16,000 metric tons of wheat donated by the Government of India in Kandahar City but lack adequate long-term storage capacity. The Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock suggested to distribute the stocks amongst vulnerable IDPs, host communities or families affected by the dry spell, before the food perishes.

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

During the past week, more than 43,000 displaced people, returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian assistance across the country.

**CR:** WFP provided 17,500 refugees from Pakistan with food assistance in three districts of Khost Province.

**NR/NER:** More than 7,600 conflict IDPs received humanitarian aid in Kunduz, Takhar and Balkh provinces. In the hard to reach district of Qala-e-Zal, Kunduz, 2,670 people received emergency household items and food from ARCS. In Darqad district of Takhar Province, nearly 4,300 displaced people received NFIs from ARCS and food from ANDMA. In Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh, nearly 700 IDPs mainly displaced from Faryab province received cash from PIN, food from WFP, NFIs from NRC and SCI as well as hygiene kits from DACAAR.

**ER:** DACAAR provided WASH assistance to more than 8,800 people in Mehtarlam, Laghman, Chawkay/Noorgal, Kunar, and Khogyani, Nangarhar, in the past two weeks. Assistance included the construction of 40 emergency latrines, distribution of hygiene kits and hygiene promotion. Partners of the Health Cluster provided outpatient health services to more than 3,000 returnees and IDPs and vaccinated more than 800 children in the past week.

**WR:** In Farah City, Farah, 630 conflict IDPs were assisted with cash from DRC-DDG, food rations from WFP, NFIs from UNICEF and WASH-packages from DACAAR. The families arrived recently in Farah City from five districts and the outskirts of Farah City. Nearly 200 IDPs in Chaghcharan, Ghor, received cash from ACF and NFIs from UNHCR. More than 180 displaced people and families affected by the ongoing dry spell received food from ANDMA, NFIs from Afghanaid and winter kits from UNICEF. The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) built a protection wall in Chakarha in Qala-e-Naw District of Badghis Province to protect houses and fields in an area where flash floods have occurred regularly.

## Cluster Updates

The Sub-Cluster Gender Based Violence (GBV) led by UNFPA reached more than 5,800 people in the past week in the North-Eastern, Eastern and Southern regions. Services provided included counselling to 77 victims of forced marriage, psychosocial assistance to more than 1,500 people and health education to more than 3,600 people.

## Security Incidents and Access Constraints

The health facility of Speen Jumat in Chaparhar District, Nangarhar, run by an NGO remains closed since October of last year following clashes between NSAGs. The basic health clinic usually serves some 6,400 people. Mobile health services have been ramped up (by whom) and two nearby clinics also can be used by the community.

### Resources:

#### Conflict Displacement (OCHA DTS)

<https://goo.gl/uRMCFh>

#### Overview of Humanitarian Assessments

<https://goo.gl/VUNMYA>

#### Who Does What, Where (3W)

<https://goo.gl/hquGei>

#### Afghanistan Spatial Data Center (IMMAP)

<https://goo.gl/F2R2yK>

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

Region	Sector	Type of Assistance	People Assisted		
			Partners		
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	1'736	IRC, DRC	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	532	SCI	
	FSAC	Cash for food	1'736	PIN, CARE, DRC	
		WASH	Hygiene kits	1'141	DACAAR
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	4'646	DRC, PU-AMI	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	581	NRC, UNICEF	
	FSAC	Cash for food	4'646	DRC, PU-AMI	
		Food Package	5'474	WFP	
	WASH	Wheat	560	PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES	
		Emergency latrines	280	DACAAR	
		Hygiene education	6'363	DACAAR	
		Hygiene kits	5'894	DACAAR	
North Eastern	ESNFI	Blankets	6'608	MISSION EAST, UNHCR, UNICEF	
		Cash	12'663	ACTED, NRC	
	FSAC	NFI Kits (Complete)	6'132	UNHCR, SCI, NRC, UNICEF	
		Cash for food	1'092	WFP	
		Food Package	15'841	WFP, ANDMA	
WASH	Hygiene kits	11'641	DACAAR, SCI		
Northern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	7'714	UNHCR, UNICEF, CARE	
		FSAC	Cash for food	574	WFP
	Other	Food Package	7'140	WFP	
		Unconditional cash	2'597	ACTED	
South Eastern	FSAC	Food Package	700	OHD	
	Other	Unconditional cash	1'771	SI, PIN, DRC	
		WASH	Hygiene kits	1'071	DACAAR, SI
Southern	ESNFI	Blankets	2'583	UNICEF	
		Cash	1'147	ACF	
	Other	Family kits	2'583	UNICEF	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	6'218	SCI, HRDA, UNHCR	
		Tents	21	UNHCR	
	FSAC	Winter Kit	6'995	SCI, UNICEF	
		Cash for food	6'256	WFP, HRDA	
		Food Package	3'120	WFP	
	Other	Other	Unconditional cash	6'523	NRC, ACF
			WASH	Emergency latrines	2'361
		WASH	Hygiene education	6'523	UNICEF
			Hygiene kits	6'523	DACAAR, UNICEF
		Other	Other	6'523	UNICEF
			Water containers	6'523	UNICEF
			Water treatment tablet	6'523	UNICEF
Western		ESNFI	Cash	1'547	DRC, ACF, IRC
	Clothing		340	UNICEF	
	Other	Emergency shelter kits	168	NRC	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5'801	NRC, IRC, UNHCR, ACF, UNICEF	
		Tents	12	IRC	
	FSAC	Winter Kit	1'764	NRC, UNICEF	
		Cash for food	2'751	DRC, ACF	
		Food Package	4'371	WFP	
		FSAC	812	DRC	
	Other	Other	Other	4'060	DRC, UNICEF
			Unconditional cash	17'250	DRC, ACF, NRC
		WASH	Chlorine	5'291	DACAAR, IRC
			Emergency latrines	365	DACAAR, IRC
			Female hygiene kits	2'315	DACAAR, UNHCR
			Hygiene education	5'396	DACAAR, IRC
Hygiene kits			4'326	DACAAR, NRC, ACF, UNICEF	
Water treatment tablet	648	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 | MoRR, Ministry 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 19 March 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.

To access the report online, follow this link <https://goo.gl/Lu45tQ> or scan the QR-code with your mobile phone: Apps to scan a QR-codes are available for Android and iOS smart phones.



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