

AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(23 March - 29 March 2020)

KEY FIGURES

IDPs IN 2020 (AS OF 29 MAR)



52.700

People displaced by conflict



47,000

Received assistance

NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2020 (AS OF 29 MAR)



33,100

Number of people affected by natural disasters

RETURNEES IN 2020 (AS OF 29 MAR)



215,400

Returnees from Iran



1.840

Returnees from Pakistan



3,180

Returnees from other countries

HRP REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



733M

Requirements (US\$) – HRP 2020



26.5M

4% funded (US\$) in 2020

AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2020



Contributions (US\$)



17.06M

Pledges (US\$)



3.95M

Expenditure (US\$)



31.08M

Available for allocation, including carry-over (US\$)



Northeast: Over 20,000 people received humanitarian assistance

Fighting between a Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) and Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) continued in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. An NSAG reportedly coordinated multiple attacks and took control of Yamgan district in Badakhshan province while fighting continued in the Maimai and Khustak areas in Jorm district.

546 people who were affected by severe flooding and rainfall received shelters and life-saving humanitarian assistance in Khwaja Ghar and Dasht-e-Qala districts in Takhar province.

20,720 people affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Baghlan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces. Moreover, 994 internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by conflict were assessed and will receive assistance in the coming days in Baghlan province.

East: 5,000 people received humanitarian aid *



Clashes continued between the ANSF and an NSAG in Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman provinces.

On 27 March, the first COVID-19 case was reported in the eastern part of the country. On 29 March, a laboratory was established for COVID-19 testing in Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province. This laboratory can conduct up to 100 tests in 24 hours.

Reportedly, severe flooding impacted 220 families (1,540 people) in Laghman, Kunar and Nangarhar provinces. Inter-agency assessment teams were deployed to affected areas to identify the needs of impacted families.

Last week, interagency assessment teams identified 3,241 IDPs to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days across the east; and 4,970 IDPs and returnees received humanitarian assistance in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces. In addition, 4,625 returnees, IDPs and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services. A total of 310 children were vaccinated for polio and measles.

North: Hospital with 200 beds and medical staff designated for COVID-19 response 👸

Fighting between an NSAG and ANSF continued in Balkh and Faryab, Jawzjan and Sar-e-Pul provinces.

A hospital with 200 beds and medical staff was designated in Mazar-e-Sharif city, Balkh province to respond to people with COVID-19.

1,484 people received humanitarian assistance in Sar-e-Pul and Faryab provinces. Also, interagency assessment teams identified 1,372 people displaced by conflict in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Samangan and Jawzjan provinces to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. 350 people affected by natural disasters were identified by interagency assessment teams to receive humanitarian assistance in Kohistan district in Faryab province.

South: Ongoing fighting displaced people in Hilmand



Fighting continued between an NSAG and the ANSF in Hilmand, Kandahar and Zabul provinces. According to initial reports, ongoing fighting in Kajaki district in Hilmand province displaced 700 people to Kandahar city. Also, an improvised explosive device detonation resulted in the deaths of seven civilians including children and women in Musa Qala district, Hilmand province according to initial reports.

5,787 people affected by natural disasters received humanitarian assistance in Washer district in Hilmand province while 353 IDPs affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Nimroz province. Inter-agency assessment teams identified 868 people who were displaced by conflict to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Hilmand and Kandahar provinces. Needs assessments for IDPs affected by conflict are ongoing for 700 people in Kandahar province.

Centre: Civilians were killed and injured in an attack in Kabul **



On 25 March, 26 civilians were reportedly killed and 8 injured in an attack on a religious site in the Daramsal area in Kabul city. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State of Khorasan (ISK).

Reportedly, 30 families (approximately 2,100 people) were affected by heavy rainfall in Paktika province. A total of 343 people affected by natural disasters received humanitarian assistance in Daykundi province. Interagency assessment teams identified 364 IDPs affected by natural disasters to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Kabul province. Movement restriction has been declared in Kabul, Paktya, Ghazni and Khost provinces as part of measures to stem the spread of COVID-19.

West: 150 people confirmed to have COVID-19 in the west



Fighting continued between an NSAG and the ANSF in Hirat, Badghis, Farah and Ghor provinces.

On 1 April, according to the Department of Public Health, 150 people are confirmed to have COVID-19 in the west (143 Hirat, 6 Farah, 1 Badghis), representing 80 per cent of all cases in Afghanistan (187 people). With the health system already stretched under the current caseload, the government is currently constructing an additional health facility in Hirat with 150 beds that is expected to be completed in the coming days.

During the reporting period, joint assessment teams identified 319 families (2,233 people) in the west affected by floods who will receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. Humanitarian needs assessments from capacity of 150 beds. Photo: OCHA Afghanistan



Construction of health facility in Hirat with

ongoing heavy rain and flash floods are in progress. In addition, a total of 767 IDPs affected by conflict were assessed by humanitarian partners in the west.

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