

AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(9 – 15 November 2020)

KEY FIGURES

IDPs IN 2020 (AS OF 15 NOVEMBER)



285,850
People displaced by conflict



161,750 Received assistance

NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2020 (AS OF 15 NOVEMBER)



110,560

Number of people affected by natural disasters

UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES IN 2020 (AS OF 14 NOVEMBER)



742,860

Returnees from Iran



6,850

Returnees from Pakistan



3,200

Returnees from other countries

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



1.13B

Requirements (US\$) – HRP 2020



513.1M

45% funded (US\$) in 2020

AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2020



57.01M

Contributions (US\$)



0M

Pledges (US\$)



84.51M

Expenditure (US\$)



0.53M

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



South: Fighting continued with civilian casualties

Armed clashes between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a non-state armed group (NSAG) continued mainly in Kandahar, Hilmand, and Uruzgan provinces. In Hilmand province fighting that started on 11 October continued in Lashkargah city mainly in Nawa-e-Barakzaiy and Nahr-e-Saraj and Nad-e-Ali districts. The road connecting Lashkargah to Nawa-e-Barakzaiy, Lashkargah to Kandahar and Nawa-e-Barkzaiy, Nade-e-Ali and Nahr-e-Saraj remained closed due to the presence of illegal checkpoints and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and damage to culverts.

In Kandahar province, fighting was ongoing in Maywand, Zheray and Panjwayi districts. Several civilians' homes were reportedly damaged in Arghandab and Maywand districts due to armed clashes and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices(VBIED). Telephone networks remain down and the main roads connecting Kandahar city and Arghandab, Panjwayi and Zheray districts are partially open but with a high threat of IEDs, especially in Deh Lavour, Nagahan and Shohen in addition to many culverts destroyed, leading civilians to use alternate roads.

On 7 November, five civilians were killed and one wounded by an IED detonation in Arghandab district. On 8 November, four civilians were reportedly killed and 13 wounded including women and children by a VBIED in the Maywand District Administrative Center. The incident also resulted in partial damage to the nearby Maywand health facility. On 11 November, four women were reportedly killed when a rocket hit a house in Sangi Hesar village in Zheray district.

In Uruzgan province, sporadic armed clashes were ongoing in Dehrawud and Gizab districts. The roads connecting Dehrawud to Gizab districts are currently

closed due to the presence of IEDs and destroyed culverts and civilians are using alternative roads. On 8 November, three civilians were reportedly killed and another wounded in Dehrawud district.

During the reporting period, 2,307 internally displaced persons (IDPs) identified to receive humanitarian assistance in Hilmand, 373 IDPs in Nimroz and 1,122 IDPs in Kandahar provinces with further assessments ongoing in Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and Hilmand provinces. The IDPs were assisted with tents, food, water, sanitation, hygiene supplies and multi-purpose cash.

West: 589 people identified to receive humanitarian assistance



On 10 November, one civilian was reportedly killed and another wounded by an IED detonation in the Oladikhairullah area, Dawlatyar district of Ghor province. During the last two months of conflict, 258 families (1,677 people) were reportedly displaced people from Dar Abad village. Pushtrod, Bala Bulok and Qala Ka districts in Farah province according to local authorities. A joint need assessment, conducted from 1 to 12 November, identified 94 families (589 people) to receive immediate assistance comprising food, relief items, cash for health, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies. Between 7 and 12 November, 503 returnees received post-arrival assistance

Centre: Over 6,000 people receive humanitarian assistance

The security situation remained unstable in the central part of the country. A total of 15 civilians were reportedly killed and two injured by roadside IEDs in Kabul, Ghazni, Kapisa and Maidan Wardak provinces. This week, 329 IDPs received humanitarian assistance in Kabul province and 6,125 IDPs will receive assistance in Gizab district of Uruzgan province on 17 November. Needs assessments are ongoing for 3,962 IDPs in Kapisa and Parwan provinces. Also, the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) provided cash assistance to 19,019 people affected by natural disasters in Logar, Maidan Wardak and Khost provinces.

North-east: Civilians continued to be affected by violence

Clashes between ANSF and NSAGs continued across the north-east specifically in Kunduz City, Khan Abad, Dasht-e-Archi and Qala-e-Zal districts of Kunduz province and Pul-e-Khumri, Baghlan-e- Jadid and Doshi districts of Baghlan province and Argo in Badakhshan province. On 9 November, a mortar round hit a house and resulted in the death of five civilians and wounded four others in Imam Sahib district. On 11 November, two children were reportedly injured by unexploded ordnance (UXO) detonated in Keshem of Badakhshan province. A recent highlevel mission to the region in NSAG-controlled areas raised concerns of renewed threats and impediments to the work of health organizations.

Assessment teams identified 235 households (approximately 1,645 people) displaced by conflict in Baghlan, Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. Humanitarian assistance reached 763 households (approximately 5,341 people) affected by conflict in Takhar and Kunduz provinces.

East: 39,333 people received humanitarian assistance

The security situation in the east remained volatile mainly in Kunar and Nangarhar provinces with reports of airstrikes, armed clashes, IEDs and shelling near the border.

Interagency assessment teams identified 27,314 people to receive immediate humanitarian assistance. A total of 39,333 people received humanitarian assistance including IDPs, undocumented returnees, and people who received food aid as part of the COVID-19 response. A total of 8,662 returnees, IDPs and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services and 4,672 children were vaccinated to protect against polio and measles.

North: 7,105 people received humanitarian assistance

A high level of violence continued across the region; 99 incidents were recorded with more than half occurring in Balkh province. Armed clashes between ANSF and an NSAG continued mainly in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Jawzian and Samangan provinces.

Interagency teams verified 2,191 people displaced by conflict to receive humanitarian assistance in Faryab province. 2,520 people affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Faryab province. A total of 4,585 people in protracted displacement, host communities and recent returnees from Iran received cash assistance and COVID-19 prevention information in Maymana city, Faryab province.

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