

# AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(30 November – 6 December 2020)

#### **KEY FIGURES**

IDPs IN 2020 (AS OF 6 DECEMBER)



192,820 Received assistance

322,840

People displaced by conflict

NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2020 (AS OF 6 DECEMBER)

104,170 Number of people affected by natural disasters

#### UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES IN 2020 (AS OF 5 DECEMBER)



800,970 Returnees from Iran



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7,230 Returnees from Pakistan

3,220 Returnees from other countries

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



1.13B Requirements (US\$) – HRP 2020

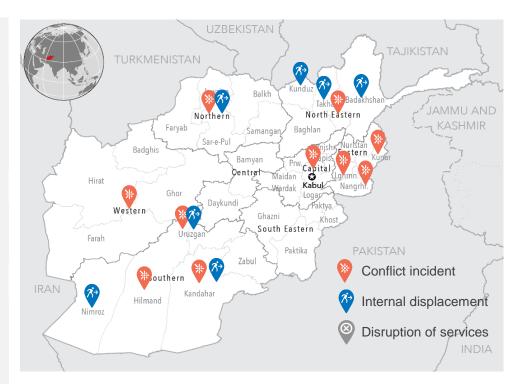
48% funded (US\$) in 2020



AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2020

546.1M





# South: Intense fighting causes displacement and impacts humanitarian activities

Fighting between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a non-state armed group (NSAG) continued with armed clashes, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonations and air strikes reported in Kandahar, Hilmand and Uruzgan provinces which impacted civilians and humanitarian activities.

In Kandahar province, armed conflict was ongoing in Arghandab, Zheray and Panjwayi districts causing approximately 5,000 people to flee to Kandahar city. The main roads in Zheray and Panjwayi are closed due to the presence of IEDs. Ongoing clashes resulted in the suspension of humanitarian activities, including health and education services in Maywand and Zheray districts. Increased insecurity in Arghestan district may also interrupt humanitarian activities at the border.

In Hilmand province, the security situation has remained unstable since the start of the conflict in mid-October with fighting ongoing on the main road connecting Kandahar to Lashkargah.

In Uruzgan province, clashes between ANSF and an NSAG continued in Gizab and Dehrawud districts. In Gizab district, seven civilians were reportedly killed by air strikes and IEDs and more than 4,000 people were reportedly displaced within the district. According to initial reports, an additional 2,345 IDPs were displaced from Chinartu, Gizab and Dehrawud district to Tirinkot district; and more than 900 people were displaced from neighboring provinces (Farah, Hilmand and Ghor) to Zaranj district, Nimroz province.

During the reporting period, 13,283 internally displaced persons (IDPs) received humanitarian assistance including cash, food, relief items, tents, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies in

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Kandahar, Hilmand and Uruzgan provinces. A total of 2,930 people affected by conflict were identified to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Hilmand and Kandahar provinces.

#### West: Over 30,000 people received humanitarian assistance<sup>♥</sup>

The security situation remained unstable in the west. On 5 December, one local civilian was wounded by gunfire near a checkpoint in Kohsan district, Hirat province.

A total of 980 people displaced by conflict from different districts of Badghis and Farah provinces to provincial capitals within the last three months were assessed and identified to receive humanitarian assistance during the last week and humanitarian partners initiated the response. Some 30,000 people received hygiene supplies as part of the COVID-19 response in Hirat province. The majority of assisted people are IDPs who were displaced in 2018 due to the drought and are still living in substandard conditions on private land and under a constant threat of eviction.

#### Centre: 8,421 people received cash assistance for winter

The security situation remained unstable in the central part of the country. Reportedly, four civilians were killed and 45 others injured by Suicide Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device attacks and airstrikes in Kabul, Ghazni and Paktya provinces during the last week.

This week, 8,421 people received cash assistance for winter in Daikundi, Kapisa, Khost and Maidan Wardak provinces. An additional 7,700 people were identified to receive winter assistance in Daykundi, Khost, Paktya provinces. Need assessments are ongoing for 23,800 vulnerable people who are in need of winter assistance in Bamyan, Parwan, Kapisa, Panjsher, Logar, Ghazni and Maidan Wardak provinces.

## North-east: 22,302 people displaced by fighting

Fighting between ANSF and NSAGs continued in the north-east. Two women were reportedly wounded and one person was abducted by unknown gunmen in Baharak district, Takhar province. Three civilians were reportedly killed by an unexploded ordnance (UXO) detonation in Argo district in Badakhshan province. 1,505 people were reportedly displaced by ongoing fighting in Badakhshan province. Also, some 2,721 households (approximately 19,047 people) were displaced from different insecure areas to Kunduz province. In Takhar, 250 households (approximately 1,750 people) were displaced by conflict.

Assessment teams identified 120 households (approximately 840 people) displaced by conflict in Baghlan province to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. Humanitarian assistance reached 996 households (approximately 6,972 people) affected by conflict in Badakhshan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces. Also, 666 households (approximately 4,662 people) received winterisation assistance in Kunduz province.

## East: 44,303 people received humanitarian assistance

The security situation in the east remained unstable with 98 security incidents recorded mainly in Achin, Bati Kot, Hesarak, Sherzad and Khogyani districts in Nangarhar province; Chapa Dara, Ghazi Abad and Sar Kani in Kunar province; and Dawlat Shah district in Laghman province.

Interagency assessment teams identified 19,418 people to receive immediate humanitarian assistance in the east. A total of 44,303 people received humanitarian assistance including IDPs, undocumented returnees, and people who receive food as part of seasonal support. A total of 6,599 returnees, IDPs and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services and 9,670 children were vaccinated to protect them against polio and measles.

## North: 12,787 people received humanitarian assistance

Armed clashes between ANSF and an NSAG continued mainly in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan provinces. Some people were temporarily displaced in the north-east during the last week but others were able to return to their places of origin. Interagency teams verified 1,757 people displaced by conflict to receive humanitarian assistance in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul and Jawzjan provinces. A total of 12,787 people including vulnerable families from host communities, IDPs in protracted displacement and returnees from Iran received humanitarian assistance in Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan and Sar-e-Pul provinces.

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