

AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(7 – 13 December 2020)

KEY FIGURES

IDPs IN 2020 (AS OF 13 DECEMBER)



327,300
People displaced by conflict



194,960 Received assistance

NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2020 (AS OF 13 DECEMBER)



104,170
Number of people affected by natural disasters

UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES IN 2020 (AS OF 5 DECEMBER)



800,970 Returnees from Iran



7,230
Returnees from Pakistan



3,220
Returnees from other

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



1.13B
Requirements (US\$) – HRP



549.6M 49% funded (US\$) in 2020

AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2020



57.01MContributions (US\$)



0.79M Pledges (US\$)



84.51M Expenditure (US\$)



0.53M

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



South: Intense fighting disrupted humanitarian activities and reduced health services

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

In Kandahar province, armed conflict continued in Arghestan, Arghandab, Zheray and Panjwayi districts which resulted in the restriction of civilian movement within districts and to Kandahar. The main roads in Zheray and Panjwayi are closed due to the presence of IEDs and ongoing military operations. Also, ongoing clashes disrupted humanitarian activities and reduced health services in Arghandab and Arghestan districts.

In Hilmand province, military operations are ongoing in some of the main roads connecting Lashkargah to Nad-e-Ali and Nawa-e- Barakzaiy. On 13 December, humanitarians confirmed the resumption of their activities and civilian movements through the 601 highway in Hilmand province.

In Uruzgan province, clashes between ANSF and an NSAG continued in Dehrawud districts. On 7 December, a polio vaccinator was reportedly killed in the crossfire of fighting during a monitoring visit at a hospital in Dehrawud district.

During the reporting period, 2,930 internally displaced persons (IDPs) received humanitarian assistance including cash, food, relief items, tents, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies in Kandahar and Hilmand provinces. A total of 600 people affected by conflict were identified to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Uruzgan, Hilmand and Kandahar provinces.

North-east: 56,658 people received humanitarian assistance

Fighting between ANSF and NSAGs continued in the north-east. On 9 December, two civilians were reportedly killed and two others wounded at an illegal checkpoint on the road between Fayzabad to Baharak in Badakhshan province. Assessment teams identified approximately 2,723 people displaced by conflict in Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. Humanitarian assistance reached approximately 56,658 people affected by conflict in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces. Also, winter assistance for people in need across the north-east was started by humanitarian partners.

East: 43,253 people received humanitarian assistance

The security situation in the east remained unstable mainly in Shinwar, Nazyan, Hesarak, Sherzad, Chaparhar and Khoqyani districts in Nangarhar province. On 10 December, a prominent female journalist and her driver were killed by gunfire in the Gulayee Araban area, Jalalabad city in Nangarhar province in an attack claimed by the Islamic State. According to the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), approximately 91 people were impacted by heavy rainfall in Shigal, Chawkay, Marawara, Dara-e-Pech, Nari, Asad Abad and Bar Kunar in Kunar province. Humanitarians are assessing the needs of affected people.

Interagency assessment teams identified 6,293 people to receive immediate humanitarian assistance in the east. A total of 43,253 people received humanitarian assistance including IDPs, undocumented returnees, and people who receive food as part of seasonal support. A total of 9,601 returnees, IDPs and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services and 7,482 children were vaccinated to protect them against polio and measles.

West: 315 people will receive humanitarian assistance

The security situation remained unstable in the west. On 12 December, a female civilian was wounded by crossfire due to fighting in Kohsan district, Hirat province. On 11 December, another female civilian was wounded in an incident in Kushk district, Hirat province. Humanitarian aid for 315 people displaced by conflict, who were assessed during the last week, was initiated by humanitarian partners and is expected to be completed during the current week. The families were displaced from different districts and within Hirat province and neighboring Badghis and Farah provinces to Hirat City.

Centre: 7,755 people received cash assistance for winter

The security situation remained unstable in the central part of the country mainly in Logar, Maidan Wardak, Paktya, Khost and Kabul provinces. On 12 December, one civilian was reportedly killed and two others wounded by multiple rockets that landed in different parts of Kabul province. This week, 7,755 people received cash assistance for winter in Bamyan, Daikundi, Kabul, Kapisa, Khost and Parwan provinces. Needs assessments are ongoing for vulnerable people who are in need of winter assistance in Bamyan, Daikundi and Ghazni provinces.

North: 1,785 IDPs identified to receive humanitarian assistance



Armed clashes between ANSF and an NSAG continued mainly in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan provinces. Conflict continued on the main roads connecting Mazar-e-Sharif to Sheberghan, Sar-e-Pul to Sheberghan and Sozmaqala to Sar-e-Pul. Ongoing fighting resulted in the temporary displacement of people in the north, mainly in Balkh, Faryab and Sar-e-Pul provinces but some families were able to return to their places of origin. Interagency teams verified 1,785 people displaced by conflict to receive humanitarian assistance in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul and Jawzjan provinces. A total of 14,346 people including vulnerable families from host communities, IDPs in protracted displacement and returnees from Iran received humanitarian assistance in Faryab, Jawzjan and Sar-e-Pul provinces.

Funding Update

The Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund through the sixth reserve allocation has disbursed \$10.8 million to 18 partners including three national NGOs, 13 international NGOs and two UN agencies for 22 projects that will provide lifesaving winter aid to support over 326,000 people in Afghanistan.

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