

AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(19 – 25 April 2021)

KEY FIGURES

IDPs IN 2021 (AS OF 25 APRIL)



89,900

People displaced by conflict (verified)



88,627

Received assistance (including 2020 caseload)

NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2021 (AS OF 25 APRIL)



6,657

Number of people affected by natural disasters

UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES IN 2021 (AS OF 15 APRIL)



315.113

Returnees from Iran



4.409

Returnees from Pakistan



12

Returnees from other countries

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



1.28B

Requirements (US\$) - HRP 2021



148M

12% funded (US\$) in 2021

AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2021



12.99M

Contributions (US\$)



21.26M Pledges (US\$)



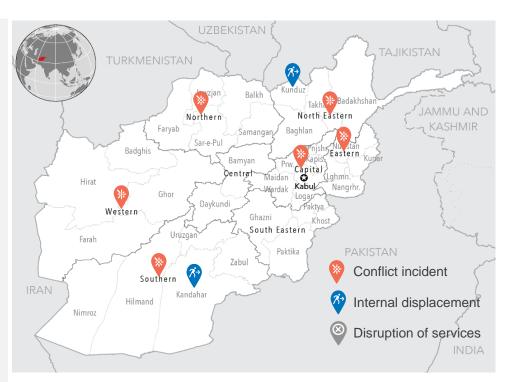
5.62M Expenditure (US\$)



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19.69M

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



South: Violence continued to affect civilians 2020



The security situation deteriorated in the south mainly in Kandahar, Hilmand and Zabul provinces with targeted killings, improvised explosive device (IED) attacks and armed clashes affecting civilian and humanitarian activities.

Clearing operations were ongoing in Kandahar, Hilmand and Zabul provinces with nearly 1.060 IEDs reportedly been cleared by the Government, However. the threat of a large number of remaining IEDs continues to be a challenge for people across the south with eight civilian fatalities reported in the last week. In Arghandab district in Kandahar province, three out of six health facilities remain closed due to the presence of IEDs.

In Hilmand province, armed clashes have also been reported in different part of Lashkargah, Nawa-e-Barakzy, Washer, Nad-e-Ali, Sangin and Nahr-e-Saraj districts. While comparatively calm, sporadic fighting continued to be reported in Uruzgan and Nimroz provinces. In Zabul province, one civilian was killed and four others injured from three separate IED detonations and targeted killings.

According to provincial authorities, 1,302 people were displaced from Khakrez district to Police District 13 of Kandahar city, Kandahar province. The information has been shared with interagency assessment teams for verification.

Between 22 and 25 April, 1,575 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Kandahar and Hilmand provinces received food, emergency shelter and relief items, water, sanitation and hygiene, but cash-based assistance is still needed. Further assessments are ongoing in Kandahar, Hilmand, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. Some 1,050 IDPs (237 in Hilmand, 273 in Uruzgan, 265 in Zabul and 275 in Kandahar) have been identified to receive assistance in the coming days.

North-east: 9,100 people displaced by fighting



Fighting between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a non-state armed group (NSAG) continued in Baghlan and Takhar provinces. A total of 9,100 people were reportedly displaced from Estameng, Agibai, Mominabad, Rawza and Ismael Qishlaq villages to the district centre in Imam Sahib due to ongoing fighting in Kunduz province.

A total of 1,134 people affected by conflict and 44,233 vulnerable people received humanitarian assistance in Baghlan, Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. Interagency assessment teams identified 833 people to receive humanitarian assistance across the region.

East: 12,817 people received humanitarian assistance

Armed clashes between the ANSF and an NSAG continued in Surkh Rod, Sherzad, Khogyani districts in Nangarhar province and in Sar Kani, Marawara and Ghaziabad districts in Kunar province. On 26 April, three civilians were reportedly wounded by a roadside IED in Police District 4 in Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province. On the same day, 16 people were reportedly injured by a rocket that hit the provincial governor's palace in Asad Abad city of Kunar province. The injured have been admitted to Asad Abad hospital.

This week, 588 people were recommended to receive immediate humanitarian assistance. During the reporting period, 12,817 people received humanitarian aid — among them are 7,490 newly displaced people, 3,780 people affected by rainfall, 14 undocumented returnees and 1,533 people received food rations as part of the COVID-19 response. A total of 8,738 returnees, IDPs, and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services; and 346 children were vaccinated to protect them against polio and measles.

West: Ongoing need assessment for 1,330 IDPs

The security situation remained unstable across the west with IED detonations reported in Hirat, Farah and Ghor provinces with at least one civilian wounded. People in in Badghis and Ghor provinces have been affected by water scarcity, forcing then to purchase water and negatively impacting farming and livestock. Partners are carrying out a joint assessment in several districts in Badghis to ensure evidence-based assistance to affected people. Need assessments of approximately 1,330 IDPs affected by conflict are ongoing in Badghis, Hirat and Ghor provinces.

Centre: Increased violence resulted in civilian casualties

The security situation remained volatile mainly in Kabul, Maidan Wardak, Kapisa, Logar, Khost, Ghazni, Paktika and Paktya provinces. On 25 April, eight members of one family were reportedly killed by an airstrike in Zorlang village in Jalriz district, Maidan Wardak province. Also, four people were reportedly killed and three others were injured in another incident when a mortar hit their house in Sayed Abad district.

Interagency assessment teams identified 2,463 internally displaced people to receive humanitarian assistance in Bamyan, Kabul, Panjshir, Ghazni and Maidan Wardak provinces. A total of 5,089 people affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Bamyan and Kapisa provinces. In addition, 2,170 people received winter support in Daykundi province.

North: 3,101 people received cash assistance for food

Armed clashes between ANSF and NSAGs continued in Balkh, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan provinces. A total of 1,505 people affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Balkh province. In addition, 3,101 IDPs in protracted displacement, vulnerable people and returnees received cash assistance for food in Sar-e-Pul province.

Also, 161 people affected by landslides received humanitarian assistance in Keshendeh district, Balkh province. Furthermore, 1,519 IDPs affected by conflict were identified by interagency assessment teams to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan and Sar-e-Pul provinces.

A third of the population is facing acute food insecurity

According to the latest Integrated Phase Classification Food Security analysis, more than 14 million people are facing acute food insecurity due to conflict, COVID-19, high food prices, and unemployment. Some 10 million people are in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) and 4.2 million people are in Emergency food insecurity (IPC Phase 4). Nearly half of all children under-five are expected to face acute malnutrition in 2021. La Niña weather patterns that may develop into drought are compounding food insecurity in the country.

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