

# AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(28 June – 4 July 2021)

## **KEY FIGURES**

### IDPs IN 2021 (AS OF 4 JULY)

**%**→

(verified) 123,204 Received assistance

222,673

People displaced by conflict

(including 2020 caseload) NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2021 (AS OF 4 JULY)

> 24,073 Number of people affected by natural disasters

### UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES IN 2021 (AS OF 1 JULY)

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604,812 Returnees from Iran



7,224 Returnees from Pakistan



37 Returnees from other countries

### HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



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1.28B Requirements (US\$) – HRP 2021

475.6M 37% funded (US\$) in 2021

### AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2021





# South: Scale and intensity of conflict increases

While the actual number of security incidents decreased, the scale and intensity of conflict between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a non-state armed group (NSAG) reportedly increased during the last week. An NSAG reportedly took control of Shahwalikot district in Kandahar province and Nahr-e-Saraj district in Hilmand province. Intense armed clashes were also reported in Panjwayi, Zheray and Arghestan districts in Kandahar province and Nad-e-Ali district in Hilmand province, resulting in civilian casualties and the internal displacement of hundreds of civilians, in addition to placing additional pressure on already limited health and medical infrastructure.

Additionally, both primary and secondary roads to provinces and districts in the south were reportedly intermittently blocked by an NSAG affecting civilian movements and the transportation of basic items including food. Sporadic outages of mobile service continued to adversely affect communication and information sharing, particularly in the reporting of emergencies.

A roadside Improvised Explosive Device (IED) reportedly detonated against a civilian vehicle in Garamser district in Hilmand province, killing several civilians including two children and a woman, in addition to wounding a child. On 30 June, airstrikes in the Nakhoni and Salehan areas in Panjwayi district in Kandahar province resulted in the deaths of five civilians (two women and three children) and the injury of six others (one woman and five children).

According to local authorities, about 2,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) fled conflict in Panjwaiy district to Kandahar city. A needs assessment will be conducted to determine response.

On 30 June, interagency teams provided 2,393 IDPs (1,433 people in Lashkargah and 960 people in Kandahar) with food, emergency shelter, relief items, water, sanitation, hygiene and hygiene education, and cash assistance.

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## North-east: Humanitarian aid reached 16,842 people in need

An NSAG expanded their territorial control in 41 out of 69 districts in the north-east with reportedly little resistance and thus limiting the impact on civilians. The NSAG also assured humanitarian organizations that their activities will not be targeted. During the reporting period, a woman was reportedly wounded by crossfire in the Qara-Parchaw area in Taloqan city, Takhar Province, and airstrikes in Doshi district in Baghlan province reportedly resulted in the deaths of three civilians.

In the last week, humanitarian assistance reached 16,842 people affected by conflict and joint assessment teams identified 31,094 people in need who will receive assistance in the next few days.

# East: 33,824 people received multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance 🏶

The security situation remained volatile and sporadic clashes continued namely in Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, and Nuristan Provinces with reports of civilian casualties due to armed clashes and mortar fire, targeted killings and IED detonations.

On 3 July, armed clashes in Laghman Province reportedly resulted in the deaths of several people including three civilians and injured 20 others. Also on 3 July, armed clashes and mortar fire in some Alishang villages in Laghman Province reportedly resulted in the deaths of three civilians and injured eight others, in addition to damaging houses in Qawalkhil Village.

A total of 33,824 people received multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance including: 9,653 new IDPs; 24,087 people who receive unconditional seasonal support as part of COVID-19 response and 84 undocumented returnees who received post-arrival assistance at the Torkham Transit Centre near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border crossing. Out of 8,218 people assessed this week, 3,472 people were recommended to recieve immediate humanitarian assistance: 2,891 newly displaced people and 581 people affected by prolonged displacement who were recommended to receive cash for rent.

# West: 10,500 people reportedly displaced from villages in Ghor 🖗 🏈

The security situation remained tense and clashes continued in multiple areas of Hirat, Badghis, Ghor and Farah provinces. As a result of intense clashes in Dawlatyar district in Ghor province, some 10,500 people were reportedly displaced from 25 villages to Lal Wa Sarjangal district. Joint inter-agency assessments will take place in the coming days to identify needs.

During the reporting period, more than 2,500 IDPs who were displaced by conflict in the last three months were assessed and assisted by aid agencies in Hirat, Ghor and Badghis provinces. Humanitarian partners began a shelter reconstruction project for 200 IDPs and returnees in Chaghcharan, Shahrak and Saghar districts in Ghor, and Qala-e-Naw district in Badghis province. Almost 8,000 people affected by drought received cash for food in Abkamari and Muqur districts in Badghis province.

## Centre: 21,203 IDPs identified to receive assistance

The security situation remained unstable and unpredictable with elevated violence including against civilians in Kabul, Logar, Wardak, Parwan, Kapisa, Khost, Ghazni, Paktya and Paktika provinces.

A total of 21,203 people displaced by conflict were identified to receive assistance in Kabul, Paktya, Khost, Ghazni and Daykundi provinces, while joint needs assessments are ongoing for 12,311 IDPs reported in Parwan, Paktika, Kapisa and Daykindi provinces.

## North: Joint assessment teams identified 2,856 people in need

The security situation remained volatile in the north as an NSAGs took control of Kaldar and Shortepa districts in Balkh province and Feroznakhchir district in Samangan province. Inter-agency teams were deployed to Hazarti Sultan district in Samangan province to assess and identify needs.

During the last week, interagency assessment teams identified 2,856 people displaced by conflict who are in need of humanitarian aid in Balkh, Faryab and Jawzjan provinces.

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