

AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Humanitarian Update

(25 - 31 October 2021)

KEY FIGURES

IDPs IN 2021 (AS OF 31 OCTOBER)



681,612

People displaced by conflict (verified)



355,433

Received assistance

NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2021 (AS OF 31 OCTOBER)



28,014

Number of people affected by natural disasters

RETURNEES IN 2021 (AS OF 27 OCTOBER)



1,032,527

Returnees from Iran



13,326

Returnees from Pakistan



57

Returnees from other countries

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) REQUIREMENTS & FUNDING



868.7M

Requirements (US\$) – HRP



550.4M

63% funded (US\$) in 2021

FLASH APPEAL 2021



606.3M

Requirements (US\$)



329.6M

54% funded (US\$) in 2021

AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN FUND (AHF) 2021



169.45M

Contributions (US\$)



55.84M Pledges (US\$)



68.90M

Expenditure (US\$)



113.21M

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



South: Winterisation assessment started in Hilmand

During the reporting period, 17 civilians including women and children were injured by abandoned Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and Unexploded Ordnance (UXOs) in rural areas in Kandahar Province. According to initial reports, 685 families (approximately 4,795 people) who were previously displaced by insecurity and conflict in Hilmand are unable to return to their places of origin due to drought and some other limitations. Their situation is under consideration for further needs assessments and response.

On 24 October, 148 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who were previously displaced in Lashkargah City of Hilmand Province received household items, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies. On 26 October, the UN distributed cash for emergency shelter to 980 vulnerable people in Marja District of Hilmand Province. On 28 October, needs assessments for 500 families (approximately 3,500 people) in need of winter support were completed in Sangin District of Hilmand Province. Distribution of winter assistance to verified people is planned for 7 November. Similarly, needs assessment for winterisation in Kajak and Nawzad Districts are still ongoing.

North-east: Over 187,000 people receive food aid

In Badakhshan Province, 84,000 vulnerable people in Faizabad City were assessed to be in need of food assistance with 10,286 people already provided with food and the provision of aid ongoing. An additional 187,565 vulnerable people received food assistance under WFP's seasonal assistance programme in Baghlan, Badakhshan, and Takhar provinces.

Also, a total of 9,121 returnees received household items including warm clothes and blankets for winter in Baghlan, Badakhshan and Takhar provinces.

North: 2,408 people identified to receive humanitarian assistance

During the reporting period, 2,408 people displaced by conflict in August 2021 and returnees were identified by needs assessment teams to be in need of humanitarian assistance in Faryab, Jawzjan, and Sar-e-Pul provinces. A total of 1,722 vulnerable people including both IDPs and returnees received cash for the winter in Mazar-e-Sharif City in Balkh Province.

From 25 to 26 October, a humanitarian road mission to Maymana City in Faryab Province was successfully completed to assess road access and to engage with key interlocutors on humanitarian action. The team conveyed that needs in the area are highly concerning due to the impact of drought on food supply. Humanitarians recommended a scale-up in activities based on assessed needs.

East: Civilians casualties from IEDs and violence

On 30 October, four civilians were reportedly killed and four others were injured by a roadside improvised explosive device (IED) detonation in Warbashgarai area, Sherzad District in Nangarhar Province. On 29 October, two civilians were reportedly killed and ten others were injured during a wedding ceremony by gunfire in the Marghonday area, Surkh Rod District, Nangarhar Province.

In Nuristan province, vaccines were delivered to major health facilities and three ambulances were repaired and returned to Want, Waygal and Duab Districts. A total of 65,723 vulnerable people among host communities were identified to receive food assistance as part of WFP's seasonal support programme and winter support in Nuristan, Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar provinces. A total of 91,378 people received food, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies, including 4,326 IDPs, 2,884 food insecure people, 252 returnees at the Torkham Transit Centre, and 84,042 vulnerable people in Nangarhar, Laghman, Nuristan and Kunar provinces.

A total of 16,202 returnees and IDPs received emergency outpatient health services and 522 children were vaccinated against polio and measles in the east. Eleven mobile health teams provided nutrition support to people affected by conflict and natural disasters in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces. Among 2,736 children under five screened, 103 children suffered from severe acute malnutrition and 237 children suffered from moderate acute malnutrition. In addition, 213 children were provided with vitamin A and 1,156 pregnant and lactating women received counseling services. As of 31 October, 243,464 people (212,348 male and 31,116 female) received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.

West: Returnees in need of shelter and humanitarian assistance

Between 14 and 27 October, 434 people reportedly arrived from Ghor to Hirat Province and 28 internally displaced families (approximately 196 people) who were living under tents in open spaces in Kabul returned to Ghor Province. The IDPs and returnees were assessed and humanitarian response, consisting of household items and shelter assistance, is planned for next week.

After establishing an agreed verification mechanism for all partners, the Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Item cluster is preparing winter support assistance for 22,000 vulnerable families (approximately 154,000 people) across the west. An NGO has committed to provide the Hirat Regional Hospital and Ghor Provincial Hospital with fuel at the start of November.

Centre: Over 5,000 people identified to receive humanitarian assistance

On 2 November, a hospital in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul City was attacked resulting in the death and injury of scores of people. The UN expressed their condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and a swift recovery to the many people who were injured recalling that health facilities and infrastructure are protected under International Humanitarian Law, and that all civilians must be protected.

A total of 5,131 internally displaced people were identified to receive household items and cash assistance in the coming days in Kabul, Daykundi and Bamyan provinces. Needs assessments are ongoing for 4,900 internally displaced people in Kapisa Province.

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