

Week of 1 January – 7 January 2018



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

In 2017, more than 448,000 people have been displaced by conflict in Afghanistan - an average of more than 1,200 people every day. The highest number of displaced people was recorded in Nangarhar with 123,538 IDPs, followed by Kunduz with 39,550 and Badghis with 26,659. The fewest IDPs were recorded in Bamyan Province with 28 and Daykundi with 324 IDPs.

Central Region: In the first week of 2018, more than 1,000 displaced people reportedly arrived in secondary displacement in Kabul from Khogyani and Goshta districts, Nangarhar. Military operations in Tagab, Kapisa, displaced nearly 2,000 people, according to authorities. Some 980 people displaced to Kapisa from Kunduz and Baghlan provinces and from Surobi, Kabul. In 2017, 21,050 people were verified as displaced in the Central and Capital regions, five per cent of the total displacement.

Northern/North Eastern Region: No significant displacements were reported in the first days of the year. In 2017, more than 126,000 IDPs were verified in the two regions, 31 per cent of last year's total displacement.

Eastern Region: More than 230 people were reportedly displaced within Kunar due to threats and intimidation by NSAGs. In 2017, the number of displaced people in the Eastern Region reached 140,205, representing 31 per cent of the total displacement across the country.

Southern/South Eastern Region: No significant displacements were reported in the reporting period. In the two southern regions, 74,517 displaced people were recorded in the whole of last year, 17 per cent of the total displacement in Afghanistan.

Western: The situation in the region has been calm in the past week with no reports of significant displacements. More than 69,246 people were displaced in the Western Region in 2017, 15 per cent of the total displacement last year.

Undocumented Returnees and Refugees

From 1 to 6 January, 403 undocumented returnees from Pakistan arrived in Afghanistan and 9,081 from Iran, according to IOM. In 2017, a total of 462,316 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran and 98,191 from Pakistan.

UNHCR's voluntary repatriation programme is suspended due to winter. In total, 58,817 refugees returned from Pakistan, Iran and other countries to Afghanistan during the past year.

Ongoing Response Activities (please also see page 2)

During the past week, more than 113,000 displaced people,

undocumented returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian assistance.

CR: Some 5,900 families in Kabul Informal Settlements and nearly 3,700 families of undocumented returnees received cash for food from WFP. Also in Kabul, DRC distributed NFI kits and cash to 259 IDPs and Islamic Relief provided cash to 127 families affected by the attack on 31 May 2017 in Kabul and to more than 200 people who sustained injuries. In Paktika and Khost, UNHCR distributed wood for heating to 500 refugee families and blankets and cash for fuel to 950 families in protracted displacement, returnees or vulnerable host families. In Paktika, SI distributed cash to 98 IDPs and in Khost more than 10,000 refugees received monthly WFP food rations.

NR/NER: More than 1,800 displaced people received cash assistance through ACTED in Maymana City, Faryab. In Kunduz, 196 IDPs from Emamsaheb and Dasht-e-Archi districts received cash from NRC, food from WFP and hygiene kits from DACAAR.

ER: WFP distributed food to nearly 14,000 IDPs from Khogyani, DACAAR trucked water to 225 displaced families from Khogyani and health services in the district stayed reinforced by three mobile health teams. In Mehtarlam and Nangarhar, DRC-DDG and NRC each provided 1,000 IDPs with cash assistance and tents or food, respectively. WFP distributed food to 2,285 undocumented returnee families as seasonal support in three Eastern Region provinces. The NGO Organization of Human Welfare (OHW) provided cash for rent to 30 vulnerable and returnee families in Surkhrod, Nangarhar.

SR: Nearly 120 displaced people in Nawa-e-Barakzai district, Hilmand, received cash assistance from ACF, cash for food from WFP, cash for NFIs from IRC and hygiene kits, winter clothing and water treatment kits from UNICEF. Nine families in need of shelter were provided with tents by IRC.

WR: In Farah, 460 IDPs received NFIs and dignity kits from UNHCR and hygiene kits from DACAAR, 360 recent IDPs received cash assistance from DRC-DDG, NFIs from UNICEF and water treatment tablets from DACAAR. In Badghis, NRC distributed cash assistance to 590 IDPs, UNICEF provided hygiene kits and partners of the ES/NFI Cluster hygiene kits. Further, DRC-DDG distributed cash to 26 displaced families and NRC to 31 families, also in Badghis.

Gaps

The health facility at Islam Qala border crossing with Iran in Hirat Province closed down on 31 December due to lack of continued funding for salaries of health workers, leaving a gap in provision of health services for deportees and returnees at the border.

Access and Security

In Badghis, the last of eight health facilities reopened on 6 January after one week of forced closure following community elder's negotiations with members of an NSAG.

Fighting over control of the highway connecting Maymana with Andkhoy has disrupted the flow of aid supplies from Mazar-e-Sharif to Maymana since last November. Currently, aid delivery for 3,000 families in Maymana is postponed, including food and NFIs for the 280 families who received cash (*see above*).

On 1 January, three health workers and two support personnel were reportedly detained by members of an armed group in Chaghcharan District, Ghor, on their way to assess health needs in several villages. They were released the following day after the intervention of community elders.

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Nov. – Dec. 2017 and Jan 2018

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in Nov, Dec 2017 and Jan 2018	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)		
					Nov - Dec 2017	2017	
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	1,176	DRC	1,965	21,496	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,197	DRC, UNHCR			
	FSAC	Cash for food	973	DRC			
		Food Package	994	WFP			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	357	DACAAR			
Central Highland						352	
Eastern	ESNFI	Blankets	5,216	UNICEF	29,302	140,205	
		Cash	29,398	PU-AMI, NRC, IRC, SCI			
		Family kits	1,400	UNICEF			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	28,105	UNHCR, APA, ARCS, SCI, UNICEF			
		School tents	385	NRC			
		Tents	5,411	DRC, NRC, IRC, UNHCR, WSTA			
		Winter Kit	10,962	UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	11,534	PU-AMI, NRC, SCI, NCRO, WFP			
		Food Package	37,170	ARCS, MADERA, WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,776	DRC, NRC			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	3,857	DACAAR, SHPOUL, ZOA			
		Water provision (bottled or trucking)	1,715	DACAAR			
	North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	9,597			NRC, ACTED
NFI Kits (Complete)			9,296	UNHCR, SCI			
FSAC		Food Package	7,679	WFP			
WASH		Hygiene kits	9,597	DACAAR			
Northern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	10,668	DACAAR, UNHCR, CARE, SCI, PIN, UNICEF	11,012	62,099	
		Other	616	SCI			
	FSAC	Food Package	18,088	WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	6,314	NRC, ACTED			
WASH	Hygiene kits	8,911	DACAAR, UNICEF				
Souther Eastern						17,430	
Southern	ESNFI	Blankets	763	UNICEF	3,829	57,087	
		Cash	967	IRC			
		Clothing	879	UNHCR, SCI			
		Kitchen sets	276	NRC			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,327	NRC, UNHCR, SCI			
		Tarpaulins	119	UNICEF			
		Tents	322	NRC, IRC, UNHCR			
		Winter Kit	3,154	UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	6,397	NRC, WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	4,006	ACF, NRC			
	WASH	Emergency latrines	126	DACAAR			
		Hygiene education	3,901	UNICEF			
		Hygiene kits	5,315	ACF, DACAAR, UNICEF			
		Other	2,613	UNICEF			
		Water containers	3,257	UNICEF			
		Water treatment tablet	3,257	UNICEF			
Western		ESNFI	Cash	5,874	DRC, ACF, NRC, IRC	5,744	69,246
NFI Kits (Complete)			3,854	UNHCR, UNICEF			
Tents	1,941		IRC				
Unconditional cash	878		DRC, NRC				
Winter Kit	363		NRC, UNICEF				
FSAC	Cash for food	3,936	DRC, NRC				
	Food Package	2,466	WFP				
Other	Unconditional cash	16,525	DRC, NRC				
WASH	Chlorine	1,103	IRC, DACAAR				
	Emergency latrines	2,333	IRC				
	Female hygiene kits	755	UNHCR				
	Hygiene education	2,776	IRC, DACAAR, UNHCR				
	Hygiene kits	2,378	IRC, DACAAR, UNICEF				
Water treatment tablet	203	IRC					

Acronyms: ACF, Action Against Hunger | AFN, Afghan afghani; 1,000 AFN ~ US\$14.60 | ANDMA, Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority | ANSF, Afghan National Security Forces | ARCS, Afghan Red Crescent Society | DACAAR, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees | DoRR, Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation | DRC-DDG, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IMC, International Medical Corps | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NFI, Non-food item | NRC, Norwegian Refugee Council | NSAG, Non-State Armed Group | OHC, Organization for Humanitarian and Development | PIN, People In Need | PU-AMI, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale | SCI, Save the Children International | SHPOUL, Sound Humanitarian, Participatory & Organizational Uplift | SI, Solidarités International | UNHCR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund | WASH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | WFP, World Food Programme |

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 7 January 2018, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available). To calculate the number of people per family, the national average of seven family members is used.

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