

Key issues in the past week:

- Authorities distributed wheat grain to over 25,000 families affected by drought in Badghis province.
- Humanitarian agencies have supported 47,768 drought-affected people in Herat and Badghis.
- Health facilities in two provinces remain closed and a midwives training centre was attacked in Jalalabad, Nangarhar.

17,696*

New IDPs reported in the past week

52,578

People assisted in the past week

167,040

Total verified IDPs in 2018

Countrywide conflict displacement

A total of 167,040 people has been verified as having been displaced by conflict in 2018, according to OCHA's [Displacement Tracking System \(DTS\)](#). This is up by 4,883 displaced people compared to the week before.

Conflict Displacement Alerts* (see map)

Central and South East Region: During the past week there have been initial reports of 3,107 persons who have been displaced in Khost, Paktya and Paktika due to conflict.

North- and North-Eastern Region: 11,641 persons have been reported to have displaced in Takhar, Kunduz and Jawzjan, Faryab and Sar e Pol provinces due to conflict. This number includes petitions submitted on behalf of 5,824 persons to authorities for which joint assessments teams have been deployed to verify their numbers and needs.

East Region: In the past week, more than ten incidents of cross-border shelling were reported in Kunar Province, wounding two and causing the displacement of around 380 people.

Southern Region: During the past week, 1,327 displaced people have been verified by humanitarian partners in Zabul, Helmand and Uruzgan provinces. There are reports of families returning to mine-contaminated areas in Tirinkot and Dehrawood districts of Uruzgan, following reduction of conflict in the area. Regional partners are working on deploying a demining team to the area.

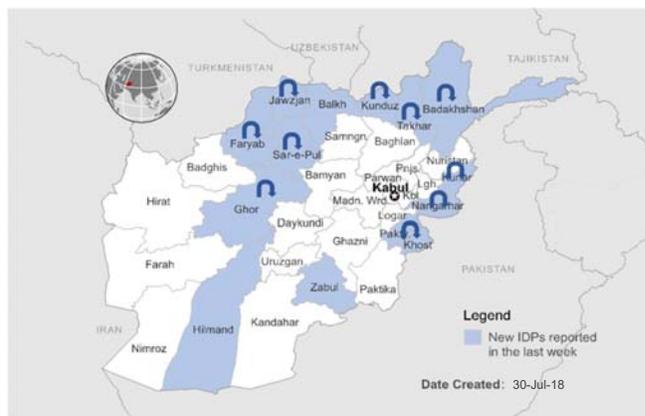
Western Region: *Please see the drought section*

Drought

Joint humanitarian teams identified a total of 65,296 people displaced due to drought to Herat city during the week of 15th July. Additionally, 6,965 persons were identified as displaced due to drought in Qala-e-Naw City, Badghis.

OCHA, together with Cluster coordinators and key NGO partners, is developing a drought Cluster response plan for the next three months in the western parts of the country. Furthermore, OCHA, UNDP and partners are developing a humanitarian development assessment to better understand the root development causes of the drought.

Humanitarian agencies have supported 47,768 drought-affected persons in Herat and Badghis the past week with cash for food and water. Provision of further assistance is on-going in the western region. At the same time, in



Provinces with conflict displacement in the past week, according to initial reports.

Badghis, authorities completed wheat grain distributions to over 25,000 families in Abkamari, Muqur, Balamurghab and Qadis districts, Badghis province. Distributions are ongoing in Jawand district.

Returns to Afghanistan

From 22 to 28 July, a total of 21,004 Afghan citizens returned to their home country. According to [UNHCR](#), 190 Afghan refugees returned voluntarily from Pakistan and 67 from Iran. According to [IOM](#), 129 Afghan citizens returned from Pakistan on their own and 8 were deported; from Iran, 5,093 returned on their own and 5,824 were deported.

Cluster updates

46,745 beneficiaries have been reached with health services in 6 districts in Faryab and Kandahar provinces.

Security Incidents and Humanitarian Access

The 17 health clinics closed by members of an armed group in May 2018 in Jawand and Balamurghab districts, Badghis, remain closed. Impact of drought coupled with lack of access to basic health services are pushing communities into displacement.

Health facilities in Zabul remain closed for the third week, depriving nearly 300,000 people from accessing basic services.

On 28 July, armed men attacked a midwives training centre in Jalalabad, Nangarhar, killing two staff members. All midwives were rescued. Education institutions in Nangarhar have witnessed increased number of threats from NSAGs in recent weeks.

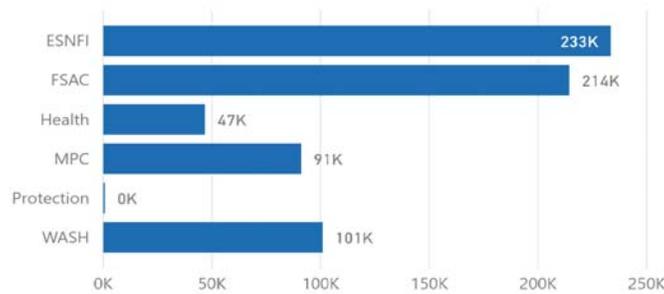
Ongoing Response Activities (see page 2 for details)

During the past week, more than 52,578 people affected by conflict, natural disasters and drought received humanitarian assistance or participated in sensitisation activities across the country. Assistance included notably cash, food, hygiene kits, latrines, NFIs, WASH packages and services. Activities were reported from Badakhshan, Badghis, Balkh, Herat, Nangarhar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nuristan, Paktya, Takhar, Torkham (border point), and Zabul provinces by organizations including **ACTED, APA, Blumont, CWSA, DACAAR, DRC-DDG, IRC, Mission East, NRCO, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, IMC, DRC, NRC and RI.**

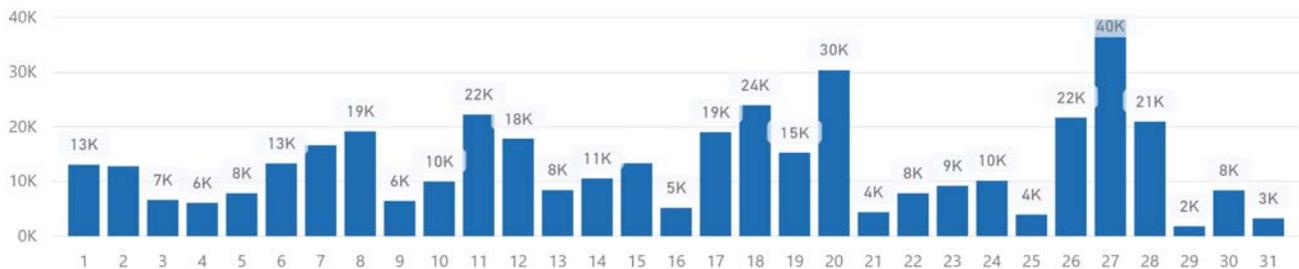
People displaced by conflict assisted in the past week

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People Assisted	Partners
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	1491	, IRC, NCRO
Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1540	, APA, UNHCR, UNICEF
Eastern	FSAC	Food Package	1111	, ANDMA, WFP
Eastern	Health	Basic health care services	379	, RI
Eastern	Protection	Other	35	, NCRO
Eastern	Protection	Psychosocial support	19	, APA
Eastern	WASH	Hygiene education	896	, DACAAR, IRC
Eastern	WASH	Hygiene kits	399	, DACAAR
North Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	609	, ME
North Eastern	WASH	Hygiene kits	609	, DACAAR
Northern	ESNFI	Cash	749	, ACTED
Northern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1309	, SCI, ZOA
Northern	FSAC	Cash for food	560	, NRC
Northern	FSAC	Food Package	1225	, WFP
Southern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	754	, ACF, UNHCR
Southern	ESNFI	Tarpaulins	247	, UNICEF
Southern	FSAC	Cash for food	754	, IRC, NRC
Southern	MPC	Unconditional cash	754	, ACF, IRC, NRC
Southern	WASH	Hygiene education	247	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Hygiene kits	754	, ACF, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Other	494	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Water containers	247	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Water treatment tablet	247	, UNICEF

Internally Displaced People assisted by sector in 2018



Internally Displaced People assisted by week in 2018



* Alerts of conflict displacement are shared based on initial information received from the ground. Numbers can change as more information becomes available.

Sources: The Weekly Field Report is prepared by OCHA in collaboration with humanitarian partners and Clusters.

Acronyms: ACF, Action Against Hunger | AA, Afghan Aid | 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 | COAR, Coordination of Afghan Relief | CWSA, Community World Service Asia | DAC, District Administrative Centre | BPHS, Basic Package of Health Services | DACAAR, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees | DoRR, Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation | DRA, Dutch Relief Alliance | DRD-DDG, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group | DRRD, Department for Rural Rehabilitation and Development | ESNFI, Emergency Shelter & NFI Cluster | FSAC, Food Security & Agriculture Cluster | HRDA, Human Resource Development Agency | ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IED, improvised explosive device | IFRC, International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent | IMC, International Medical Corps | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NFI, Non-food item | NCRO, New Consultancy and Relief Organization | NRC, Norwegian Refugee Council | NSAG, Non-State Armed Group | MPC, multi-purpose cash assistance | OCT, Operational Coordination Team | OHC, Organization for Humanitarian and Development | PIN, People In Need | PU-AMI, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale | RI, Relief International | SCI, Save the Children International | SHPOUL, Sound Humanitarian, Participatory & Organizational Uplift | SI, Solidarités International | SVA, Shanti Volunteer Association | UNHCR, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees | UNICEF, UN Children's Fund | UNMAS, UN Mine Action Service | WASH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | WFP, World Food Programme | WHH, Welthungerhilfe |

Remark: To calculate the number of people per displaced family, the national average of seven family members is used.

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