

**NER Inter-Clusters Coordination Team (ICCT) Meeting
Kunduz – Afghanistan**

Date: Wednesday 03 June 2020
Venue: Virtual Meeting through MS Team
Time: 10:00 – 12:00 hrs

Agenda items:

1. Sharing the activities of the Clusters in the response to floods (each cluster to share two slides on
 - i) organization, type of assistance, number of persons assisted;
 - ii) Feedback from beneficiaries; challenges/constraints)

Cluster	Lead	Duration
Protection	UNCHR	5 minutes
ES/NFI	UNHCR	5 minutes
WASH	UNICEF	5 minutes
HEALTH	WHO	5 minutes
FSAC	WFP	5 minutes
NUTRITION	UNICEF	5 minutes

Key highlights of clusters presentations:

HEALTH (By WHO):

- WHO working closely with DoPHs across the NER provinces in supplying medical facilities to provincial COVID-19 hospitals. Meanwhile, collaborations of all health actors are required to cover the increase needs.

Below table shows NER COVID-19 Update:

#	Province	Total Samples Tested	Total Cases					Last 24 Hours					Recovery Rate	Case Fatality Rate
			Confirmed	Active	Deaths	Recovered	Severe	Tested	Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered	Positive Rate		
1	Badakhshan	196	51	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.96	0
2	Baghlan	797	336	266	12	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.26	3.6
3	Kunduz	399	133	91	4	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	28.57	3
4	Takhar	840	381	324	9	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.6	2.4
Total NE Region		2232	901	731	25	145	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Key figures/statistics in NE Region

- 2232 Samples Collected, 901 Lab Confirmed (Badakhshan: 51, Baghlan 336, Kunduz 133 & Takhar 381), 25 Deaths, 145 Recovered)

- All 87 NDSR & 167 AFP Surveillance Focal Points, 2700 AFP Reporting Volunteers, ICN and > 4000 CHWs engaged on COVID-19 Surveillance
- 250 District Key Health Staff included in Messenger group

Sectoral needs in NE Region

- Fund to Establish Facility of Isolation wards at District level
- Fund for Recruitment of Rapid Response Team at District level
- COVID-19 Hospitalization Facility at District level 20 beds per Districts
- Support to establish Lab Health Facility in Kunduz and Badakhshan Provinces
- Provision of PPE Kite through available Women agencies e.g. Afghan Women, AWWA (Afghan women Welfare Association) in Takhar, etc.
- Oxygen Machine in Khanabad need to activate

Response in NE Region:

- Lab Assessment completed & will be activated soon
- Afghanistan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project
- Ambulance system is in place and will be used for diagnoses case (Badakhshan)
- 4 COVID-19 Hospital established in center of each Province
- 11 Screening Sites established in 4 provinces (Average 30000 persons/ Province Screened)
- 4 Committees established / province (Point of Entry, contact Tracing, Lab Surveillance, & Population Surveillance)
- IPC Committee and disinfection of Public Places
- Distribution of Tents for Quarantining at District level by Takhar Team
- Conducted orientation sessions for community elders and LHCs members in all HFs
- UNHCR provided hand washing facilities in main crowded areas (e.g: KRH, PG office of Kunduz, several sites in Kunduz city)
- 2892 Health Staff trained or orient on COVID -19 in 336 HFs
- Local radio and TV channels are conveying awareness messages
- 346808 leaflets distributed by Agencies
- 263 Coordination meeting held on COVID-19
- 336 Awareness Sessions conducted & 17651 Community People, IDPs, SAM Families,
- COVID-19 guidelines, Broachers, Posters, PPE Kites and Hand Sanitizers distributed to HFs by BPHS and EPHS implementers
- 65 HFs Medicines Supplied for ARI, 6 DH and 2 Isolation wards
- RHUs will on track to Support District level by UNHCR.

Gaps in NE Region:

- Isolation wards not activated properly yet in NER
- Shortage of Samples Collection Kit
- Inadequate Infrared BT thermometer, ICU Equipment... ventilators for Isolation ward of NE Provinces
- Capacity Building (Training of Isolation wards, ICU, particularly using of ventilators etc.)
- Equipment of COVID-19 not completed in Kunduz Hospital
- Contact Tracing ... and Isolation Facilities
- KRH (infected by Corona Virus) and PPHD, Health Officials take actions step by step

Oxygen Machine in Khanabad (PG Requested to activate if Possible)

- Access issue in NSAG areas for Responses, Surveillance, IEC...
- Most of the Confirmed cases located in Center of Provinces with less number at District level?
- Inadequate Community awareness related to covid-19
- Delay Health Staff monthly payment effect the Health Services on COVID-19

Major challenge which WHO Badakhshan PEI team found during supervision:

- No Triage system in HFs at district levels in Badakhshan
- Lack of PPEs Kits at districts level Poor follow up of Suspected case which reported by PEI team or other network for screening and sampling by BPHS and PHD surveillance team
- No exact and clear recording system in Badakhshan PHD for suspected case
- Poor Data recording for COVID-19 by PHD surveillance team there is no Clear Line list for Suspected case in PHD
- One of the main problem concerning Lab confirmation on covid-19 in Badakhshan Region, the unavailability of PCR Machine 'Faizabad Hospital Which already AKF promised to provide this Machin but due to unknown reason, maybe some logistic problem still no luck.
- No prepare isolation ward at districts level

Protection (By UNHCR):

- 1643 IDPs and 172 returnees have been reported during 2020.
- WAW, ACTED, SCI and ORD conducted awareness sessions and distributed thousands of leaflets on COVID-19 across the region provinces.
- UNHCR will distribute 3550 hygiene and sanitation kits to IDPs and returnees.
- PPE kits are not available for all families.

There are 1643 conflict IDP families and 172 natural disaster affected families registered during the year 2020 in NER three provinces:

1. **Badakhshan:** 392 conflict families (No natural disaster affected families)
2. **Takhar:** 212 conflict families (123 natural disaster affected families)
3. **Kunduz:** 1039 conflict families (49 natural disaster affected families)

Note: 29 tents are distributed in Takhar, while in Kunduz 14 tents are distributed to Faryab IDPs the day before yesterday by UNHCR.

Hygiene/sanitation kits:

UNHCR Kunduz planned to distribute 3550 Hygiene/sanitation kits in Shir Khan Bandar PARR (Priority Area of Return and Reintegration) site of Imam Saheb district. The assessment process is concluded, and the distribution will be started as of next week. Hygiene/sanitation kits content is one wash basin, 2 jerry cans, 32 pcs hand washing soap, sanitary package for women (two items, 36 pcs).

NER COVID 19 UNHCR leaflets distribution:

1. **Badakhshan:** 3900 families (19500 pages)
2. **Takhar:** 1526 families (7630 pages)
3. **Kunduz:** 4000 families (20,000 pages)

Note: all these leaflets distributed through WAW and ORD (the UNHCR partners) NER three provinces.

Below table shows the summary of Cluster COVID-19 response activities since the start of the crisis;

COVID-19 Activity	# of people reached	# of districts/provinces	Additional Comments
Awareness sessions	182663	All districts/ Badakhshan All districts/Takhar All districts/ Kunduz	Awareness sessions conducted by protection and non-protection cluster agencies, meanwhile COVID-19 leaflets distributed among them.
Distribution	18450	All districts/ Badakhshan	Masks, Gloves, PPE kits, hygiene kites, Hand sanitizer, water tanker, soup chlorine, billboard, brochures
Washbasin installation in 206 sites	7440	Taloqan city and 3 districts	Concern WW provided 4536 hand wash liquid, daily one liquid for 206 mentioned sites for one month. Ended.
Distribution of face-mask	66000	Taloqan city and districts	Out of the mentioned distributed face-masks, 2000 distributed for prisoners, 13,000 for for PG office, 7,000 for DoPH, 30,000 for DoE and 10, 000 for municipality, meanwhile ACTED committee that we have 10, 000 reserve masks and if needed will be distribute.], .
Hygiene kits provided for 800 IDP/RR families.	869	Taloqan city Kunduz province four districts	ME targeted to provide hygiene kits for 2300 families in Taloqan, 7871 families in Rustaq district and cash for FIs for 676 families in Taloqan city, till time 800 families received hygiene kits and distribution continue. HI distribution of hygiene kits for 69 beneficiaries
A total of 428,127 square meter minefields and battlefields contaminated areas cleared, 197 AP mines and 348 ERW destroyed	N/A	6 districts / Baghlan	These activities carried out in 25 villages, 6 districts of Baghlan province during the reporting period of Mar and Apr 2020 – for reference detail report attached.
Delivered 283 Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (Awareness) Sessions	5,736 individuals (1,444 girls, 3,060 boys, 645 men, 587 women)	8 districts / Baghlan, Kunduz	These activities carried out in 41 villages, in Northeast region during the reporting period of Mar and Apr 2020 – for reference detailed report attached.
Providing Psychosocial support services through hotline	50	Three district	Kunduz city, Emamsahib, Khanabad and Aliabad
Providing Physiography services through hotline	63	Three district	Kunduz city, Emamsahib, Khanabad and Aliabad

GAPS & CONSTRAINTS:

- Due to outbreak of COVID-19 cases in the provinces of NER, cities went to quarantine and wage-work market been lockdown and it's very difficult for POCs to find livelihood facility to fulfil their family needs, especially for people who are depended on wages from daily labor to meet their basic needs, at the meantime child labor is increased and most of the work is done by child labor for minimum wages, and majority of the children between the ages of 10 and 16 years are involved in child labor which impacts on their health and physical hazards.

- Though POCs have been settled in remote areas hardly accessible to medical care facilities but at the current situation they are more at risk of mortality. They are not able to reach to health centers at emergencies situation.
- Lack of PPE kits, hand washing facilities, food and livelihood opportunities for IDPs and refugee returnee families in NE region.
- Lack of awareness relating to COVID-19 among the community in remote districts of Badakhshan province.
- Poor triage system at health facilities (DH, CHC, BHC) and lack of PCR machine.

WASH (By UNICEF):

NER WASH cluster Flood response:

Organization name: DACAAR, Concern Worldwide, Mission East and ACTED, ARCS, UNICEF

Takhar affected areas: (Taloqan, Farkhar, Baharak, Kalafgan, Rustaq)

Type of assistance:

(46 flood affected families assisted by CWW and 33 flood affected Families assisted by ACTED)

- 15 flash flood affected families received NFI kits in Naqila area of Taloqan (CWW)
- 20 flash flood affected families received NFI kits and emergency shelter in Shahkhan dara area of Taloqan(CWW)
- 6 flash flood affected families received NFI kits in Farkhar district of Takhar (CWW)
- 5 flash flood affected families received NFI kits in Taloqan outskirts. (CWW)
- Distributed 22,000 AFN cash covering MPCA for 33 flood affected families in Taloqan (ACTED)
- Renovation of 95 wells in Taloqan, Farkhar, Baharak, Kalafgan, Rustaq district (ACTED)

Badakhshan affected areas: (Faizabad, Baharak, Jorm, Shuhada, Yamgan, Shaki, Shahr Buzurg)

Affected families: (17 fam) + 32 houses destroyed + assessment going on.

Type of assistance: total 17 families assisted so far.

- 14 families affected in Yamgan district, NFI provided (CONCERN WW) Including Hygiene items.
- 3 families in Shahr Buzurg provided NFIs by (ARCS/UNICEF) including Hygiene kits.
- Faizabad, Baharak, Jorm, Shuhada Yamgan, Shaki district flood reported assessment going waiting for report.

Kunduz and Baghlan:

Affected beneficiaries: Total 133 (58 HHs in Kunduz, 75 HHs in Baghlan)

Type of assistance: Total 133 families assisted by DACAAR

- Distribution of 61 BSF,25#EBL, (DACAAR)
- HE messages to 133HHs, (DACAAR)
- Distribution of 133 HE kits to 133HHs, (DACAAR)
- Distribution of 12# Plastic chair for disable people (DACAAR)
- distribution of 1064 # plastic garbage bags for solid waste management. (DACAAR).
- Feedback from beneficiaries: Not mentioned by partners.
- Constraints/challenges: No specific challenge mentioned by partners.

FSAC (By WFP):

Key figures/statistics

- FSAC's key figures for the region are the percentage of people in IPC Phase 3 and above:

- Badakhshan: 55% of total population with 25% in Emergency Phase
- Takhar: 25% of total population with 10% in Emergency Phase
- Kunduz: 15% of total population with 5% in Emergency Phase
- Baghlan: 15% of total population with 5% in Emergency Phase

Current response by FSAC partners to seasonality including floods & CAP:

- **Badakhshan:** 53,000 Families in Badakhshan received seasonal support food assistance during April-June 2020
 - 76 families were verified by the joint assessment teams as Flood Affected Families and they have been assisted with food (majority by WFP with a small portion by ANDMA).
- **Takhar:** 12,000 families received food assistance for two months during March and April from WFP.
 - WFP assisted 46 Flood Affected Families through cash for food in the end of May 2020.
 - 219 families were verified by the joint assessment teams as Floods Affected Families and they have been assisted with food (majority by WFP with a small portion by ANDMA).
- **Takhar and Badakhshan:** WFP assisted 107 returnees through three months’ cash for food assistance (47 in Badakhshan and 60 in Takhar in the end of May 2020).
- **Plan:** WFP has plan to support 50,000 families in Takhar and Badakhshan through its COVID response between July – October 2020.

COVID-19 Response:

- In addition to the 65,000 families supported by WFP in Takhar and Badakhshan below contribution have been made:

Sr	Province	Organization	Type of Assistance	No of beneficiaries	Remarks
1	Takhar	ANDMA	Food	270	NDP
2	Takhar	ACTED	Cash	30	ACTED Provided AFN 22000 for 30 beneficiaries under NDP
3	Takhar	PG Office	Food (Bread)	13,734	PG provided bread for 13,734 beneficiaries in Taluqan for 11 days in May 20 under COVID 19
4	Badakhshan	PG Office	Food (Bread)	13,000	PG Office provided bread 13,000 beneficiaries for 1 month in Faizabad under COVID 19
Total:				27,034	

NUTRITION (By UNICEF):

- AHEAD, JACK, AKHS, WFP, UNICEF, WHO, BDN, SCI are the main partners that are involve in Nutrition Cluster.
- The nutrition services are available in all relevant health facilities of the districts and there is no report or settlement of new IDPs due to flood or conflict in the area to activate nutrition units.

Actions points:

1. All clusters to take the necessary steps to ensure that cluster coordination covers all the 4 provinces of NER.
2. Each cluster to review the activities of other clusters to identify areas where complementarity/synergies can be achieved in the best interest of people in need.

ICCT meetings to be organized in keeping with regular deliberations of the ICCT in Kabul. **END.**