West: Interruption of humanitarian activities continued due to access challenges

Since one year, main roads remained closed by a non-state armed group (NSAG) blocking the movement of civilians and essential goods to Pasaband and Charshadra districts in Ghor province and to the Jawand district in Badghis province. This resulted in the interruption of humanitarian activities and civilian’s access to basic goods and services in the western part of the country. The situation is further exacerbated by the onset of winter when many areas in Ghor province will be cut off due to snow.

A joint needs assessment identified 387 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Badghis and Hirat provinces who will receive cash for food, relief items, hygiene kits and water, sanitization and hygiene (WASH) items in the coming days. Last week, 5,092 IDPs were reached with humanitarian assistance who were affected by conflict in Farah province.

On 3 December, humanitarian partners will start cash distribution for winterisation assistance for drought-affected IDPs in informal sites in Hirat province. Over 60,000 people will receive cash to help them prepare for the winter.

South: Ongoing conflict resulted in the displacement of 700 people

Conflict continued between a NSAG and the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) in Helmand and Nimroz provinces. Also, Afghan Government military operations increased in Maywand, Khakrez and Shah Wali Kot districts in Kandahar province last week. The ongoing fighting caused more than 700 people from Nad-e-Ali district to flee to the provincial capital of Lashkargah in Helmand province. Interagency assessments are ongoing to identify people who were displaced by conflict in Helmand province.

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Between 24 and 26 November, 747 IDPs who were affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Uruzgan and Nimroz provinces.

The assessment of 250 displaced families (1,750 people) within Arghandab district in Zabul province is ongoing by humanitarian partners following successful access negotiation.

**East: 7,418 people received humanitarian assistance**

Fighting and conflict continued in the southern part of Nangarhar and various districts in Kunar and Laghman provinces. Interagency assessment teams identified 2,849 IDPs across the region as being in need who will receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. 7,418 IDPs and returnees were reached with cash, food rations, WASH, health services and relief items such as items for winter.

The number of IDPs from Achin in Nangarhar province has risen to 759. The IDPs continue to be sheltered in a Government facility in Jalalabad City. The displaced include 450 children and 309 women (including 30 pregnant women). Humanitarian partners distributed food, nutrition supplies, relief items, along with additional distributions of hygiene and winter kits. Eight Child-Friendly Spaces have also been established. Two Interagency Emergency Health Kits were provided to address health needs. Mobile health teams treated 449 patients suffering from Acute respiratory infection, pneumonia, diarrhea and malnutrition (SAM and MAM).

**Northeast: Over 10,000 people received humanitarian aid**

Fighting between ANSF and ANSAG in Kunduz and Baghlan provinces displaced 1,000 families (approximately 7,000 people). Last week, a roadside bomb reportedly killed 13 civilians and injured 2 others in Imam Sahib district, Kunduz Province. Across the region, 10,038 people received humanitarian assistance in Kunduz, Takhar and Badakhshan provinces. 1,141 IDPs who were affected by conflict were assessed and will receive assistance in the coming days in Kunduz and Baghlan provinces.

**North: Almost 9,000 people received food for winter**

Fighting between ANSF and a NSAG continued to affect civilians in Faryab, Balkh and Jawzjan provinces. On 27 November, a Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) detonated in Sar-e-Pul city causing 24 civilians injuries, the majority of whom were children.

Inter-agency assessment teams verified 1,120 people displaced by conflict in the last week while over 2,000 IDPs received humanitarian assistance in Faryab and Sar-e-Pul provinces. Additionally, nearly 9,000 IDPs received food for winter in Faryab province.

**Centre: Over 2,000 people received winter assistance**

Last week, 161 people who were affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Logar province. Need assessments for more than 1,211 people are ongoing by interagency teams to identify people in need of humanitarian assistance in Kabul province. Similarly, 2,457 vulnerable people received winter kits in Paktya, while winter cash distributions were ongoing for 9,485 people in Ghazni, Bamiyan and Daykundi provinces by a humanitarian partner.

Demonstrations related to the Presidential Election results had been ongoing in different provinces since last week.

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