Northeast: Over 15,000 people received humanitarian assistance

Fighting between the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) continued in Kunduz province. According to initial reports, over 6,000 people were displaced due to the clashes from Cha-ab, Khwaja Ghar and Darqad districts to Taloqan city in Takhar province and from Yaftal-e-sulfa, Jorm and Warduj districts to Fayzabad city and Jorm District Center in Badakhshan province.

Since last week, an NSAG allegedly continued to prevent the movement of civilians on the main roads linking Kunduz to Taloqan and Pul-e-Khumri roads. Also, in Nosai district in Badakhshan province around 525 families (approximately 3,675 people) are under siege by an NSAG and are in dire need of food assistance.

Across the region, 15,071 people received humanitarian assistance. Moreover, 1,407 internally displaced people (IDPs) who were affected by conflict were assessed and will receive assistance in the coming days in Baghlan, Badakhshan and Kunduz provinces.

East: Over 4,000 children vaccinated

Fighting and military operations continued in various districts in Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman provinces. Last week, interagency assessment teams identified 7,413 IDPs across eastern region as being in need and will receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. In the east, 7,392 IDPs were reached with cash for winterization support, food, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health services and relief items such as items for winter. 5,197 returnees, IDPs and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services. This week, a total of 4,646 children were vaccinated for polio and measles.
Life-saving humanitarian responses continued for the IDPs from Achin district who live in the Directorate of Religious Affairs in Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province. On 10 December, reportedly a child died due to an acute respiratory infection. A total of 28 children with SAM and 31 children with MAM potentially are at risk in the Directorate of Religious Affairs in Jalalabad City according to malnutrition screening by nutrition partners.

**West: Over 2,000 people provided with safe drinking water**

Military operations between government and an NSAG continued in Farah and Ghor provinces. The ongoing clashes affected civilians and displaced around 200 families (approximately 1,400 people) in Dawlatyar district in Ghor province.

Last week, interagency assessments teams verified 1,166 people who were affected by conflict to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Farah and Hirat provinces. Also, a humanitarian partner distributed 500 tents to flood-affected families in Gulran district in Hirat province. A water reservoir with a capacity of 20,000 liters was constructed to provide safe drinking water to about 300 families (approximately 2,100) in Injil district in Hirat province.

**North: 1,856 people received humanitarian assistance**

Inter-agency assessment teams verified 1,598 people displaced by conflict in Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan and Sar-e-Pul provinces. 1,856 IDPs received humanitarian assistance in Andkhoy and Maymana districts in Faryab province.

In the North, between 14 and 15 December, Mazar-e-Sharif city witnessed the major clashes between government forces and a former commander. Humanitarian operations were suspended for the whole day on 15 December within Mazar-e-Sharif city, affecting scheduled IDP assessments and scheduled humanitarian coordination meetings which had to be postponed.

**South: Ongoing conflict displaced thousands**

Conflict between an NSAG and ANSF continued in Helmand, Kandahar, Zabul and Uruzgan provinces. Due to the ongoing clashes approximately 2,352 people were displaced from Gizab district in Uruzgan province to Kandahar city. Five civilians were reportedly killed by rocket attacks in Dand district in Kandahar province during the last week.

Last week, 793 IDPs who were affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Dand in Kandahar city. Interagency assessment teams verified 1,270 IDPs who will receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. Assessments are ongoing to identify people who were displaced by conflict in Nimroz and Uruzgan provinces.

One new polio case is confirmed in Spin Boldak district in Kandahar province. In total, five polio cases have been confirmed in Kandahar province. Across southern part of the country, in total 19 cases have been confirmed.

**Centre: Over 800 people received humanitarian assistance**

On 13 December, 10 civilians including four women and one child were killed and six others were injured in Jaghautu district of Ghazni province as a result of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonation.

On 11 December, one civilian was killed and more than 60 people were injured during a complex attack by Taliban in the vicinity of an abandoned hospital in close proximity to the Bagram Military Airbase in Parwan province.

Last week, 890 IDPs received humanitarian assistance in Kabul and Paktika provinces. Assessments of vulnerable families in need of winter assistance are ongoing in Logar, Khost, and Maidan Wardak provinces. A humanitarian partner will start distribution of winter assistance to 1,400 people in Central Highlands in the coming days.

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