Northeast: Fighting displaced 1,400 people in Takhar province

Fighting between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) continued in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. Between 7 and 10 April 2020, armed clashes between ANSF and an NSAG displaced 200 families (approximately 1,400 people) in Taloqan city and Baharak district in Takhar province. Reportedly, four civilians were killed and five people were abducted at an NSAG checkpoint in Kunduz province.

Reportedly, flooding caused the destruction of houses and affected 47 people in Chall and Cha-ab districts in Takhar province on 7 April.

2,681 people affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. Moreover, 1,267 internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by conflict were assessed and will receive assistance in the coming days in Badakhshan and Baghlan provinces.

The partial lockdown introduced by provincial authorities to stem the spread of COVID-19 reportedly caused a spike in food prices across the northeast.

East: Almost 40,000 people returned from Pakistan

Clashes continued between the ANSF and an NSAG in Kunar and Nangarhar provinces.

From 6-9 April, an estimated 40,000 people from Afghanistan returned from Pakistan through the Torkham border. On 10 April, cargo and container trucks were allowed to enter Afghanistan at the Torkham border crossing.
Last week, interagency assessment teams identified 2,276 people to receive humanitarian assistance in the east; and 10,598 IDPs and returnees received humanitarian assistance in Kunar and Nangarhar provinces. Also, 5,884 returnees, IDPs and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services. A total of 10,723 children were vaccinated for polio and measles.

Following several confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the east, provincial authorities tightened movement restrictions in the east.

**North: Thousands of people displaced in Faryab and Jawzjan**

Fighting between the ANSF and an NSAG continued in Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan, Samangan and Sar-e-Pul provinces. Reportedly, 1,400 people were displaced from Qaramqul district to Andkhoy district and other surrounding villages due to ongoing clashes in Faryab province. Unverified reports suggested that 1,400 people continue to be displaced in Aqcha district of Jawzjan as humanitarian actors negotiate access to facilitate assessments.

Between 7 and 9 April, 469 IDPs affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Faryab and Jawzjan provinces. Also, interagency assessment teams identified 819 people displaced by conflict in Balkh, Sar-e-Pul and Samangan provinces to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days. 623 people affected by natural disasters were identified by interagency assessment teams to receive humanitarian assistance in Kohistan district in Faryab province.

Restrictions on movement continued across the north to limit the spread of COVID-19.

**South: Fighting results in civilian casualties, heavy rainfall continues**

Fighting continued between the ANSF and an NSAG in Helmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. According to initial reports, 1,645 were displaced by fighting from Nesh and other insecure districts to Kandahar province. Ongoing fighting reportedly killed seven civilians including three children and four women and injured five others in Khas Uruzgan districts, Uruzgan province. In another incident, also in Uruzgan province a rocket hit a house which reportedly killed and wounded six children.

From 6-9 April, an estimated 38,586 people returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan through the Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing. On 10 April, some 40 commercial trucks entered Afghanistan from the Spin Boldak border. As of 12 April, 79 people were confirmed to have COVID-19 in Helmand, Kandahar, Nirmroz and Zabul provinces. 204 houses were reportedly damaged in Nirmoz and Uruzgan provinces during last week’s heavy rainfall.

Between 7 and 9 April, 685 people who were affected by conflict and natural disasters received humanitarian assistance across the south. Furthermore, 487 people affected by conflict and natural disasters will receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Helmand, Nirmoz and Zabul provinces.

**Centre: Over 600 people received humanitarian assistance**

Last week, 1,169 people affected by natural disasters were identified to receive humanitarian assistance in the coming days in Kapisa, Khost, Paktya and Parwan provinces. Between 8 and 9 April, 266 people affected by natural disasters received humanitarian assistance in Kabul and Khost provinces. On 7 April, 364 IDPs affected by conflict received humanitarian assistance in Kabul province.

**West: Over 4,000 people affected by floods in Farah received aid**

Fighting continued between the ANSF and an NSAG in Badghis, Farah, Ghor and Hirtat, provinces.

From 5-11 April, an estimated 9,699 undocumented people from Afghanistan returned from Iran through the Islam Qala border crossing. 1,809 vulnerable returnees received assistance from a humanitarian partner.

494 people affected by conflict were assessed and assisted in Farah and Hirtat provinces. In addition, 4,158 people affected by floods were assessed and assisted in Farah province.

The UN coordinated with provincial authorities to enable access and movement of 14 humanitarian partners carrying out life-saving and COVID-19 activities. According to the Department of Public Health, about half of all people confirmed to have COVID-19 are in the west. For more information, please see the latest COVID-19 report.

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