North-east: 20,454 people received humanitarian aid

Fighting between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a non-state armed group (NSAG) continued across the north-east mainly in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. Roadside improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and illegal checkpoints along the main roads connecting Kunduz to Khanabad and Aliabad reportedly interrupted public movements and humanitarian activities, in addition to also posing a risk of abductions and target killings.

On 13 August, Abo-Osman high school in Taloqan city in Takhar province was reportedly set on fire and the guards were threatened and beaten. The high school was closed due to COVID-19 but the incident may lead to an interruption in education for around 3,000 enrolled students who were expected to start school on 22 August.

During the reporting period, interagency assessment teams identified 1,722 people displaced by conflict to receive humanitarian assistance in Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. A total of 20,454 vulnerable and food-insecure people affected by COVID-19 were reached with humanitarian assistance in Baghlan, Kunduz and Takhar provinces.

The Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) provided assistance including food for two months, relief items and cash to the two families affected by a landslide on 7 August in Nahrin district of Baghlan province.

East: Security situation deteriorating, fighting displaced 2,500 people

During the reporting period, the security situation continued to deteriorate compared to previous weeks in Jalalabad City, Nangarhar province and across the east with a notable spike in criminality and deepening conflict dynamics.
Reportedly, around 2,100 people were displaced in Sherzad district due to the ongoing fighting in Nangarhar province. Also, according to initial reports, 400 people who were displaced to Jalalabad city are in need of humanitarian assistance. Six interagency assessment teams were deployed to areas hosting displaced people to assess humanitarian needs. Furthermore, between 6 and 12 August, several reports of fighting and mortar shelling in Kunar, Nangarhar and Laghman province resulted in civilian casualties, damage to houses and destruction of livestock.

In total, 6,517 people were identified as being in need of immediate humanitarian assistance across the east and 7,833 people affected by conflict and natural disasters received humanitarian assistance in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces. A total of 6,736 returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and people from host communities were reached with emergency outpatient health services and 164 children were vaccinated for polio and measles.

**North: 5,348 people reached with food assistance in Faryab**

The security situation remained volatile in the north with the number of security incidents tripling from 27 to 81 compared to the previous week. Armed clashes between ANSF and an NSAG continued mainly in Balkh, followed by Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan provinces.

During the reporting period, a humanitarian partner distributed a two-month supply of food to 5,348 vulnerable people including people displaced by conflict, returnees and people affected by COVID-19 in Maymana district, Faryab province. In addition, 49 people were verified as displaced by conflict in Sar-e-Pul province by interagency assessment teams and will be receiving assistance in the coming days. 803 people in protracted displacement, host communities and recent returnees received basic health assistance through an NGO mobile health teams in Maymana city, Faryab province.

**South: Fighting and IED detonations resulted in civilian causalities and displacement**

The security situation remained volatile and armed clashes and IED attacks continued across the south resulting in civilian causalities. Reportedly, the detonation of roadside IEDs killed 10 civilians including women and children in Aghhestan, Kandahar province. Also, in another incident, a vehicle was hit by a roadside IED in Mahi Paaye village in Panjwayi district, Kandahar province resulting in deaths of 4 civilians and wounded 6 others. In Uruzgan province, ongoing armed clashes between ANSF and an NSAG reportedly resulted in the displacement of about 500 people.

A humanitarian partner distributed hygiene supplies to 3,200 people who were affected by the previous COVID-19 lockdown and more than 600 IDPs will be provided with cash assistance in Hilmand province. In addition, 387 IDPs were identified for immediate humanitarian assistance by interagency assessment teams in Tirinkot district, Uruzgan province.

**West: 584 returnees reached with assistance in Hirat**

During the reporting period, the security situation remained unstable across the west. On 12 August, 20 civilians were reportedly injured when a police convoy was attacked by a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in Farah province. Reportedly, 27 abductees were released following negotiations with community elders in Ghor province. However, another five civilians have yet to be released.

According to local authorities, around 5,000 undocumented people returned to Afghanistan from Iran from 8 to 13 August of whom 584 received humanitarian assistance at the point of entry and a transit centre in Hirat city. Needs assessments of people affected by conflict are ongoing in Badghis, Farah, Ghor and Hirat provinces.

**Centre: 1,603 people received humanitarian assistance**

The overall security situation in the centre continued to be unstable and volatile with security incidents reported in Kabul, Kapisa, Logar, Parwan, Maidan Wardak, Paktia, Khost, Paktika and Ghazni provinces.

On 16 August, interagency assessment teams started to assess the needs of 8,250 IDPs in Kabul and Paktika provinces. During the reporting period, 539 IDPs received humanitarian assistance in Paktia and 1,064 people affected by natural disasters received food assistance from humanitarian partners in Parwan province.

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