Northeast: Hundreds of civilians displaced by conflict and floods

Armed clashes between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and a Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) displaced 150 families (1,050 people) in Badakhshan and 146 families (1,022 people) were impacted by flash floods in Kunduz. Five people were reportedly abducted at an illegal checkpoint on the Kunduz-Taloqan main road. 199 families that were newly displaced by conflict (1,393 people) were identified as eligible for humanitarian assistance in Baghlan and Badakhshan provinces.

The COVID-19 response is hindered by ongoing conflict and natural disasters (rain and floods). The lockdown decreed by provincial authorities is yet to be fully enforced. Schools, parks, and some businesses are closed. No restrictions have been imposed on the movement of humanitarian organizations. 10,346 people across the north received humanitarian assistance and 156 families affected by flash floods were reached with aid.

East: Over 16,000 received humanitarian assistance

The security situation remains volatile in east, with 68 incidents recorded including armed clashes, improvised explosive device (IED) detonations and cross-border shelling.

Heavy rains in Kunar Province resulted in casualties and house damages. On 17 April, six members of the same family reportedly died in Khas Kunar district when the roof of a house collapsed due to heavy rains in eastern

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Kunar Province. Provincial authorities assisted affected families with food and non-food items. Also, flash flooding was reported in Dangam, Bar Kunar, Shigal districts. Initial reports showed that around 300 people were impacted. There are also reports that the heavy rainfalls also impacted on seasonal crops casting a gloomy picture of the harvest projections. Joint needs assessments have begun to identify immediate humanitarian needs.

On 21 April, the Torkham border crossing reportedly opened to allow Pakistani passport holders to return to Pakistan. Some 500 people are expected to cross per day, with movements at the border expected to continue for weeks to come.

Across the east, a total of 16,408 people received humanitarian assistance. This week, interagency assessment teams identified 1,960 people to receive immediate humanitarian assistance.

North: 2,800 people displaced due to fighting 📍

ANSF reportedly recaptured Khamyab district centre of Jawzjan province. Following a major military operation, 2,800 people including women and children were reportedly displaced in the northwest due to fighting in Chople Tepa and Nowabad Aaq masjids villages, Khamyab district, Jawzjan province on 12 and 13 April. Humanitarian assessments have commenced and will continue next week. Fighting between ANSF and an NSAG in Faryab province reportedly resulted in the death of one civilian in Almar district and two civilians wounded in the Khwaja Sabz Posh district.

Flash flood has also occurred in Faryab and Jawzjan provinces. Interagency teams were deployed to conduct assessments and provide humanitarian assistance.

Inter-agency assessment teams verified 1,099 people displaced by conflict in the north; and 476 people displaced by conflict received humanitarian assistance.

South: Improved security compared to previous weeks 📍

In the reporting period, the security situation improved when compared to previous weeks, however incidents involving IEDs and armed clashes were recorded in rural Hilmand, Kandahar and Zabul provinces.

This week, 261 people affected by conflict and natural disasters received humanitarian assistance including 172 people affected by conflict in Hilmand and 89 people affected by heavy rains in Zabul. Further to this, 1,048 additional people affected by rain in Uruzgan and 196 people who affected by conflict in Kandahar will receive assistance in the coming days.

Centre: 883 displaced people identified for assistance 📍

The security situation in the centre continued to be unstable and somewhat volatile with security incidents being concentrated in Maidan Wardak and Kapisa provinces.

616 natural disaster affected people received humanitarian assistance in Khost, Paktya, Ghazni and Daykundi provinces and 238 people were recommended for assistance in Kabul province. 883 internally displaced people were identified for assistance in Khost and Maidan Wardak provinces.

West: Partners working with authorities on COVID-19 response

Humanitarian partners are working with local authorities to stem the spread of COVID-19 through support to the online data management system, as well as equipment and trainings including on IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) and critical case management for COVID-19. A newly established hotline “115” was established with three additional medical personnel. A second COVID-19 laboratory was established in Hirat and personnel have been recruited. Partners have also established a pre-triage and triage area for COVID-19 in the Hirat Regional Hospital and 30 Rapid Response Team staff have been recruited.

1,200 widows and people with disabilities have received hygiene kits and food assistance. An additional 4,000 households will be receiving hygiene kits and COVID-19 awareness materials in villages in Injil and Guzara districts, Hirat province. For more information, please see the latest COVID-19 report.

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