

## Key issues in the past week:

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New IDPs reported in the past week

**381,200**

People assisted in the past week

**325,200**

Total verified IDPs in 2018



Provinces with conflict displacement in the past week, according to initial reports.

## Countrywide conflict displacement

A total of 325,200 people have been verified as being displaced by conflict in 2018, according to OCHA's Displacement Tracking System (DTS). Overall, the number of people displaced so far this year is 36 per cent less than the same period last year (504,680).

## Conflict Displacement Alerts

Alerts of conflict displacement are shared based on initial information received from the ground. Numbers can change as more information becomes available.

### **Central Region:**

In Khost province, DoRR reported that about 5,600 people (800 families) were displaced from Sabari, Musa Khel districts as well as from Sayad Karam and Jani Khel districts in Paktya province, and Logar province. The Paktya DoRR reported that an estimated 3,500 people (500 families) were displaced from Zurmat, Jani Khel, Syed Karam and Zadran districts and settled in Gardez, provincial capital of Paktya province. DoRR in Panjshir reported about 420 displaced people (60 families) arrived from Laghman and Nuristan provinces and settled in Panjshir centre.

### **Southern Region:**

DoRR of Hilmand province initially informed about population movements from Babajee to Lashkargah, Bolan, Nahresiraj and inside Babajee. No initial figures mentioned. Similarly, ANDMA Kandahar initially informed about displacement of around 245 individuals (35 families) owing to conflicts from Arghistan district to Kandahar/ Dand.

### **Eastern Region:**

DoRR-Kunar notified 3,353 individuals (479 families), reportedly displaced from multiple districts to Asadabad, Chawkayi, Sarkani, Narang, Marawara, Khaskunar, Barkunar (Kunar province). The reported displacement has been cumulative and largely due to threats and intimidation.

### **North and North East Region:**

Thousands of families were reportedly displaced in Andkhoy district, Faryab province due to a major military operation taking place in the area. On 12 December, about 2,100 people (300 families) were airlifted from Sar-e-Hawz villages of Pashtun-Kot to Maymana city. The villages could not receive any food supplies as a result of closure of routes to the area by NSAGs.

## Drought

As part of the ongoing full-scale drought response, WFP and its partners reached 286,900 drought-affected people both in rural and urban areas of 11 provinces from 6 – 12 December. More than 2,500 metric tons (mt) of food were distributed and \$363,000 in cash transfers to cover the food needs of drought-affected families.

An estimated 2,400 people (about 490 families) who were displaced by drought and sheltering at informal sites in Herat city have been relocated to Shahrak Sabz site on the outskirts of Herat city. About 1,200 people (245 families) who did not receive tents previously were given tents were given tents and WFP will provide food assistance to all the relocated IDPs. At the same time, humanitarian partners have started the distribution of tents to drought IDPs in their current sites.

## Cluster updates

Health cluster partners reached 44,456 people reached in 10 districts in 4 provinces over the past week. The gender-based violence (GBV) sub-cluster led by UNFPA reached about 8,536 people in the past week in western, central, northern and eastern regions with GBV services and health education.

## Returns to Afghanistan

Between 2 and 8 December, about 14,000 Afghan nationals returned from Iran and Pakistan. IOM reported that 13,975 people returned over the past week, including 13,644 from Iran and 331 from Pakistan. About 48 per cent of the returnees from Iran were deportees. According

to UNHCR, last week 19 Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan from Iran. So far 15,634 Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan in 2018, out of which 13,583 from Pakistan, 1,909 from Iran and 142 from other countries. (\*IOM figures are from last week)

### Security Incidents and Humanitarian Access

The roads leading to Jaghuri and Malistan in Ghazni province have reportedly been closed by NSAGs and the return process to the districts is on hold. In southern region; increasing polio cases with access challenges for reaching children is a concern. A new polio case in Nawzad district of Hilmand has reached the total number of confirmed cases to ten in southern region only. WFP informed that food dispatch to Passband and Charsadra district are not happening due to insecurity.

According to local authorities in Badghis province, a road to Jawand district from the provincial capital, Qala-e-Naw has been affected by insecurity, leading to the suspension of commercial supplies of food and other commodities to the area.

### Ongoing Response Activities

During the past week, 381,236 people affected by conflict and drought, as well as returnees received humanitarian assistance. Assistance provided included cash, food, hygiene kits for families and women, emergency household items, emergency shelter and provision of safe drinking water. The response activities were carried out in Badghis, Farag, Ghazni, Hirat, Kapisa, Kunduz and Takhar provinces by humanitarian partners, including ACF, ACTED, ANDMA, ARCS, CAID, DACCAAR, IMC, IOM, NRC, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.

### IDPs assisted by region and cluster over the past week

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People Assisted	Partners
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	805	, ACTED
North Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	805	, SCI
North Eastern	WASH	Hygiene kits	805	, DACCAAR
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	114	, ACF
Southern	ESNFI	Family kits	114	, UNICEF
Southern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	77	, UNHCR
Southern	ESNFI	Tarpaulins	114	, UNICEF
Southern	FSAC	Cash for food	114	, ACF
Southern	FSAC	Food Package	77	, WFP
Southern	MPC	Unconditional cash	305	, ACF, NRC
Southern	WASH	Hygiene education	114	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Hygiene kits	191	, DACCAAR, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Other	114	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Water containers	114	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Water treatment tablet	114	, UNICEF

**Remarks:** Alerts of conflict displacement are shared based on initial reports from the ground and numbers can change as more information becomes available and figures are triangulated. To calculate the number of people per displaced family, the national average of seven family members is used.

**Acronyms:** ACF, Action Against Hunger | AA, Afghan Aid | AFN, Afghan afghani; 1,000 AFN ~ US\$14.60 | ANDMA, Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority | ANSF, Afghan National Security Forces | ARCS, Afghan Red Crescent Society | COAR, Coordination of Afghan Relief | CWSA, Community World Service Asia | DAC, District Administrative Centre | BPHS, Basic Package of Health Services | DACCAAR, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees | DoRR, Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation | DRA, Dutch Relief Alliance | DRC-DDG, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group | DRRD, Department for Rural Rehabilitation and Development | ESNFI, Emergency Shelter & NFI Cluster | FSAC, Food Security & Agriculture Cluster | HI, Handicap International | HRDA, Human Resource Development Agency | ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IED, improvised explosive device | IFRC, International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent | IMC, International Medical Corps | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NFI, Non-food item | NCRO, New Consultancy and Relief Organization | NRC, Norwegian Refugee Council | MPC, multi-purpose cash assistance | OCT, Operational Coordination Team | OHD, Organization for Humanitarian and Development | OHW, Organization of Human Welfare | PIN, People In Need | PU-AMI, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale | RI, Relief International | SCI, Save the Children International | SHPOUL, Sound Humanitarian, Participatory & Organizational Uplift | SI, Solidarités International | SVA, Shanti Volunteer Association | UNHCR, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees | UNICEF, UN Children's Fund | UNMAS, UN Mine Action Service | WASH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | WFP, World Food Programme | WHH, Welthungerhilfe |

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