

Key issues in the past week:

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Based on initial reports, 4,100 people were displaced in the past week.

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4,100 New IDPs reported in the past week	179,900 People assisted in the past week	332,900 Total verified IDPs in 2018
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Countrywide conflict displacement

A total of 332,900 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 34 per cent - less than the same period last year (505,883).

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:

Reports from Daykundi suggest that due to recent NSAG attacks about 313 IDP families (2,191 individuals) are displaced from Pato district of the province to Nili (capital) and the secure areas inside Pato district.

Western Region:

Reports from Farah suggest that, reportedly, 200 families (1400 individuals) families have been displaced from Ghor province to Farah city as a result of conflict and drought.

North and North East Region:

DoRR of Badakhshan reported that 72 families had been displaced due to conflict from different parts of Badakhshan province.

Drought

As part of the ongoing full-scale drought response, WFP and its partners reached 104,500 drought-affected people both in rural and urban areas of eight provinces with 720 (mt) of food and US\$180,000 in cash transfers to cover food needs. In the first three weeks of December, WFP and partners assisted nearly 450,000 drought-affected people with some 3,750 (mt) of food and US\$540,000 in cash transfers.



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

Cluster updates

The gender-based violence (GBV) sub-cluster led by UNFPA reached about 8,584 people in the past week in western, central, northern and eastern regions with GBV services and health education.

Returns to Afghanistan

Between 9 and 15 December, about 11,370 undocumented Afghan nationals returned from Iran and Pakistan. IOM reported that 11,370 people returned over the past week, that includes 10,874 from Iran and 496 from Pakistan. 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. (*UNHCR figures are from last week)

Security Incidents and Humanitarian Access

The security situation is still tense in Faryab province. The NSAGs control most part of the highway between Andkhoy to Maymana. Significantly, the NSAGs have threatened the humanitarian agencies to stop the IDP assessment and humanitarian aid distribution in Andkhoy district. Unconfirmed reports suggest that NSAGs do not allow civilians to leave areas under their control.

As of 19 December 2018, assessments and distributions have stopped until the issue is resolved. Although, assessment and distribution are taking place in the government-controlled areas, partners are afraid of consequences from the NSAGs, if they continue the assessment and humanitarian aid distribution.

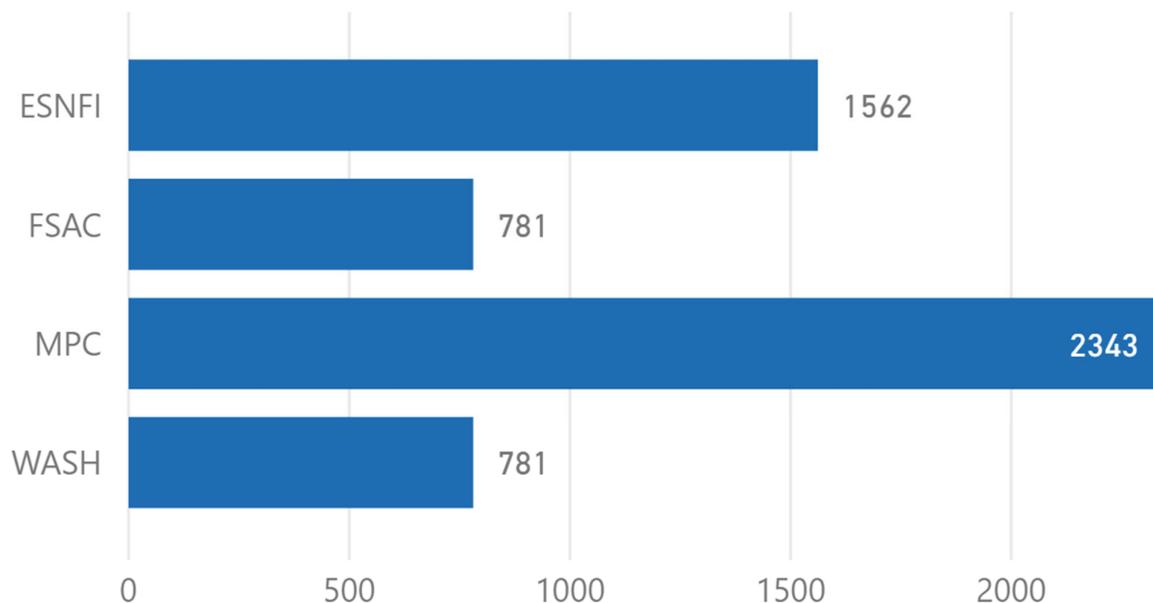
In Badghis landlords are charging AFN 70 – 100 per tent per month at the IDP sites. Recently, the IDPs approached OCHA and ANDMA claiming that the landlords increased the land rents to ANF 200 per tents (which the IDPs are not able to afford).

Ongoing Response Activities

During the past week, 179,865 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 the provision of

safe drinking water. The response activities were carried out in Badghis, Faryab, Ghazni, Ghor, Hirat, Jalalabad, Kunduz and Torkham provinces by humanitarian partners, including ACF, ACTED, ANDMA, CAID, DACCAR, IOM, IRC, NRC, OXFAM, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.

IDPs Reached with Assistance by Cluster over the past week



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 | DACAAR, 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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