AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE: WASH CLUSTER UPDATES
Cluster Achievements – November 2019

Highlights:

Response: With Support from OFDA, UNICEF responded to Afghan returnees from Pakistan at zero points in Torkham and Spin Boldak through maintaining water supply, sanitation and hand washing facilities, where returnee families including children and women stay/wait in queue to complete their registration and essential vaccinations at UNHCR/IOM and EPI centers. Beside getting WASH services they also receive hygiene awareness and hygiene kits.

Challenges/Issues: Insecurity in Afghanistan continue to be a challenge affecting humanitarian response across the country; cases of displacement in the north has been reported in 5 provinces Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pul and Samangan; two provinces in the South (Uruzgan & Kandahar); three provinces in the east (Kunar, Laghman and Kandahar) and Kunduz and Baghlan in the Northeast.

Needs assessments: WASH cluster partners have identified 1,268 conflict IDPs families (8,823 people) in need of WASH assistance in Laghman, Balkh, Sari-Pul, Badakhshan and Takhar Provinces. In addition, WASH partners are currently conducting assessments, which will be completed in coming weeks.

Preparedness: WASH partners have emergency stocks in 46 locations across 23 provinces (26,571 hygiene kits, 13,784 water kits, 2,951 latrine slabs, 176 water storage tanks of different capacities and 4.3 Million Aqua-tab) that can cover the needs of 180,000 people for a period of a month.

Report shows the data provided by partners through WASH Cluster ReportHub for November. Total 28 partners (see below) responded so far in 2019