

Week of 20 – 26 November 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

From 1 Jan to 26 Nov 2017, a total of 360,604 people were displaced due to conflict in Afghanistan, 16,646 people more compared to the previous week. The provinces sheltering the highest numbers of IDPs are Nangarhar (71,666), Kunduz (35,658), Badghis (25,723) and Faryab (21,022).

Central Region: Some 1,600 people have been displaced to Khost (Matun) City from Musakhel district, Khost, Urgan district, Paktika, and Qarabagh district, Ghazni. Khost city is one of the major cities where displaced families seek shelter due to its warmer weather and relatively better security. Military operations in Wardak caused displacements according to initial reports, although no confirmed figures are available. In 2017, 20,415 people were verified as displaced in the Central and Capital regions, 6 per cent of the total displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: No significant displacements were reported during the reporting period from the two regions. This year, 119,292 IDPs have been verified in the two regions, 33 per cent of this year's total displacement.

Eastern: Fighting between NSAGs in Khogyani district, Nangarhar, has led to the displacement of up to 17,000 people in the past days according to initial reports from the ground, notably towards the district centre, Behsud, Chamtala, Jalalabad City and Surkhrod. Since mid-October 2017, about 39,000 recent IDPs from the area have been recommended for assistance, 24,000 of whom have received humanitarian aid. Since January, 85,059 people have been displaced in the Eastern Region, 24 per cent of the displacements across the country in 2017.

Southern/South Eastern: No significant new displacements have been reported from the Western Region in the past week by authorities or humanitarian partners. A total of 70,869 people are currently displaced in the two regions, 20 per cent of the total displacements this year.

Western: No significant new displacements have been reported from the Western Region in the past week. In total, 64,969 people are currently displaced in the Western Region, 18 per cent of the total displacements this year.

Returnees and Refugees

From 19 to 25 November, a total of 571 people spontaneously returned from Pakistan to Afghanistan and another 95 were deported, according to IOM. From Iran, 8,426 people returned spontaneously and 5,416 were deported. This year, 95,623 people have returned from Pakistan and 407,666 from Iran.

During the same reporting period, 624 refugees returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan and 14 from Iran, according to UNHCR. This year, a total of 57,952 refugees have returned from Pakistan, Iran and other countries to Afghanistan.

Ongoing Response Activities (please also see page 2)

During the past week, more than 115,000 displaced people, undocumented returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian assistance across the country.

CR: UNHCR distributed winterisation assistance to nearly 6,000 IDPs, returnees and extremely vulnerable individuals in Paktya and Ghazni provinces (see winterisation section). DRC-DDG provided cash assistance to 147 displaced people who recently arrived to Kabul in addition to hygiene kits provided by DACAAR.

NR/NER: A total of 6,342 conflict IDPs received humanitarian aid in Balkh, Sar-e-Pul, Kunduz and Baghlan provinces. Cash assistance was distributed by ACTED, PIN and NRC, food by WFP, NFIs by NRC, SCI and UNHCR and hygiene kits by DACAAR. UNHCR distributed winterisation assistance to 140 displaced families in Kunduz Province (see below).

ER: Nearly 6,200 IDPs in Kunar and Nangarhar provinces received cash assistance or NFI from PU-AMI or NRC and IMC conducted health and hygiene promotion for nearly 2,000 people. Health Cluster partners treated some 8,400 returnees and vaccinated 720 children at the border.

SR: Some 280 IDPs in Kandahar City, Kandahar, received cash assistance, emergency household items including kitchen sets and hygiene kits from DACAAR, NRC, WFP and UNHCR.

WR: Some 600 IDPs received cash assistance and complete NFI kits in Farah City, Farah, from DRC-DDG.

Winterisation assistance

From 13 to 23 November, UNHCR distributed US\$200 for heating fuel for three months and blankets to 3,000 families as part of the Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster (ES/NFI) winterisation response in Ghazni, Wardak, Bamyán, Baghlan, Kunduz, Paktya and Badghis provinces. An estimated 78,000 families are in need of humanitarian aid to get through the coming winter months.

In addition to the Cluster standard package, more than 3,200 families were assisted with blankets and warm clothing by UNICEF and Save the Children in seven provinces. In Nangarhar and Herat, NRC provided nearly 1,000 families with multipurpose cash assistance to cover immediate needs or pay for half a month of heating fuel. And in the Eastern Region, WFP distributed food to more than 36,000 undocumented returnees. WFP further dispatched over 940 metric tons of food for 110,000 people to the eastern and southern regions to ensure distributions can continue through winter even if roads get blocked by snow.

Security Incidents and Access Constraints

CR: In Janikhel, Paktya, ANSF retook full control of the district centre and surrounding areas in the beginning of the month and vacated the health facility in the district centre that had been occupied by soldiers. Subsequently, the NGO providing health services in Janikhel for the Ministry of Public Health returned its staff to the clinic and resumed normal operations.

NR: In Faryab, members of an armed group and local people temporarily blocked the Andkhoy-Maymana highway. Insecurity along the highway remains a major challenge for humanitarian partners working in the area.

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in October and November 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in Oct and Nov 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)					
					Oct - Nov 2017	2017				
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	1,848	DRC	5,943	20,063				
		Family kits	3,710	ARCS, DORRD						
		NFI Kits (Complete)	2,366	CARE, UNHCR						
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,947	DRC						
		Food Package	4,704	ANDMA, ARCS, WFP						
WASH	Hygiene kits	1,526	DACAAR							
Central Highland	ESNFI	Cash	164	ACF		352				
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	4,779	NRC, PU-AMI, SCI, IRC, DRC	44,301	85,059				
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,941	IRC, WFP						
	FSAC	Food Package	2,357	NRC, PU-AMI, SCI, DRC						
		Cash for food	7,363	UNHCR, WFP						
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	5,747	NRC, ACTED	7,945	73,490				
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,747	SCI, UNHCR						
	FSAC	Food Package	9,058	WFP						
		WASH	Hygiene kits	5,747			DACAAR			
Northern	ESNFI	Blankets	614	SCI	5,479	45,802				
		Clothing	614	SCI						
		NFI Kits (Complete)	8,456	SCI, CARE, UNHCR						
		Other	616	SCI						
		Tarpaulins	614	SCI						
	FSAC	Food Package	9,070	WFP						
		Other	9,070	NRC, ACTED, CARE, PIN						
		WASH	Hygiene kits	1,230			SCI, DACAAR			
		Souther Eastern	FSAC	Food Package			1,666	OHD	616	17,430
			Other	Unconditional cash			3,024	IRC, SI, PIN		
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	7,587	NRC, ACF, SCI, IRC	4,601	53,439				
		Clothing	697	SCI						
		Family kits	242	SCI						
		Kitchen sets	1,200	NRC, UNHCR						
		NFI Kits (Complete)	3,713	NRC, UNHCR						
	FSAC	Cash for food	9,825	SCI, WFP						
		Other	Unconditional cash	3,382			NRC, ACF			
	WASH		Emergency latrines	42			DACAAR			
			Hygiene kits	6,156			ACF, IRC, DACAAR, UNICEF			
	Water treatment tablet	1,421	UNICEF							
Western	ESNFI	Blankets	1,941	UNICEF	10,152	64,969				
		Cash	6,923	NRC, ACF, IRC, DRC						
		Clothing	1,941	UNICEF						
		Kitchen sets	1,941	UNICEF						
		NFI Kits (Complete)	6,072	UNHCR, UNICEF						
		Plastic Sheets	1,941	UNICEF						
		Tents	1,941	IRC						
		FSAC	Cash for food	3,642			NRC, ACF, DRC			
			Food Package	5,812			WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	27,897	NRC, ACF, DRC						
		WASH	Chlorine	1,061			IRC, DACAAR			
			Emergency latrines	2,764			IRC			
			Female hygiene kits	2,879			UNHCR			
			Hygiene education	2,331			IRC, DACAAR, UNHCR			
			Hygiene kits	3,177			IRC, DACAAR, UNICEF			
			Soap	175			IRC			
			Water treatment tablet	582			IRC			

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 | 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 | ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross | IDP, Internally Displaced Person | IMC, International Medical Corps | IOM, International Organization for Migration | IRC, International Rescue Committee | NFI, Non-food item | NRC, Norwegian Refugee Council | NSAG, Non-State Armed Group | OCT, Operational Coordination Team | OHC, Organization for Humanitarian and Development | PIN, People In Need | PU-AMI, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale | SCI, Save the Children International | SHPOUL, Sound Humanitarian, Participatory & Organizational Uplift | SI, Solidarités International | SVA, Shanti Volunteer Association | UNHCR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund | WASH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | WFP, World Food Programme |

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 26 November 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available). To calculate the number of people per family, the national average of seven family members is used.

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