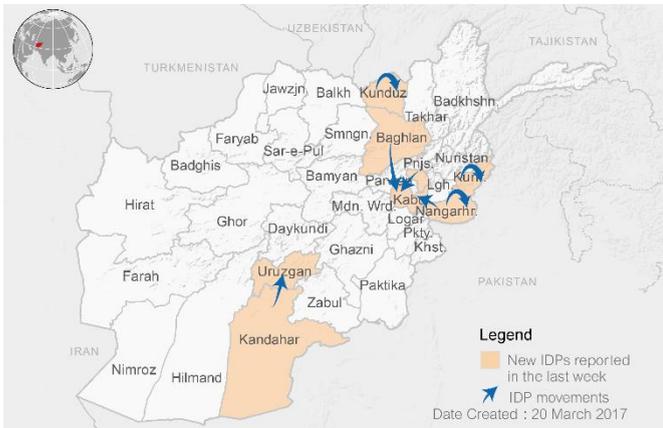


Week of 12 to 18 March 2017



## Countrywide Conflict Displacement

The total number of individuals displaced by conflict in 2016 stands at 654,143, as joint assessment teams finalise assessments of those displaced last year. In 2017 so far, 38,110 individuals have been verified as displaced, with 57 per cent of those displaced being children under the age of 18.

**Northern/North Eastern:** Ongoing government military operations, including airstrikes, continued in Kunduz. In addition, fighting between rival illegal armed groups reportedly displaced 1,400 unverified individuals in Khanabad, Kunduz, with further reports of civilian casualties and homes damaged. In Baghlan, three consecutive weeks of military operations resulted in thousands of unverified displaced to Pul-e-Khumri city, with around 11,200 submitting petitions. Assessments will commence shortly. In Badakhshan, an avalanche in Shahr-e-Buzurg district reportedly killed eight individuals and wounded a further eight. Elsewhere, assessments have verified 651 conflict IDPs in Balkh, 434 individuals in Faryab, and 245 individuals in Jawzjan.

**Southern:** Conflict continued to intensify across the southern region during the past week. Clashes on the outskirts of Lashkar Gah and in Nad-e-Ali district in Hilmand reportedly caused displacements to neighboring villages. Assessments are constrained due to ongoing conflict and roads closed by IEDs. Fighting in Nesh has reportedly displaced around 1,400 unverified individuals to Tirin Kot, Uruzgan, with assessments ongoing.

**Western:** The Western region has been relatively calmer compared to previous weeks, albeit with a number of conflict incidents in Balabaluk, Farah, and Shindand, Hirat. No displacement has yet been reported. Tribal conflict reportedly resulted in 85 houses being set on fire in Badghis, with displacements reported. Assessments are challenging due to ongoing insecurity in the area.

**Eastern:** The security situation in the Eastern region remained volatile, with military operations ongoing in contested districts in Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan. 1,764 unverified individuals have reportedly been displaced by operations in Dehbalala, Nangarhar, with assessments underway. Cross-border shelling continued in Kunar and Nangarhar, with displacements of up to 700 individuals reported.

**Central:** Armed conflict continued in most provinces, particularly in Parwan, Kapisa and Ghazni. In total, around 7,000 unverified

individuals were reported displaced, including 3,500 in Ghazni and 1,200 in Khost. Assessments are ongoing.

## Refugees and Returnees

While the Torkham and Spin Boldak borders remain closed, IOM reported that 23 undocumented returnees were deported at Tokrham border between 12-18 March. The total number of undocumented returnees for the year is now at 9,928.

UNHCR's repatriation programme will resume on 1 April 2017.

## Ongoing Response Activities\* (please see page 2)

**Central:** In Daykundi, IOM provided 98 snow-fall affected individuals with NFIs and another 1,400 undocumented returnees in Kabul with NFIs and cash. In Parwan, CARE and WFP provided food and NFIs to 840 individuals, and in Paktia, IRC provided cash to 1,029 IDPs and WFP/OHD provided food to 1,127 undocumented returnees. In Khost, SI provided 721 individuals with cash and WFP/APA provided 12,950 NWA refugees with food. In Ghazni, IOM and ANDMA provided food and NFIs to 189 snowfall-affected individuals. In Paktika, WFP/ORCD provided food to 15,400 NWA refugees.

**Southern:** In Nimroz, IOM and WFP continued distribution of NFIs and food to 1,848 flood-affected individuals. In Kandahar, ANDMA provided food to 3,626 vulnerable individuals.

**North/ North Eastern:** In Faryab, NRC and SCI provided cash and NFIs to 980 IDPs; WFP, IOM and SCI provided 434 snowfall-affected individuals with food and NFIs, while ANDMA, UNICEF and SCI provided food and NFIs to a further 189 snowfall-affected individuals, and ANDMA provided 3,500 vulnerable individuals with cash. In Badakhshan, UNHCR provided blankets to 1,225 IDPs, and in Takhar, Mission East provided NFIs to 238 IDPs.

**Western:** In Hirat, DRC, WFP and DACAAR commenced distribution of cash, winter kits, food and NFIs to 336 IDPs. In Farah, WFP and DRC provided 420 IDPs with food and NFIs.

**Eastern:** For IDPs, RI provided 70 individuals with cash in Kunar, and also provided 287 natural-disaster affected individuals with agricultural kits and cash. For undocumented returnees, WFP completed food distribution to 47,460 individuals, and cash to another 7,441 individuals. In addition, IOM, CWS, NCRO, DRC, DRA/ZOA, PU-AMI, DRA/SCI, DRA/IRC, WHO, AADA/DoPH, UNFPA, WFP and UNICEF provided cash, winterization kits, well construction, NFIs, hygiene kits, food and health services.

## Access Constraints and Security Incidents

**Southern:** An inter-agency team assessing IDPs in Zabul reported interference by local government authorities and influential local individuals. OCHA raised the matter with provincial authorities, but local interference remains an ongoing issue across the southern region.

**Central:** The district hospital in Barmal, Paktika closed for three days due to an IED that detonated nearby the facility. In addition, road closures due to snow is hindering assessments of natural disaster-affected families in Bamyana and Daykundi.

## Key dates

- NE Fayzabad Badakhshan OCT (20.03)
- WR Hirat WASH Cluster Meeting (20.03)
- WR Hirat FSAC Cluster Meeting (22.03)
- SR Kandahar IDP Response Coordination Meeting (22.03)

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## Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in February and March 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted Since February and March 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)	
					Feb-Mar 2017	2016 and Jan-Mar 2017
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	451	DRC	915	36,959
		Family kits	1,988	DRC, UNHCR		
		Winter Kit	196	IR		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,027	DRC		
		Food Package	1,449	WFP, IR		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,764	DACAAR		
Central Highland						342
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	1,260	OHW	9,266	49,018
		NFI Kits (Complete)	7,313	DORRD, Other, IRC		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,636	RI, OHW		
		Food Package	6,937	WFP, ANDMA		
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	5,915	NRC, ACTED	777	208,941
		Kitchen sets	735	ACTED		
		Winter Kit	735	ACTED		
	FSAC	Cash for food	2,583	NRC, ACTED		
		Food Package	910	WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	3,584	DACAAR, ACTED		
Northern	ESNFI	Other	350	UNHCR	1,974	70,772
	FSAC	Food Package	4,788	WFP, ANDMA, UNICEF		
	Other	Unconditional cash	11,948	NRC, UNHCR, PIN, SCI		
Southern Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	946	CARE	686	28,994
	Other	Unconditional cash	2,578	IRC, PIN, SI		
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	2,426	DRC, ACF	9,064	194,102
		Clothing	248	SCI		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,246	Other		
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,642	DRC, ACF		
		Food Package	2,727	WFP, Other		
	Other	Unconditional cash	697	ACF		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	1,481	DACAAR		
	Western	ESNFI	Blankets	1,504		
Cash			3,845	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC		
Clothing			436	UNICEF		
Family kits			553	DRC		
Kitchen sets			133	ACF		
NFI Kits (Complete)			4,082	NRC, DRC, ACF, UNHCR, CRDSA, UNICEF		
Plastic Sheets			245	UNHCR, CRDSA, UNICEF		
Tarpaulins			332	ACF, UNICEF		
Winter Kit			3,000	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC		
FSAC			Cash for food	4,306	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC	
		Food Package	4,496	WFP		
Other		Unconditional cash	1,556	ACF		
WASH		Chlorine	645	DACAAR, IRC		
		Emergency latrines	397	IRC, UNICEF		
		Hygiene education	3,252	DACAAR, IRC		
		Hygiene kits	3,249	DRC, DACAAR, ACF, UNHCR, CRDSA, IRC		
			Water treatment tablet	348	IRC	

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 20 March 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).

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