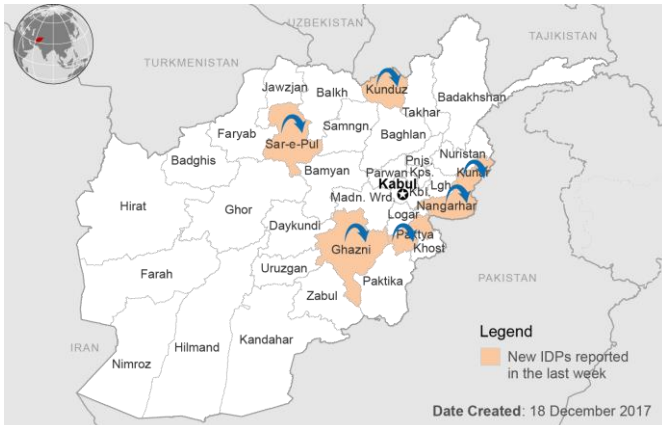


Week of 11 - 18 December 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

Since 1 January, the number of people displaced due to conflict in Afghanistan has climbed above 400,000, up by 12,350 people compared to the previous week.

Central Region: Armed clashes continued in Andar district, Ghazni, reportedly displacing 2,450 people to villages within the district. Military operations in four remote districts of Paktya Province reportedly displaced some 3,500 people to the provincial capital Gardez. In 2017, 21,050 people were verified as displaced in the Central and Capital regions, five per cent of the total displacement.

Northern/North Eastern Region: Fighting in Sancharak district, Sar-e-Pul, displaced more than 7,000 people from Teber village to surrounding localities and the district centre. In Badakhshan, some 4,300 people reportedly have been displaced to Faizabad city and Eashkashan. Continued military operations notably in the north of Kunduz Province caused the displacement of 1,500 to 2,000 people, according to initial reports. This year, more than 126,000 IDPs have been verified in the two regions, 31 per cent of this year's total displacement.

Eastern Region: In the past week, more than 4,500 people have been displaced from ten districts within Kunar and Nangarhar provinces, according to authorities and partners. More people have fled Khogyani district: the total number of people displaced since intra-NSAG fighting escalated mid-October has reached 61,523. Since January, the number of displaced people in the Eastern Region has reached 115,117, representing 29 per cent of the displacements across the country.

Southern/South Eastern Region: No significant displacements have been reported in the past week. Some 73,182 people are currently displaced in the two southern regions, 18 per cent of the total displacements in 2017.

Western: The situation in the region has been calm in the past week with no reports of significant displacements. More than 66,739 people were displaced in the Western Region in 2017, 17 per cent of the total displacements this year.

Health Alerts and Natural Disasters

One case of wild polio virus was reported from Shahwalikot district, Kandahar. A vaccination campaign for 5.5 million children was scheduled to start on 18 December in the province. The Humanitarian Coordinator [issued a statement](#) calling on authorities and all people with influence, including community leaders in Shahwalikot, to ensure that the vaccinations take place and to help and protect health workers.

A landslide in Rostaq district, Takhar, reportedly damaged houses and displaced approximately 700 people. This year, 51,000 people have been affected by natural disasters, one fourth of the yearly average of 200,000 people.

Refugee Returns

From 10 to 16 December, 5 refugees returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan and 12 from Iran, according to UNHCR. This year, a total of 58,752 refugees have returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan, Iran and other countries.

Ongoing Response Activities *(please also see paragraph below on winterisation assistance and the next page)*

During the past week, more than 90,000 displaced people, undocumented returnees, refugees and host families received some form of humanitarian assistance.

CR: In Parwan, DRC-DDG distributed cash to 483 displaced people and UNHCR provided 21,000 refugees from Pakistan with winterisation NFI packages and firewood.

NR/NER: A total of 7,868 displaced people received humanitarian aid in Balkh, Kunduz, Badakhshan, Faryab, Jawzjan provinces from ACTED, DACAAR, NRC, PIN, SCI, UNICEF and WFP. UNHCR distributed winterisation assistance to more than 18,000 people in both regions.

ER: More than 7,900 displaced people received cash, food, NFIs, in Nangarhar and Kunar, the majority of them IDPs from Khogyani. Assisting partners were Afghanaid, DRC-DDG, NCRO, PU-AMI, SCI and WFP and UNICEF distributed family winter kits and blankets to 1,400 people. WFP supported nearly 20,000 undocumented returnees with food or cash for food in three provinces of the ER and DRC-DDG provided cash for food to 1,600 undocumented returnees. Health partners provided consultations to 7,200 returnees or IDPs and vaccinated more than 990 children. Some 220 displaced children were identified with SAM by Nutrition Cluster partners in Khogyani and referred therapeutic feeding district.

WR: A total of 950 IDPs were assisted with cash, food and NFIs in the WR by ACF, WFP, UNICEF, DRC-DDG and NRC. UNICEF started the distribution of winter kits to 3,800 displaced families.

Winterisation assistance

By 14 December, UNHCR had distributed a total of US\$5 million for heating fuel for three months and blankets to 26,697 families as part of the Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster (ES/NFI) winterisation response in 32 provinces. In addition to the full package provided by UNHCR, 4,550 families were assisted with blankets and clothing by UNICEF and SCI. NRC assisted 991 families and CARE assisted 123 families with clothes and Blankets.

From 10 to 16 December, WFP dispatched 960 tons of fortified wheat flour and other food commodities for 112,700 people in Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif, Herat and Jalalabad regions under its seasonal support programme.

Access and Security

In Uruzgan, 30 health facilities reopened after having been closed for nearly three months following prolonged negotiations between members of an armed group and the NGO providing health services contracted by the Ministry of Public Health.

On 14 December, in Badghis, a man on a motorbike reportedly threw a grenade at a vehicle carrying staff members of an international NGO, two of whom were injured. The NGO temporarily suspended activities in the area.

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

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in Nov and Dec 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)	
					Nov - Dec 2017	2017
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	973	DRC	1,519	21,050
		NFI Kits (Complete)	994	UNHCR		
	FSAC	Cash for food	973	DRC		
		Food Package	994	WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	154	DACAAR		
Central Highland						352
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	21,509	IRC, NRC, PU-AMI, SCI	25,207	115,117
		NFI Kits (Complete)	17,983	APA, ARCS, SCI, UNHCR		
	FSAC	Cash for food	17,729	NCRO, NRC, PU-AMI, SCI, WFP		
		Food Package	18,928	ARCS, WFP		
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	6,321	ACTED, NRC	7,154	76,185
		NFI Kits (Complete)	6,524	SCI, UNHCR		
	FSAC	Food Package	4,907	WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	6,321	DACAAR		
Northern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	5,684	DACAAR, CARE, PIN, SCI, UNHCR	602	50,072
		Other	616	SCI		
	FSAC	Food Package	6,391	WFP		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	3,773	ACTED, NRC		
Southern Eastern						17,430
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	848	IRC	3,138	56,396
		Clothing	879	SCI, UNHCR		
		Kitchen sets	276	NRC		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	4,683	NRC, UNHCR		
		Tents	182	UNHCR		
		Winter Kit	2,391	UNICEF		
	FSAC	Cash for food	5,634	WFP		
	Other	Unconditional cash	3,243	ACF, NRC		
		WASH	Emergency latrines	42		
	Hygiene education		2,494	UNICEF		
	Hygiene kits		4,552	ACF, DACAAR, UNICEF		
	Other		2,494	UNICEF		
	Water containers		2,494	UNICEF		
	Water treatment tablet		2,494	UNICEF		
Western	ESNFI	Blankets	3,964	DRC, ACF, IRC, NRC	3,237	66,739
		Cash	1,670	UNHCR		
		Clothing	1,941	IRC		
	FSAC	Kitchen sets	2,429	DRC, NRC		
		NFI Kits (Complete)	1,118	WFP		
	Other	Plastic Sheets	10,149	DRC, ACF, NRC		
	WASH	Tents	581	IRC		
		Cash for food	2,333	IRC		
		Food Package	1,231	IRC, UNHCR		
		Unconditional cash	378	IRC		
		Chlorine	203	IRC		

Acronyms: ACF, Action Against Hunger | 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 | 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 | NCRO, New Consultancy and Relief Organization | 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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