

Key issues in the past week:

- Nearly a quarter of a million people have been displaced by conflict this year in Afghanistan.
- More than 114,000 people affected by conflict and drought received humanitarian assistance.
- IEDs caused almost half of the civilian casualties from conflict-related violence in 2018, according to a special report published by UNAMA.

28,400

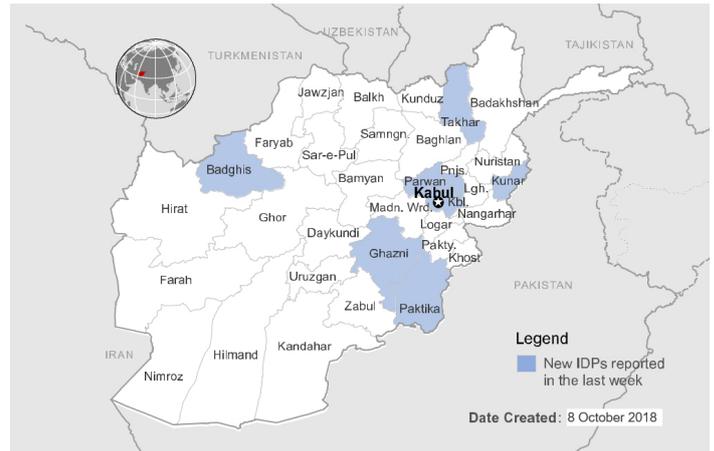
New IDPs reported in the past week

249,200

Total verified IDPs in 2018

114,000

People assisted in the past week



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

Countrywide Conflict Displacement

A total of 249,233 people has been verified as having been displaced by conflict in 2018, according to OCHA's [Displacement Tracking System \(DTS\)](#). This is up by nearly 5,700 people compared to the past week.

Conflict Displacement Alerts (see map & remark on p.2)

Central Region: More than 900 displaced people arrived in Parwan Province from insecure districts of Kabul, Kapisa and Kunar provinces, according to authorities. More than 1,400 displaced people reportedly were displaced to Kapisa Province from Paktika and Ghazni provinces.

Northern and North-Eastern Region: According to still unverified reports from Takhar Province, more than 25,000 people from three districts in the province arrived in Taloqan City in the past weeks, due to conflict. These figures are yet to be verified and assessment teams have been deployed.

Eastern Region: Fighting between armed groups in Kunar Province reportedly forced around 1,000 people from their homes in Watapur district to surrounding villages within the district. The area is accessible for humanitarian partners and they have deployed joint assessment teams.

Western Region: Nearly 100 people fled Jawand district, Badghis, to Feroz City, due to conflict, according to information from authorities.

Drought Update (see response section)

Currently, a total of 216,574 people are displaced due to the drought. According to first information shared by authorities in Kandahar, more than 100,000 people from four provinces and Hirat City, have newly requested assistance due to the drought. This number is likely to include many families who previously already had been registered as having been displaced due to the drought. The integrated drought response that started in August in 15 provinces reached a total of more than 1.2 million people across all sectors. More than 594,000 people have received food or livelihood assistance, on fifth of them in form of cash-assistance.

Returns to Afghanistan

From 30 September to 6 October, a total of 19,666 Afghan citizens returned to their home country. According to [UNHCR](#), 347 Afghan refugees returned from Pakistan, 103 from Iran and 13 from other countries. According to [IOM](#), 18,497 Afghan citizens returned spontaneously or were deported from Iran and 706 from Pakistan.

Security Incidents as Humanitarian Access Constraints

A [UNAMA special report](#) shows that improvised explosive devices (IEDs), particularly suicide devices, account for almost half of the civilian casualties from conflict-related violence this year. From January to end of September 2018, UNAMA documented an increase of 21 per cent of casualties compared to the same period of 2017, with 1,065 civilians killed and 2,569 injured by IEDs.

In Hilmand and Uruzgan provinces, ongoing clashes reportedly are restricting movements of civilians and health workers engaged in vaccination campaigns in outlying villages.

In Faryab, illegal checkpoints by members of armed groups on the highway from Andkhoy to Maymana reportedly hinder the transport of humanitarian cargo.

Ongoing Response Activities (see page 2 for details)

During the past week, more than 114,000 people affected by conflict and natural disasters including drought received humanitarian assistance including cash, food, hygiene kits, jerry cans, latrines, NFIs, tents, winter kits and access to child friendly spaces, emergency education, health services through mobile health teams or outpatient treatment and vaccinations as well as sustainable sanitation and drinking water.

Activities were reported from Badakhshan, Badghis, Balkh, Ghazni, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Jawzjan, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan and Sar-e-Pul provinces conducted by **ACF, ACTED, ANDMA, DACAAR, DRC, IMC, IOM, IRC, Oxfam/AHEAD, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WVI and ZOA.**

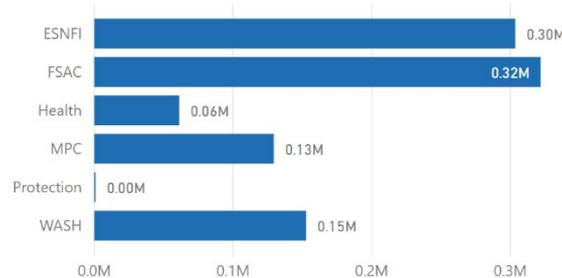
In addition, on displacement sites in Qala-e-Naw, Badghis, UNICEF vaccinated more than 9,000 girls and more than 8,500 boys against measles, put up 70 water reservoirs and dug 390 latrines and provided water trucking for more than 100,000 people. DACAAR installed 25 water reservoirs, 30 latrines and 40 washing facilities in Kharistan displacement site in Qala-e-Naw and conducted hygiene sensitisation for more than 15,000 people. WVI employed 350 vulnerable people in a cash for work scheme in Qadis district.

In three districts of Nangarhar, ZOA/SPHOUL installed 47 wells, 36 hand pumps and 18 latrines for families displaced by conflict, returnees from Pakistan and vulnerable host families.

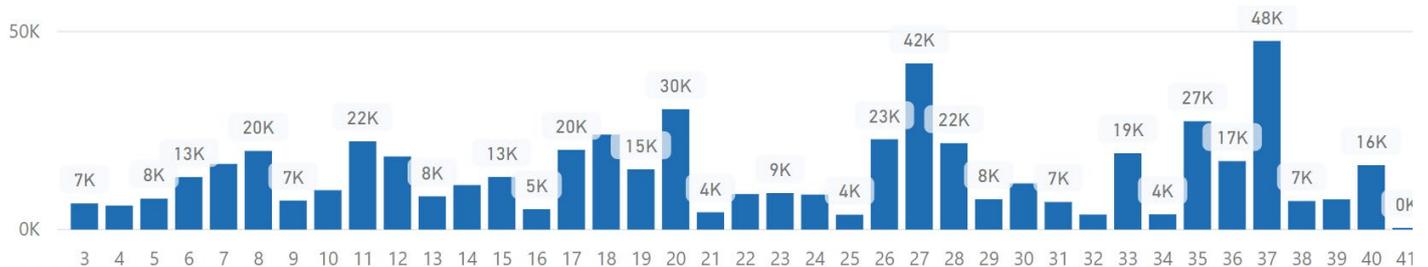
People displaced by conflict assisted in the past week

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People Assisted	Partners
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	357	, DRC
Capital	ESNFI	Family kits	2100	
Capital	FSAC	Cash for food	357	, DRC
Capital	FSAC	Food Package	2100	, ANDMA
Capital	WASH	Hygiene kits	357	, DACAAR
Eastern	FSAC	Food Package	2247	, WFP
Eastern	Health	Basic health care services	2700	, Others, PU-AMI, RI, WHO
Eastern	WASH	Bore holes or wells	47	
Eastern	WASH	Emergency latrines	18	
Eastern	WASH	Hygiene education	161	
Eastern	WASH	Hygiene kits	75	
Southern	ESNFI	Family kits	2432	, UNICEF
Southern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1570	, APA, UNHCR
Southern	ESNFI	Tarpaulins	2432	, UNICEF
Southern	ESNFI	Winter Kit	862	, UNICEF
Southern	FSAC	Food Package	2432	, WFP
Southern	MPC	Unconditional cash	2432	, ACF, IRC, NRC
Southern	WASH	Emergency latrines	552	, DACAAR, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Hygiene education	1570	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Hygiene kits	2432	, ACF, DACAAR, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Other	1570	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Water containers	1570	, UNICEF
Southern	WASH	Water treatment tablet	1570	, UNICEF
Western	ESNFI	Cash	2055	, ACF, DRC
Western	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	1558	, UNHCR, UNICEF
Western	FSAC	Cash for food	1710	, ACF, DRC
Western	MPC	Unconditional cash	5130	, ACF, DRC
Western	WASH	Chlorine	1112	, DACAAR
Western	WASH	Female hygiene kits	1305	, UNHCR
Western	WASH	Hygiene education	1112	, DACAAR
Western	WASH	Hygiene kits	1305	, ACF, DACAAR

People displaced by conflict assisted by sector in 2018



People displaced by conflict assisted by week in 2018



Remark: 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 | UNMAS, UN Mine Action Service | WASH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | WFP, World Food Programme | WHH, Welthungerhilfe |

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