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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin (no. 03/2007) is being issued for information only, and reflects the status of the situation and information available at this time. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

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The Situation

During the months of March and April 2007, Afghanistan faced a number of natural disasters like floods due to heavy rains and snow-melting, avalanches, land slides and earthquake, which severely affected 3,019 families and caused severe damages to infrastructure, houses and public service centres. Since information bulletin no.2 was released, an earthquake hit Badakhshan province (in the northern part of the country) on 4th April and floods occurred in Takhar, Kunduz, Samangan and Balkh provinces (also in the north) in the first and second weeks of April, resulting in 23 people dead, 20 injured and 1,253 families identified under category A (with houses almost fully destroyed).

Table 1: Casualties and damages caused by floods, earthquakes, avalanches and snow slides during March-April 2007, in different regions of Afghanistan

Regions	Provinces	Type of disaster	No. of affected families identified under category A*	Casualties	
				Dead	Injured
North	Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Samangan, Balkh, Sari-Pul and Faryab	Flood Earthquake Avalanches	432	19	4
West	Herat, Badghis and Ghor	Flood Snow slide	1,813	23	16
South West	Uruzgan and Helmand	Flood	320	3	0
East	Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar	Flood	154	10	21
Kabul City		Flood	300	0	0
Total			3,019	55	41

* Category A: houses almost fully destroyed

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Based on a joint assessment carried out by the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS), in coordination with the Federation, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), government and UN agencies, emergency humanitarian assistance consisting of food and non-food items was provided to the worst affected and most vulnerable families in the affected areas. ARCS volunteers and staff were actively involved in the assessment and distribution process. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Food Programme and United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan were also involved in supporting affected families by providing food and non-food items.

Table 2: Relief items distributed to affected people by the ARCS, Federation and ICRC

Relief items	North			West			South-west			East			Kabul	Total
	ARCS	IFRC	ICRC	ARCS	IFRC	ICRC	ARCS	IFRC	ICRC	ARCS	IFRC	ICRC	IFRC	
Tents	9	70		150			160			55				444
Blankets	586	478		300			900					606		2,870
Medicines														0
Tarpaulin	442					259	100					154		955
Kitchen sets	470			100	200						55		300	1,125
Jerry cans	20			100	400		400			55	99		600	1,674
Pressure cookers	10						100							110
Shoes and socks				1,000										1,000
Winter cloths	772			2500										3272
Soap												546		546
Rice (kg)									10,000			21,000		31,000
Bean (kg)									2,500					2,500
Oil (kg)									400	4,200				4,600
Salt (kg)									200			280		480
Peas (kg)												7,000		7,000
Sugar (kg)												1,400		1,400
Tea (kg)												280		280

Coordination

With the support of the Federation, the ARCS branches in all affected provinces continue to have regular coordination meetings with other organizations involved in the operation including the ICRC, United Nations agencies, governmental authorities (department for disaster preparedness and ministry of rural rehabilitation and development). Due to the conflict situation in Helmand and Uruzgan provinces in the South, ICRC was the leading agency in the distribution of food and non-food items to the affected people in these areas.

The Federation held disaster management coordination meetings with the ARCS leadership to discuss the overall management of the support mechanism to the affected communities.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

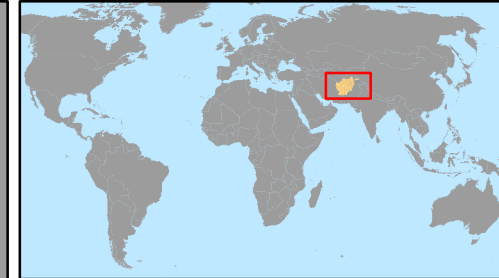
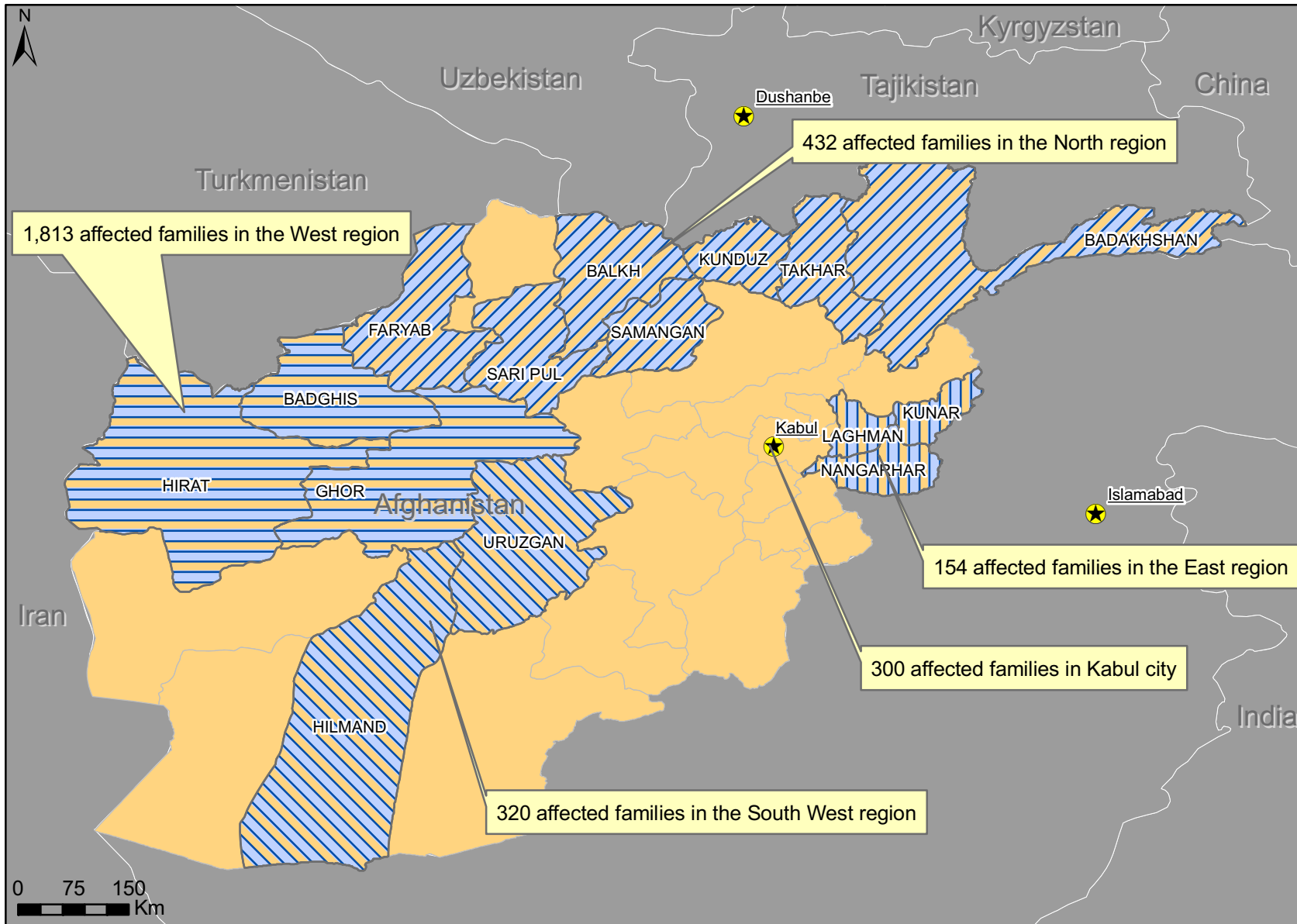
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- ★ Capitals
- Vertical stripes East provinces affected
- Diagonal stripes (top-left to bottom-right) South west provinces affected
- Horizontal stripes West provinces affected
- Diagonal stripes (top-right to bottom-left) North provinces affected

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