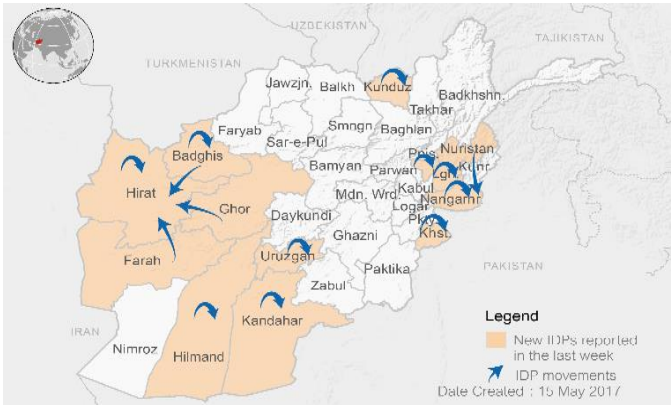


Week of 07 to 13 May 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

2017: As of 14 May, 91,022 individuals have been displaced in Afghanistan so far in 2017 with 29 provinces recording some level of forced displacement. This represents a 40 percent decrease compared to those displaced during the same period in 2016 (152,841).

Northern/North Eastern: Following the fall of Qala-e-Zal district on 6 May and ongoing clashes between NSAG and government forces along the Kunduz-Khanabad highway, 39,685 individuals have submitted petitions to DoRR. To date, 2,058 have been verified in need of humanitarian assistance; assessments for the remaining caseload are ongoing. In Baghlan, 294 individuals have been verified as IDPs following clashes between ANSF and NSAGs in Pul-e-Khumri. In 2017, 37,280 individuals have been displaced in the region, comprising 41 percent of the country total.

Southern: Clashes intensified across the region in the past week with 700 individuals reportedly displaced within Khas Uruzgan district, Uruzgan province and an unconfirmed number in Nad-e-Ali district, Helmand province due to limited access. In Kandahar, border skirmishes between Afghan and Pakistani forces in Spin Boldak district reportedly displaced 1,050 individuals; assessments are ongoing. So far in 2017, 29,512 individuals have been displaced in the South and South Eastern region, approximately 32 percent of the total displaced countrywide.

Western: Regular armed clashes continued in Badghis and Ghor provinces and a notable increase in incidents in Herat, although no significant humanitarian impact has as yet been reported. In Herat and Badghis provinces, a total of 617 individuals have been verified in need of assistance. So far in 2017, 8,114 individuals have been displaced due to conflict in the Western region, 9 per cent of the total displaced this year.

Eastern: Intra-NSAG clashes continued in Nangarhar province reportedly displacing 4,200 individuals from Chaparhar to Khogyani, Surkhrod, Jalalabad City and Pachieragam districts. As of 12 May 1,000 individuals have been verified in need of humanitarian assistance. In neighboring Laghman province, 1,085 individuals have been displaced to Mehtarlam/Badpakh and Khogyani districts following heightened insecurity, while in Kot an estimated 2,100 individuals displaced by ANSF-International military operations have returned home. The Eastern region has now recorded the highest level of security incidents so far in 2017 and has 10,618 verified IDPs; around 12 per cent of those displaced overall countrywide.

Central: In Kapisa, armed clashes between government forces

and NSAGs reportedly displaced 30 individuals to Hisa-e-Awal-e-Kohestan, Hisa-e-Duwum-e-Kohestan, Mahmud-e-Raqi districts. Elsewhere, 700 individuals were verified as displaced across Achin, Baghlan-e-Jadid, Kunduz City and Ghazni Centre.

Refugees and Returnees

A total of 4,410 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham border crossing from 7-13 May, a decrease of 24 per cent from the previous week, ahead of an expected decline during Ramadan, and bringing the year total to 55,421. Following border skirmishes between Afghan and Pakistani security forces on 5 May, the Spin Boldak/Chaman border crossing was closed; negotiations are ongoing between government representatives from both sides to reopen the border. Since 1 January, 127,935 undocumented Afghans have also returned from Iran bringing the total returnee population in 2017 to 183,356.

As of 13 May, 18,857 registered Afghans have returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan, Iran and other countries since the UNHCR Repatriation programme resumed in early April. Some 98 per cent of all registered refugees returning to Afghanistan in 2017 are coming from Pakistan.

Ongoing Response Activities* (please see page 2)

North/North Eastern: In Kunduz, WFP, NRC, SCI and DACAAR provided food, NFIs and hygiene kits to 2,058 conflict IDPs; in Faryab, WFP and SCI provided food and NFIs to 1,240 conflict IDPs, and in Balkh WFP and ANDMA provided food and NFIs to 784 natural disaster affected individuals.

Southern: In Kandahar, WFP, NRC and DACAAR completed distributions to 1,204 conflict IDPs from Nesh district.

Western: In Herat city, DRC and WFP provided food and NFIs to 133 conflict IDPs. In Qala-e-Naw, Badghis, IRC and UNICEF provided cash to 484 conflict IDPs.

Eastern: In Nangarhar, DACAAR, GAA (WHH), CWSA, DRA/IRC, DRA/SCI distributed NFIs, hygiene kits and cash, constructed solar panels and carried out health promotion sessions to IDPs. In Nangarhar, WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, AADA, WFP, IOM, AIESO, IMC, CWSA, DRA/IRC, DAR/ZOA, DRA/SCI, SVA distributed hygiene and NFIs kits, cash, drinking water, Vitamin A supplementation, and carried out hygiene and health promotion sessions to returnees.

Central: In Kabul, WFP and IR provided food and NFIs to 1,673 conflict IDPs from Parwan province. In Paktika and Khost provinces, WFP distributed food to 22,757 Pakistani refugees. In Paktia, PIN distributed cash to 707 conflict IDPs.

Access Constraints and Security Incidents

Western: In Badghis, around 40 percent of areas affected by a locust infestation (Jawand, Balamurghab and Qadis districts) are under NSAG control, with a DAIL mission to site locations in Qadis attacked by NSAGs on 11 May. In a separate incident, a school principal in Qadis was abducted by NSAGs after they entered school grounds. He was released shortly thereafter.

Key dates

- CR Wardak OCT Meeting (15.05)
- CR Kabul WASH Cluster meeting (16.05)
- CR Kabul HCAWG Meeting (16.05)
- WR Herat ES-NFI Cluster meeting (17.05)

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in April and May 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted in April and May 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)		
					Apr- May 2017	2017	
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	608	DRC, CARE, PIN	469	5,498	
		Cash for food	155	DRC			
		Family kits	672	IRC			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	175	CARE			
	FSAC	Cash for food	314	DRC, PIN			
		Food Package	2,499	DRC, PIN, WFP			
	WASH	Other	63	CARE			
Central Highland	ESNFI	Cash	28	UNHCR			
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	3,805	DRC, NRC, SCI	991	10,618	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	263	SCI, UNHCR			
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,842	DRC, NRC			
		Food Package	2,016	NRC, WFP			
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	8,876	DRC, ACTED, NRC, PIN	10,367	23,114	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	2,058	NRC, SCI			
	FSAC	Cash for food	7,665	DRC, ACTED, NRC, WFP			
		Food Package	3,269	WFP			
	WASH	Hygiene kits	10,934	DRC, ACTED, DACAAR, SCI			
Northern	ESNFI	Cash	2,058	NRC	5,744	14,166	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	805	SCI			
	FSAC	Cooked food / bread	245	PIN			
		Food Package	3,703	PIN, WFP			
	Other	Unconditional cash	1,092	NRC			
	Souther Eastern	Other	Unconditional cash	1,078			DRC, PIN, SI
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	739	DRC, ACF	1,892	27,706	
		Cash for food	96	ACF			
	FSAC	Food Package	8,885	WFP			
		WASH	Emergency latrines	113			DACAAR
Western	ESNFI	Cash	3,548	DRC, ACF, NRC	3,226	8,114	
		NFI Kits (Complete)	3,231	DRC, ARAA, IRC, NRC, UNHCR, UNICEF			
	FSAC	Cash for food	3,375	DRC, ACF, NRC			
		Food Package	601	DRC, ARAA, UNHCR, WFP			
	Health	Other	484	NRC			
	Other	Unconditional cash	231	DRC			
		WASH	Chlorine	197			IRC
			Emergency latrines	1,514			IRC, NRC
			Hygiene education	2,409			DACAAR, IRC
			Hygiene kits	1,935			DACAAR, IRC, UNHCR, UNICEF
			Water treatment tablet	974			IRC

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 14 May 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).