Overview of cluster (needs/response/gaps)

A full-time Cluster coordinator was deployed to Peshawar in August 2014. Regular bi-weekly cluster meetings are now held in Peshawar with the cluster partners. FDMA co-chairs the meeting. A district level working group of the Core Cluster has also been set up and is being facilitated by EHSAR.

As observed by cluster partners, the community restoration needs of the IDPs and the vulnerable families in the NWA host communities (mainly Bannu, DI Khan and Lakki Marwat) continue to be mostly access to basic services and livelihoods opportunities. While some partners have initiated activities to address these needs lack of funding has limited the geographical scope of the response. So far, no community restoration response has been initiated in FR Bannu where an increasing number of IDPs are expected to be living. The cluster will support an assessment of the situation in FR Bannu in order to advocate for a suitable response.

The cluster continues to prioritize support to Provincial and District authorities and in particular FDMA and PDMA in order to effectively manage the IDP situation. So far UNDP, through the NGO BEST, has provided human resource support for the management of the PDMA call center and for monitoring of activities in Bannu itself. Increased support for a management information system to systematize grievance redressal has also been requested by PDMA.

KEY RESULTS TO DATE

Legal assistance

A thematic working group has recently been set up to improve coordination in this area with active participation from the Protection Cluster and UNDP’s Rule of Law project among other actors. This group will seek to standardize the extension of legal awareness to around 25,000 people and legal assistance to around 5,000 NWA IDPs in Bannu and other hosting areas.

Non-farm livelihoods

A thematic working group has been set up on this issue with active participation from ILO who recently set up an employment center in the District of Bannu in collaboration with ACD. So far more than 1,200 skilled unskilled people have been registered and 166 have been referred for jobs. A further 600 people will receive livelihood support through UNDP’s community resilience project in collaboration with ILO, FIDA, IDEA, PRDS and SRSP.

Community Infrastructure

Many partners are working on improving community infrastructure in the hosting areas through other clusters such as WASH. Pakistan Transitional Initiative-IOM is particularly active in this area and is currently carrying out work in Bannu mainly in the education sector. Under this component of the Core Cluster, community infrastructure will be carried out in order to create as many short-term employment opportunities as possible for the IDPs and the vulnerable people in the host communities. So far more than 12,000 working days are planned through UNDP’s community resilience project implemented by FIDA, IDEA, PRDS and SRSP. The Cash Working Group guidelines which have been developed by the Food Security Cluster have been shared with partners and will be followed in all cash for work activities.

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Thematic areas
- Governance
- Non-farm Livelihoods
- Community Infrastructures

- Community organizations and village committees reactivated / formed.
- Need Assessment
- Employment

- Community Network
- Physical Infrastructure Schemes
- Cash for Work
- Vocational Training
- Employment Center

**Legend**
- PRDS - Participatory Rural Development Society
- FIDA - Foundation for Integrated Development Action
- UNDP - United Nation Development Programme
- SRSP - Sarhad Rural Support Program
- FAO - Food & Agriculture Organisation
- ILO - International Labor Organization
- ACD - Basic Education and Employable Skill Training

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