

Afghanistan Flash Flood Situation Report3

15 May 2014 (covering 24 April - 15 May)

Situation Overview: Heavy rainfall between 24 April and 15 May caused flash floods and landslide in 87 districts of seventeen northern, northeastern, central, central highland and western provinces. The joint assessment reports indicate that 412 people have lost their lives, 14 people were injured and 4 people are still missing mainly in Faryab, Jowzjan, Badghis, Badakhshan Sar-e-Pol, Farah and Baghlan provinces. Of these, 255 deaths are verified so far in Badakhshan. In addition the flooding has negatively impacted **around 16,550 families**. Of these **3,656 families** (25,592 individuals) have been displaced. The flooding also resulted in the destruction of public facilities, roads, and thousands of hectares of agricultural land and gardens. IOM, in close coordination with the Afghan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and Provincial Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) members, mobilized to the affected areas for rapid joint assessments in order to verify the emergency needs of the flood-hit communities. Based on the findings of these assessments, IOM and partners are carrying out interventions for the affected families.

Region	Provinces	Number of Affected District	Number of Affected & Displaced Families		Number of Assisted Families	Death	Injuries	Missing	Remarks
			Affected	Displaced					
North	Jawzjan	5 District	1,640	2,611	2,626	65	0	0	
	Faryab	11 District	2,743	50	2,571	45	0	0	
	Sar-e-Pol	4 District	2,737	0	2,737	20	0	0	
	Balkh	6 District	1,555	0	1,211	2	0	0	
	Samangan	6 District	908	0	594	0	0	0	
North East	Badakhshan	10 District	621	760	1,228	257	3	0	
	Takhar	4 District	60	212	260	0	0	0	
	Baghlan	11 District	1,368	0	940	7	5	0	
West	Herat	3 District	102	0	43	0	0	0	
	Badghis	1 District	185	0	185	14	0	4	
	Ghor	8 District	66	0	43	0	4	0	
Central Highland	Bamyan	7 Districts	274	13	274	0	0	0	
Central Region	Kabul	1 District	385	0	385	0	0	0	
	Logar	2 District	128	0	128	2	0	0	
	Wardak	3 District	0	0	0	0	0	0	
South East	Khost	1 District	60	0	60	0	0	0	
	Paktia	2 District	55	10	0	0	0	0	
East	Kunar	1 District	7	0	7	0	0	0	
			12,894	3,656	13,292	412	12	4	

Northern Region:

Jawzjan Province (UPDATE): Following the two new affected districts (Faizabad and Aqcha) by flash flooding, the number of affected families has increased. In total 4,251 families were affected in five districts (Khoja Doko, Qoshtepa, Darzab, Aqcha, Faizabad). Of these, 2,611 families or 18,277 individuals have been displaced. In addition, 65 people were killed and 3,322 houses completely destroyed and 418 houses severely damaged.

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in three districts (Khojadoko, Aqcha, Faizabad). The assessment for two insecure districts (Darzab and Qoshtepa) was recently completed by ARCS. The required assistance will be delivered soon.
- **Response:** The majority of the affected families (2,651 families) have been assisted with the provision of food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents, while 1600 families will be assisted soon by ARCS in Darzab and Qoshtepa districts.
- **Gaps:** no significant gaps have been reported.

Note: As a result of the flash flood, 551 families were affected in two districts (511 in Faizabad and 40 Aqcha) on 9 May 2014. A joint assessment was carried out by IOM, WFP, NRC, SCI, ZOA, Tearfund and RRD on 1 May. The required assistance has been delivered by SC, CARE, UNHCR, Tearfund and PIN.



Faryab Province (UPDATE): In total 2,686 families were affected in eleven districts (Khoja Sabsposh, Dawlatabad, Shirin Tagab, Qaisar, Gurziwan, Maimana, Pashtonkot, Almar, Belcheragh, Ghormach, Kohistanat), 50 families were displaced, 45 people were killed, 1,779 houses completely destroyed and 802 houses were severely damaged.

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in eight districts (Khoja Sabsposh, Dawlatabad, Shirin Tagab, Qaisar, Gurziwan, Maimana, Pashtonkot, Almar) while the assessment for three districts (Belcheragh, Kohistanat, Ghormach) is still pending because of road blockage and insecurity.
- **Response:** So far 2,571 families have been assisted in eight districts with the provision of food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents, while the remaining families in other three districts will be assisted by government line departments and ANDMA once their needs are identified.
- **Gaps:** No significant gaps have been reported in the assisted districts.



Sar-e-Pul Province (UPDATE): In total 2,737 families were affected in four districts (Gosfandi, Sozmaqala, Sayad, Sar-e-Pol city), 28 people were killed, 682 houses completely destroyed and 2,055 houses were severely damaged.

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in all four districts and the affected families' needs are verified.
- **Response:** All the affected families' (2,737 families) needs will be covered by the humanitarian agencies and government line departments.
- **Gaps:** No significant gaps have been reported yet.

Balkh Province (UPDATE): Following the 5 districts (Khulm, Zari, Charkent, Chahar Bolak, Chemtal) affected by flash flooding, the number of affected families have increased from 486 to 1,559 with the bulk coming from

Sholgara. In addition, 2 people were killed, 783 houses completely destroyed and 779 houses were severely damaged.

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in all the districts by IOM, ANDMA and other humanitarian actors.
- **Response:** So far, 585 families have been assisted in Sholgara district with the provision of food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents while the assistance for the remaining families are ongoing in other districts (Khulm, Zari, Charkent, Chahar Bolak, Chemtal)
- **Gaps:** there was a gap in provision of 40 tents for Khulm affected, however it has been referred to UNHCR to provide those 40 tents to the affected families.



Note: As a result of flash flood, 1,073 families were affected on 9 May in the following districts:

- **Khulm District:** 626 families were affected (489 houses destroyed and 137 houses damaged). A joint assessment carried out by IOM, NRC, SCI, WFP, DACCAR, ANDMA, Care International, MAAO, PIN, and THE OHANNITER on 12 - 13 May. IOM, NRC, SCI, PIN, UNICEF, CARE and WFP committed to cover the needs of the affected families with the provision of cash, food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents. The distributions of the committed assistances are ongoing.
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- **Zari District:** Mainly, agricultural land was affected and the road between Zair and Amrakh area was cut off. However, there are 4 affected families which will be assisted by PIN.
 - **Chahar Bolak District:** As per the assessment findings conducted by ARCS, 253 families were affected in several villages. ARCS, UNICEF and ANDMA will assist the affected families with the provision of cash, food and nonfood items on 14 May.
 - **Chemtal District:** As per the assessment findings conducted by ARCS, 83 families were affected in several villages and ARCS, UNICEF and ANDMA will assist the affected families with the provision of cash, food and nonfood items on 14 May.
 - **Charkent District:** As per the assessment findings, 8 families were affected in Shah Anjeer village. NRC will provide supplementary items with cash while ANDMD will cover their food needs.

Samangan Province: In total 908 families were affected (294 houses destroyed and 345 houses damaged) in four districts (Aybak, Khoram wa Sarbagh, Roy Dobab and Hazrate Sultan). In a separate flash flood incident reported by ANDMA, an unknown number of families were reportedly affected in Dar-e-Sof bala and Dar-e-Sof payen. A joint assessment team consisting of ARCS, RRD and WFP are on the field and doing the assessment will share the outcomes after it finishes.

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in all four districts by IOM, ANDMA and other humanitarian actors.
- **Response:** So far 594 families have been assisted in Aybak and Khoram wa Sarbagh districts by IOM and



- others with the provision of food, nonfood items and emergency shelter kits, while the assistance for the remaining affected families of Roy Do Ab district is still pending because of road closure. However, CARE and ANDMA will provide food and nonfood items once the road re-opens.
- **Gaps:** No significant gaps have been reported in the assisted district.

Western Region:

Badghis Province (Update): In total, 185 families were affected (52 houses destroyed and 133 houses damaged) and 14 people have been killed by flash flood in several villages of Qalainow district.

- **Assessment:** The joint assessment was carried out by ANDMA, IRC, UNICEF and ARCS which verified their needs.
- **Response:** All the affected families have been assisted by IOM, WFP, IRC, UNICEF with the provision of food and nonfood items.
- **Gaps:** No significant gaps have been reported in the assisted villages.

Ghor Province (Update): Following the recent flooding in Chaghcharan, Dawlat Yar, Taywara, Charsada, Shahrak, Tulak districts, 300 families were reportedly affected and one person has died.

- **Assessment:** The assessment in Cheghcheran, Dolaina and Shahrak district were carried out by ANDMA, WFP, ARCS, ACTED, ACF and RRD. So far, 66 families were identified while the assessments in the other three districts are still in progress.
- **Response:** ARCS assisted 48 families in Cheghcheran and Dolaina districts with the distribution for 18 families in Shahrak still pending. The remaining families in the other districts will be assisted once their needs are identified.
- **Gaps:** There is a gap in provision of food and nonfood items for 18 affected families in Shahrak district. ANDMA will follow up to assist those families.

Herat Province (Update): In total, 102 families were affected (57 houses destroyed and 45 houses damaged) in Kohsan, Poshte Zarghon and Herat city.

- **Assessment:** Based on the assessment conducted by IOM, ANDMA and others, 102 families were affected mainly needing food and nonfood items.
- **Response:** IOM, NRC ARCS assisted 43 families in Herat city and Kohsan district while the distribution for the remaining 59 families in Poshte Zarghon district is still pending.
- **Gaps:** There is a gap in the provision of nonfood items for 59 affected families in Poshte Zarghon district. ANDMA we will follow up to assist those families.

Northeastern Region:

Takhar Provinces: Following the one new district affected (Rustaq) by flash flood on 13 May, the number of affected families increased from 260 to 272 families.

- **Assessment:** The joint assessment team consisting of IOM, ANDMA, CONCER, WFP, ARCS and SSFL carried out the assessment in Farkhar, Kalafgan and Eshkamish districts. The findings of the assessment indicate that 272 families were affected (239 houses completely destroyed and 21 houses severely damaged). Their main needs are food and nonfood items. The assessment by DACAAR, SFL, ANDMA and



CONCERN for 12 affected families in Rustaq districts is still ongoing.

- **Response:** IOM, UNHCR, AKDN, WFP, ARCS and ANDMA assisted 260 families with the provision of food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents in three assessed districts. The remaining 12 families in Rustaq will be assisted once their needs are identified.
- **Gaps:** There is no significant gap to be reported.

Baghlan Province (UPDATE): As a result of recent flash flooding, in total 1368 families have been affected (637 houses completely destroyed and 731 houses severely damaged) and seven people were killed in eleven districts (Pol-e-Khumri, Baghlan Jadid, Bano, Burka, Khinjan, Doshi, Tala o Barfak, Guzargahi Nor, Khost was Fring, Jelga, Dehsala).

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in all the affected districts by IOM, ARCS, ANDMA, FOCUS, WFP, DAIL and RRD.
- **Response:** So far IOM, UNHCR, WFP, ARCS, FOCUS, ACTED and ANDMA assisted 940 families with the provision of food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents in the assessed districts, while the remaining 428 families in **Tala o Barfak, Guzargahi Nor, Khost was Fring, Jelga** will be assisted soon after the PDMC decision.
- **Gaps:** There is no significant gap to be reported.



Badakhshan Province (UPDATE): As a result of landslide and flash flooding 1,381 families were severely affected (407 houses completely destroyed and 65 houses severely damaged) and 257 people were killed in six districts (**Argo, Yawan, Shahr Buzurg, Yaftal Sulfa, Wardoj and Darayem**). Of these, 760 families were displaced in Argo and Wardoj districts. Additionally, the second wave of flash flooding affected **Keshem, Darayem, Shohada, Faizabad, Darayem and Jurm** districts on 11 May affecting a number of families.

- **Assessment:** The assessment has been completed in eight affected districts by IOM, ARCS, ANDMA, CONCERN, Kinder Berg, CAF, WFP and DoRR. The findings of the assessment indicate that 621 families were affected in six districts and no one was affected in the other two districts (Faizabad and Shohada). The assessment of Keshm and Jurm district are still in progress. Its outcomes will be shared once the assessment finishes.
- **Response:** So far 1,228 families have been assisted by IOM, government institutions, parliamentarians, UN agencies, ARCS and foundations with the provision of food, nonfood items, emergency shelter and tents in the assessed districts. Some embassies also contributed with the provision of emergency relief items and cash assistance. The government already allocated land for construction of shelter for the displaced families. Assistance distribution will continue next week for the rest of the families.
- **Gaps:** There are only gaps in Wardoj district in terms of food and nonfood items. The area is not secure. None of the organizations have committed so far to provide assistance to the 50 affected families. ANDMA will follow up to assist those families as well.

Central Highland Region:

Bamyan Province (Update): As per initial information from ANDMA on 1, 2, 3 and 7 May, around 28 families were affected in Yakawlang, Saighan, Kahmard, Shiber districts and Bamyan center as a result of flooding. A joint assessment team comprised of IOM, ANDMA WFP, Helvetas, ARCS, Save the Children and DDMC members assessed the affected areas on 5 and 6 May. Two affected families were found in Bamyan center with their houses completely destroyed. They are in need of NFIs and emergency shelter. IOM assisted both families with the provision of family revitalization kits, clothing, emergency shelter and solar lighting modules. Nine other families

were verified to be affected in Bamyan center. IOM will assist the families with the provision of family modules and emergency shelter kits.

The joint assessment team consisting of IOM, ANDMA and WFP verified 87 families in Saighan district. IOM assisted the families with the provision of family and blanket modules. ANDMA assisted the families with the provision of tents. Another 113 families were identified in Kahmard; the distribution of IOM family and blanket modules are ongoing.



In a separate incident on 5 May, an unknown number of families were forced to evacuate their houses due to the threat of landslide in Surkh Joy village of Foladi Valley. A joint assessment team comprised of IOM, Deputy Governor, ANDMA, RRD, Save the Children and ARCS conducted an assessment on 5 May. The team found that 54 families were under the threat of landslide due to a visible crack on a hill where the houses are located on. The team advised the families to leave their houses; ARCS provided tents to the families while there were no needs for NFIs as their houses were not destroyed. A PDMC meeting will be held in order to discuss possible relocation of the families. UNHCR committed to provide solar lanterns to these families.

In a separate incident on 13 May, as per initial report obtained from ANDMA and Panjab district Governor, a possible mountain slide in Sayed Abad and Baqir Abad villages of Panjab district threatens around 13 families. A joint assessment team consisting of IOM, ARCS, RRD, ANDMA, AKDN and DDMC members assessed the area on 15 May. The findings from the assessment indicate that the landslide has not yet occurred. However, 14 families who were at risk has been relocated to safer areas. ARCS has provided the families with tents and tarpaulins. The team has not recommended NFIs and any other additional assistance.



Southeast Region:

Khost Province: As per the initial information obtained from ANDMA on 8 May, around 30 families were reportedly affected as result of flooding in Maton district. The PDMC assigned a joint assessment team comprised of IOM, IRC, DoAIL, DRR, WFP and ANDMA to assess and verify the needs of the affected families. 60 families (39 houses partially damaged and 21 severely damaged) are in need of NFIs, tents and food items. IRC assisted the families with the provision of household items as well as twenty one tents. Needs for food items have been referred to WFP.



Paktia Province: As per initial information from ANDMA on 8 May, 65 families are reportedly under the threat of mountain slide in Rabat village of Gardez district. A joint team from government line departments consisting of deputy governor, RRD, ANDMA, sectorial department visited the area on 8 May. There is minor landslide coming from one side of the mountain which has resulted in the destruction of agricultural land. 10 families were advised

to evacuate their houses and are now hosted by their relatives. The mountain has cracks and around 65 families are at risk. ANDMA will distribute food items to 65 families and will also provide NFIs to 10 families who have left their houses. The provincial government will discuss the relocation of these families to mitigate the risk; however the area is insecure and challenging to access.

East Region:

Kunar Province: As per initial information obtained from ANDMA on 11 May, six families were affected by a river bank erosion in Arazi village of Khas Kunar. A joint assessment team consisting of ANDMA, IMC and WFP will assess the needs of the affected families. IOM will intervene once the needs are identified by the joint assessment team.

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