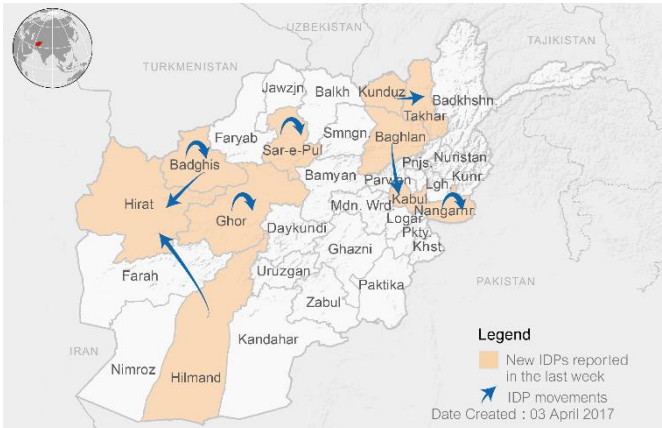


Week of 26 March to 01 April 2017



Countrywide Conflict Displacement

The total number of individuals displaced by conflict in 2016 reduced to 660,569, as joint assessment teams finalise assessments of those displaced last year. This remains the highest number on record, and a 40 per cent increase on last year's high of around 470,000.

In 2017 so far, 50,017 individuals have been verified as displaced, with 22 provinces recording some level of forced displacement.

Northern/North Eastern: Sporadic fighting continued in most parts of Sar-e-Pul as well as in Pashtunkot and Almar districts in Faryab; no displacements have yet been reported. Recent clashes between NSAGs and ANSF displaced 1,862 individuals from Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz to Taluqan city, Takhar; assessments are planned for next week. In 2017 so far, 9,710 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately 19 per cent of the country total.

Southern: Conflict continued across Hilmand, Kandahar and Uruzgan provinces, with Shah Mansoor in Tirinkot particularly affected by a consecutive week of heavy clashes between ANSF and NSAGs. Assessment teams have so far verified 8,232 IDPs as in need of assistance. In Nimroz, 1,330 flood-affected individuals have been identified following the breaking of the banks of the Khasrod river. In 2017 so far, 24,922 verified IDPs have been displaced from the region; approximately half of the country total.

Western: Fighting intensified in Farah and Badghis provinces during the week with an NSAG attack near a health facility in Badghis resulting in the loss of some medical supplies and causing minor damage to the building. Assessments of IDPs reported to have arrived in Hirat from Hilmand, Baghlan, Badghis were completed with 126 IDPs verified as in need of humanitarian assistance. Also, 140 IDPs were verified in Qala-e Naw city, Badghis and 35 IDPs in Dawlatyar, Ghor.

Eastern: Cross border shelling and artillery fire continued in Khas Kunar and Sirkany in Kunar, and Mohmandara, Lal Pur and Nazyan in Nangarhar. ANSF operations supported by international military airstrikes also took place in Nangarhar. No displacements have yet been reported.

Central: Intensified clearing operations in north eastern Baghlan reportedly displaced 239 people to Kabul, while clashes between ANSF and NSAGs in Gilan, Qarabagh and Muqur districts of Ghazni displaced 3,500 individuals. Assessments are ongoing.

Refugees and Returnees

A total of 5,821 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings from 26 March to 1 April, bringing the year total to 17,907, and almost tripling the number who returned the previous week. Since 1 January, 65,677 undocumented Afghans have also returned from Iran bringing the total returnee population in 2017 to 83,647.

UNHCR's repatriation programme will resume on 3 April 2017.

Ongoing Response Activities* (please see page 2)

Central: In Khost, WFP/APA assisted 8,400 NWA refugees with food, and UNICEF and ANDMA provided NFIs and hygiene kits to 294 flood affected families.

North/ North Eastern: In Baghlan, WFP, ACTED and DACAAR distributed food, NFIs and hygiene kits to 2,149 conflict induced IDPs. In Kunduz NRC and DACAAR provided cash and hygiene kits to 546 IDPs. In Sar-e-Pul WFP and NRC provided cash to 314 conflict IDPs.

Western: In Hirat, UNHCR and DRC provided NFIs and food to 126 IDPs. In Badghis, IRC and NRC provided NFIs, food and hygiene kits to 140 IDPs. In Ghor province, ACF provided cash to 35 IDPs. On 27-28 March, in Hirat flash floods affected 1,883 families. IOM, NRC, DRC, IRC and WFP provided tents, NFIs and food to 2,100 IDPs.

Eastern: For undocumented returnees, DRA/SCI, WFP, DRC, NRC, PU-AMI, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, AADA, HN-TPO, CordAid/OHW, Cord Aid/NPO-RRAA, DRA/ZOA, SHPOUL, WHO, CWS and ARCS provided cash, NFIs, hygiene kits, food, medical supplies including vaccines and pneumonia kits and a range of health services in Laghman, Kunar and Nangarhar. For IDPs Cord Aid/NPO-RRAA distributed cash and NFIs to 2,576 IDPs in Nangarhar. IMC assisted 35 individuals with NFIs and tents in Kunar and Laghman whose houses had been destroyed by fighting.

Access Constraints and Security Incidents

Southern: In Hilmand, there are concerns that areas recently recaptured by ANSF are still contested and contaminated with IEDs and UXOs and not suitable for resettlement. Planned returns will be put on hold until the area is cleared by de-mining agencies.

Eastern: Nine districts in Nangarhar province - Achin, Deh bala, Hesarak, Dur Baba, Dar-e-Nur, Kot, Nazyan, Pachiragam, Shirzad - have not received humanitarian assistance since July 2016 due to access and funding constraints despite border intention surveys indicating the presence of multiple returnee families. NCRO, APA, RI, NPO/AARR and ADA have indicated a willingness to support returnee populations in these areas should additional funding be received.

Key dates

CR Kabul WASH Cluster Meeting (03.04)
 SR Kandahar MRM Taskforce meeting (03.04)
 NR/NER Kunduz OCT (05.04)
 SR Kandahar Regional Health cluster meeting (05.04)
 CR Kabul Afghanistan EiEWG Kabul (05.04)
 CR Kabul Ad-Hoc ICCT, Kabul (06.04)

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Humanitarian Response for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in February and March 2017

Region	Cluster	Response Type	People assisted Since February and March 2017	Partners	Newly Identified IDPs (People in need)				
					Feb-Mar 2017	2016 and Jan-Mar 2017			
Capital	ESNFI	Cash	619	DRC	1,083	37,127			
		Family kits	1,988	DRC, UNHCR					
		Winter Kit	196	IR					
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,195	DRC					
		Food Package	1,449	WFP, IR					
		WASH	Hygiene kits	1,764			DACAAR		
Central Highland					342				
Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	1,260	OHW	9,266	49,018			
		NFI Kits (Complete)	7,313	DORRD, Other, IRC					
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,636	RI, OHW					
		Food Package	6,937	WFP, ANDMA					
North Eastern	ESNFI	Cash	9,261	NRC, ACTED	4,088	218,552			
		Cash for food	3,906	NRC, ACTED					
	FSAC	Food Package	2,933	WFP					
		WASH	Hygiene kits	4,676			DACAAR, ACTED		
Northern	ESNFI	Other	350	UNHCR	1,974	70,772			
		FSAC	Food Package	4,788			WFP, ANDMA, UNICEF		
	Other	Unconditional cash	11,948	NRC, UNHCR, PIN, SCI					
Souther Eastern	ESNFI	NFI Kits (Complete)	946	CARE	686	28,994			
	Other	Unconditional cash	2,578	IRC, PIN, SI					
Southern	ESNFI	Cash	3,842	DRC, ACF, IRC	17,296	202,334			
		Clothing	248	SCI					
		NFI Kits (Complete)	5,495	UNHCR, Other					
		Tarpaulins	4,249	UNICEF					
		Winter Kit	422	IRC					
	FSAC	Cash for food	1,642	DRC, ACF					
		Food Package	8,392	WFP, Other					
		Other	Unconditional cash	697			ACF		
	WASH	Hygiene kits	6,152	DACAAR, IRC, UNICEF					
	Western	ESNFI	Blankets	1,693			ACF, UNHCR, CRDSA, UNICEF	4,823	103,412
			Cash	4,164			NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC		
Clothing			436	UNICEF					
Family kits			553	DRC					
Kitchen sets			133	ACF					
NFI Kits (Complete)			3,959	NRC, DRC, ACF, UNHCR, CRDSA, UNICEF					
Plastic Sheets			245	UNHCR, CRDSA, UNICEF					
Tarpaulins			332	ACF, UNICEF					
Winter Kit			3,000	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC					
FSAC			Cash for food	4,565	NRC, DRC, ACF, IRC				
		Food Package	4,496	WFP					
		Other	199	UNICEF					
		Wheat	28	DRC					
Other		Unconditional cash	569	ACF					
		Chlorine	645	DACAAR, IRC					
		WASH	Emergency latrines	397	IRC, UNICEF				
			Hygiene education	3,392	DACAAR, IRC				
			Hygiene kits	3,648	DRC, DACAAR, ACF, UNHCR, CRDSA, IRC, UNICEF				
		Water treatment tablet	348	IRC					

Data source: OCHA Displacement Tracking System (Please note: data available as of 02 April 2017, numbers are expected to change as more information becomes available).