Afghanistan: Extreme Weather Regional Overview

(as of 05 April 2015)

This is the final Extreme Weather Overview for 2015



Key highlights

- Since 1 February, an estimated 8,827 families have been affected by floods, rain, heavy snow and avalanches in 137 districts in 24 provinces. A total of 291 people were killed and 96 people were injured. 1,454 houses were completely destroyed and 7,119 houses were damaged¹.
- 7,180 km of primary and secondary roads were cleaned by the Ministry of Public Works.
- Close to 3,200 families in 21 provinces received Afghan Red Crescent Society food and NFIs.

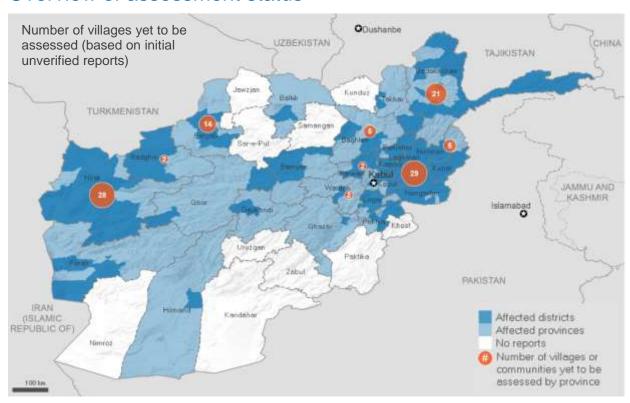
Meetings and coordination

National Security Council technical working group

The following are highlights of

- According to the Ministry of Refugee and Repatriations (MoRR), the contingency plan for spring floods –
 including most likely scenarios, regions most at risk and response capacity is now finalised and will be
 presented to the cabinet on 30 March.
- OCHA reported on humanitarian response to families affected by recent snow and floods, including distributions of food and NFIs in Parwan province's Shinwari district on 29 March.
- IOM reported on the findings of joint needs assessments in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces -- 81 families were affected by flash floods in Kunar and 181 families in Nangarhar province. IOM is coordinating response.

Overview of assessment status



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¹ As of 01 April 2015, and based on IOM RAF data, ARCS assessments (330 families in Kabul) and the remaining unverified figures from the government, particularly from the north and north eastern regions.

Situation overview by region

CENTRAL HIGHLAND

Bamyan

According to IOM, the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) distributed NFIs to 12 affected families in Kahmard district on 29 March. Food needs continues to be a gap in the province.

CENTRAL REGION

Nutrition & Education International (NEI) has supported 300 snow and flood affected families in Panjshir, Parwan and Laghman provinces with food items (soy/wheat blended flour, rice, vegetable oil, sugar and green tea) to 300 families and NFIs (blanket, towel, hand washing soap) to 100 families.

The Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), IOM and Save the Children (SC) conducted needs assessment in in Ghar Wali, Khwaja Shinwari, Kotha, and Shna Jawara villages of Deh-Sabz district on 16-19 March. According to the findings, 13 houses were completely destroyed and 83 were damaged by heavy snowfall. IOM has distributed core NFI packages and WFP has distributed food rations to 96 affected families.

Panjshir

Joint needs assessments were carried out by ANDMA, ARCS, Department for Refugees and Returnees (DoRR), IOM, WFP/AREA and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) on 17-25 March in Abshar, Dara district. Assessments are ongoing in Hesa Awal (Khenj) district.

Parwan

According to ANDMA and ARCS, the distribution of food and NFIs in Shinwari district started on 29 March. ANDMA, ARCS/UNICEF and WFP/OHW are leading the distribution efforts with the district authority and police providing security.

EASTERN REGION

Kunar

ANDMA and International Medical Corps (IMC) distributed 35 NFI kits and 7 tents to 35 families (23 families in Asadabad and 12 in Marawara districts) on 25-26 March. On 26 March, under People with Specific Needs (PSN) target group DRC responded to six families with cash for a one month supply of food and five families with cash for two months' worth of food.

Nangarhar

International Rescue Committee (IRC) distributed 108 NFIs kits, 32 tents, 16 emergencies latrines, 16 hygiene kits, and water purification tablets on 25-26 March. In the same period, IRC conducted hygiene promotion training sessions for 108 undocumented Afghan returnee families (102 families in Behsud, 6 families in Kama, 2 in Kuz Kunar districts).

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed 8,000 Afs (1USD = 57 Afs) of unconditional cash to 58 displaced families in the Campono area of Behsud district on 23-24 March, and cash and NFI to seven families in Kama district.

Nuristan

On 26 March, WFP distributed food to 40 families affected by heavy rains in Nurgram district and dispatched food to Waygal district. WFP has advised that provision of food for affected families in Duab and Mandol are pending distributions due to security concerns.

NORTHERN REGION

Nothing new to report

NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Summary of assessment and response status

Province	Number of districts affected	Number of villages affected	Number of families affected *	Villages not yet assessed ²	Response gaps of assessed areas **
Badakhshan	14	31	324	21	-
Badghis	6	37	1,267	2	Heating material required for 62 families in Qala-i- Naw
Baghlan	5	18	123	5	Response ongoing in 1 district
Balkh	2	0	19	0	-
Bamyan	2	0	13	-	12 families in needs of NFIs and Food.
Daykundi	2	0	3	-	Response ongoing in 1 district
Farah	3	15	75	0	-
Faryab	4	14	425	14	-
Ghazni	1	1	20	0	-
Ghor	2	4	18	0	-
Hilmand	1	0	6	0	-
Hirat	10	42	75	28	Response ongoing in 2 districts
Kabul	3	41	695	0	Response ongoing
Kapisa	7	21	366	0	Responded
Kunar	15	106	331	0	Response ongoing in 14 districts
Laghman	5	215	800	29	NFIs and Food assistance still to be provided to approx. 112 families
Logar	4	0	234	0	Responded
Nangarhar	19	202	1,908	0	Response ongoing
Nuristan	6	48	267	5	Response ongoing, food supply in Duab and Mandol are still pending due to security concerns.
Paktya	9	16	216	0	Responded
Panjsher	5	27	120	2	Response ongoing in 4 districts, gaps identified in food, NFIs, blankets, warm clothing and lighting.
Parwan	8	59	1,503	0	Response ongoing in 6 districts
Takhar	3	6	17	2	-
Wardak	1	0	2	0	-
Grand Total	137	903	8,827	108	-

^{*} Based on preliminary assessment results and unverified reports from the government. Assessments are still underway and the overall figures are subject to change significantly.

^{**} This is not an exhaustive listing; and due to a lag in the reporting, some of these response gaps may have already been addressed. As reported by IOM and OCHA field offices.

² Access continues to be a challenge in Faryab, Heart and Laghman provinces due to security constraints, while snowbound roads impact ability of humanitarians to reach affected communities in Badakhshan province.