HIGHLIGHTS:

- Winterization assistance provided to xxxxxxx families
- TWG developing updated Technical Standards
- Rolling of common Standard Reporting Mechanisms
- Cluster dedicated website being updated by Global Cluster
- Contingency plan being prepared to respond to major hazards

Cluster Strategy and Objectives

- Ensure immediate and appropriate service delivery of shelter and NFIs through assessment, prepositioning, delivering and post-distribution monitoring.
- Ensure displaced persons have adequate and dignified protection from the weather and privacy for family life through provision of emergency shelter and NFIs.
- Affected people living in damaged or destroyed houses are provided with appropriate short-term shelter solutions.

Context and Response:

- Accessibility and security of humanitarian staff and premises is a major issue. HCT took the initiative to create a working group to monitor and evaluate access and security.
- After winter, most cluster partners will resume their activities.
- Preparations ongoing for recurrent spring floods and landslides.
- Sub clusters providing coordination and support in all 7 Regions.

Challenges

- E- Constraints on access to people in need
- E- Recurrence of natural disasters, lack of DRR
- E- No parameters to analyze/predict potential displacement induced by conflict
- E- Variable Government involvement
- Shortfall of funding and Early Recovery interventions
- I- Difficulties on M&E Shelter and NFIs projects
- I- Building contingency planning stocks.

Key Figures

Total affected population: 7,400,000 People
Cluster target population: 157,000 People
Affected by natural disasters: 250,000 People
Newly Displaced by Conflict: 140,000 People
Total destroyed/damaged houses: 3,890

CURRENT RESPONSE:

- Winterization assistance program completed
- Provision of NFIs to families affected by recent avalanches in Panjsher
- Revision of 2014’ Flood Response Plan and ongoing lessons learned exercise.
- Shelter construction will resume after winter
- Consolidation of stockpiles and development of Contingency Plans ahead of new flood season.

Cluster Lead Agency: UNHCR
Co-Lead: IOM
# of Cluster Partners: 20
# of Dedicated Staff: 2
# of Sub-National Clusters: 3
Strategic Advisory Group: Activated/ Monthly Mtgs
Technical Working Group: Activated/ monthly Mtgs

Key Dates:
Crises: Ongoing
Activation of the Cluster: May 2009
Needs, response, gaps and challenges:

Response:
- Only 59% of projects funded in 2014 (USD 17,115,439). Donors: Canada, Denmark, ECHO, Japan, Norway, Sweden, USA, CHF plus UNHCR and IOM donors. Urgent funds needed for contingency plan stockpiling/prepositioning.

Funding Strategy:
- Support bilateral funding/agreements. Urgent caseload of unassisted flood victims may be supported by CHF

GAPS:
- There are still 4,000 families affected by 2014’ floods that haven’t been assisted
- Development of consolidated reporting system and updated of information tools

Challenges:
E- Constraints on access to people in need
E- Recurrent natural disasters, lack of DRR and early recovery interventions
E- No parameters to analyze/predict potential displacement induced by conflict/local disputes
E- Government involvement differs from one region to another
I- Difficulties on M&E projects due to insecurity and access constraints
I- Building contingency planning stocks with limited/no funds
I- Use of Cash Assistance schemes, lessons learned from pilot projects