

Key Highlights:

- Since 1 February, an estimated 7,331 families have been affected by floods, rain, heavy snow and avalanches in 122 districts in 22 provinces. A total of 257 people were killed and 72 people were injured. 1,326 houses were completely destroyed and 5,608 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

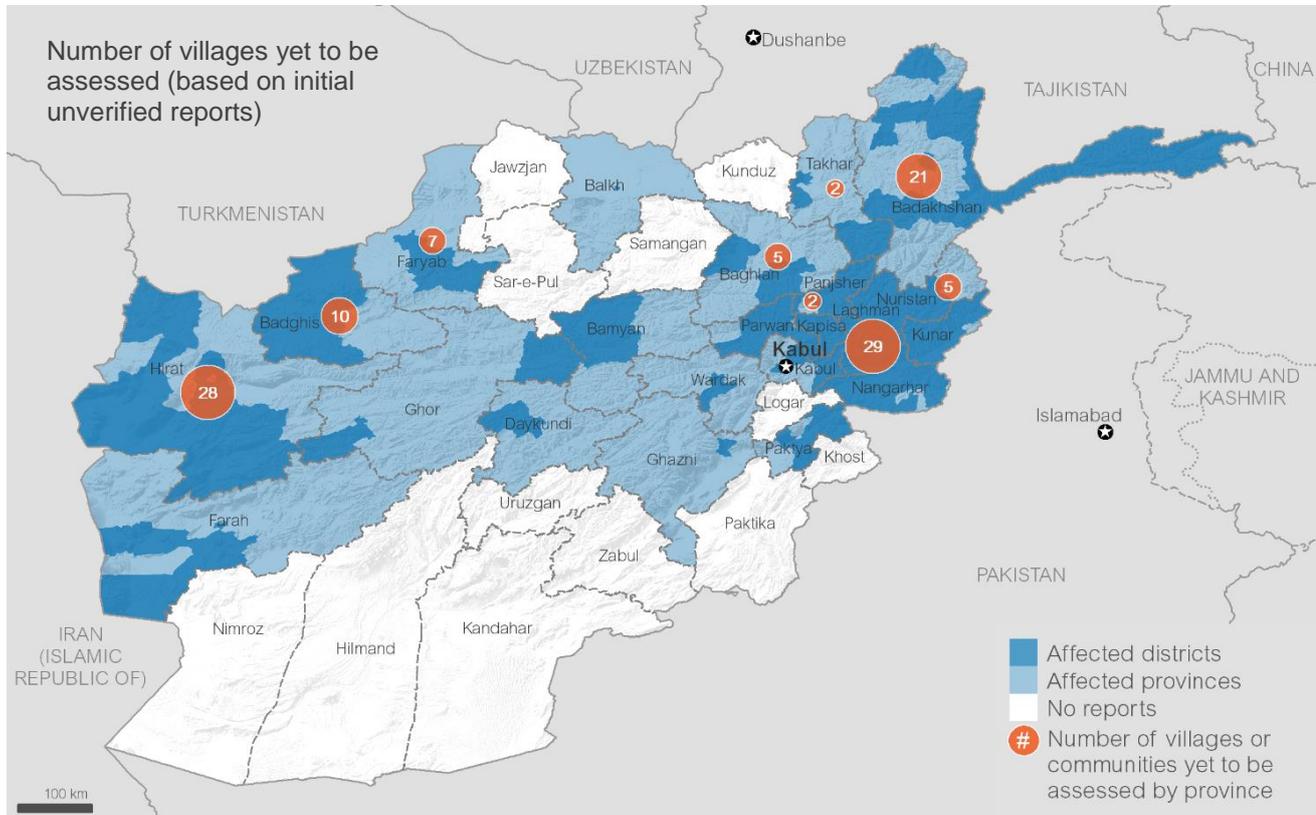
Since 1 February, MoPW cleaned 7,180 km of primary and secondary roads throughout the country. 2,200 Km road were opened utilizing MoPW assets, and the remaining 4,980 km road were opened through CDCs and local contractors. MoPW is planning to conduct detailed survey in affected locations, and start rehabilitation of roads washed away by flooding.

Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) has supported natural disaster affected families in 21 provinces. In total 3,195 families received food and NFIs.

Since 1 February, the Ministry of Defense conducted 242 flights, carried 800 passengers and transferred 44 MT food and NFIs to natural disaster-affected locations.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) is concerned about livestock losses due to flood and avalanches of Kuchi families throughout the country. MAIL has 40,586 MT wheat, 654.6 MT sugar, 30 MT wheat flour and 25 MT rice prepositioned in Kabul, Balkh, Puli-Khuri, Bamyan, Daykundi, Ghor, Badghis and Uruzgan provinces.

Overview of assessment status:



¹ As of 18 March 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.

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Situation overview by region:

CENTRAL REGION

Panjsher

Joint needs assessments by IOM and WFP/AREA concluded in Dara district, where 55 families were assessed and in need of assistance. 40 houses were completely destroyed and 15 houses partially damaged. The needs assessment is ongoing in Abshar and Paryan districts.

According to IOM, 46 families from Pasmazar and Pergozar villages of Paryan district were displaced to Dashtak in Rukha district on 17 March. The Department of Refugees and Returnees (DoRR) provided 27 family tents and Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) provided meals. ANDMA, Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (DoRRD) and ARCS will provide food and non-food items to these families on 18 March. The joint team will verify the IDP families and will share the information in due course.

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) assigned vaccination teams in various locations of Panjsher. Through support of UNICEF, 1,399 children received the measles vaccine. In total, 6,804 patients received emergency health treatments. ARCS and MoPH are closely monitoring medical stockpiles and continuing to carry out mobile health services.

On 16 March, Provincial Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) members discussed the overall needs and a response plan for natural disaster affected families. During the meeting, ANDMA and the provincial authority asked humanitarian partners to conduct a rapid needs assessment in all affected areas to collect more accurate information about affected families. IOM, ANDMA, WFP/AREA, ARCS, DoRR and Danish Refugee Committee (DRC) will conduct a needs assessment in the coming days.

Concerns have been raised about the duplication of efforts in the province. Partners were informed about quantity of assistance provided by various private donors such as businessmen and charity organizations. However, there are questions on the organization of the distributions. Reportedly, some families received assistance more than five times, whereas other families have not received any assistance. An official letter, through the National Security Council Working Group, will be sent to the Governor, ANDMA and DoRR to request for clarity on the distributions.

With the exception of roads in Khawak and Areab valley in Payran district, all roads in the province are open to traffic.

Parwan

Ghorband valley is now accessible and ARCS has committed to conducting needs assessments in affected villages. WFP, IOM, CARE, UNICEF and ARCS are distributing food and NFIs to all affected districts. From 10 to 16 March, WFP and IOM distributed food and NFIs (respectively) to 758 families from Bagram, Charikar, and Jebal-Sarajand, Kohi Safi and Salang districts. On 17 March, WFP and UNICEF dispatched food and NFIs to 650 affected families in Shinwari district. Distributions are set to begin on 19 March.

Kapisa

On 13 March, a joint team (IOM, DRC, WFP/AREA, ARCS, DoRR, CARE and ANDMA) conducted needs assessments in all districts. Assessments indicated that 366 families have been affected by heavy snowfall. In total, three people died, eight injured, 166 houses were completely destroyed and 200 houses severely damaged in 24 villages in seven districts. Their priority needs are food and NFIs.

On 15 March, PDMC members discussed needs, response capacity and possible gaps. It was confirmed that WFP will provide food to all 366 families. IOM will provide NFIs to 83 affected families in Hese-Awal, Hese-Dowom, Mahmood Raqi, and Nijrab districts. CARE is planning to distribute core NFI kits to 133 affected families in Koh-Band, Nijrab and Tagab districts. ARCS will support 150 families living in Alasay district with NFIs.

IOM, CARE, WFP and International Rescue Committee (IRC) will distribute food and NFIs to affected families in the provincial capital, Mahmood Raqi, on 18 March.

Kabul

According to ANDMA, some villages affected by heavy snowfall in Deh-Sabaz district have not yet been assessed. IOM, Save the Children (SC) and ANDMA conducted assessments in remaining locations from 16 to 17 March. The results will be shared after assessments have concluded.

EASTERN REGION

Flood assessments have concluded in affected areas within all four provinces. According to IOM, 3,111 families were recommended by joint assessment teams for humanitarian assistance (233 families in Kunar, 800 in Laghman, 1,907 in Nangarhar, and 267 families in Nuristan). IOM data has identified 2,683 houses severely damaged (267 in Kunar, 616 in Laghman, 1,591 in Nangarhar, and 267 in Nuristan) and 246 houses completely destroyed (24 in Kunar, 64 in Laghman, and 158 in Nangarhar).

According to IOM, all identified families were supported with some form of humanitarian assistance. NFIs were provided to about 95 per cent of families and food to about 50 per cent of families in the region. While the remaining affected families will receive NFIs and food in the next two weeks.

Kunar

International Medical Corps (IMC) distributed NFIs to 40 affected families (12 families in Chapadara, 12 families in Dara-e-Pech, 11 families in Shigal wa Shiltan and 4 families in Watapoor districts) as recommended by rapid assessment conducted by IMC, ANDMA and district authorities.

ANDMA distributed tents and clothing to 31 out of 62 nomad families affected by recent rainfalls. ANDMA indicated that, after verification by WFP-PAT, the remaining 31 families will receive NFIs from MRRD and food from WFP.

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed assessment for 12 affected families (9 families in Asadabad and 3 families in Marawar districts). Assistance will be provided this week.

IMC assessments Asadabad, Bacha, Daridam, Lachak and Naw, Jarobi villages in Marawara district are ongoing. IMC has committed to providing humanitarian assistance once assessments are complete.

Laghman

IRC conducted re-assessments in Qarghayi district and found 21 additional families in need of assistance. IRC provided each family a NFI kit, as well as the community received two tents.

There has been no response to the needs of 112 families assessed in Alingar and 21 families in Qarghyia districts. WFP has advised that assistance will be provided in the near future.

Nangarhar

ARCS completed assessments in Surkhrod district and verified ten families eligible for assistance. NRC conducted assessments in Khewa district and identified 7 families eligible for assistance.

DRRD completed a second round of assessments in Achin, Chaparhar, Durbaba, Khogyani, and Pachier wa gam districts. A total of 141 families were assessed to be eligible for humanitarian assistance.

MRRD and UNICEF distributed NFI kits to 375 families in Khogyani and Pachier wa gam districts.

WFP distributed food to 305 families (150 families in Behsud, 100 families in Durbaba, and 55 families in Jalalabad city). In addition, NRC distributed plastic tarpaulins to 96 families and 19 tents in Behsud and Kuz Kunar districts.

Nuristan

IMC distributed NFI kits to 37 families in Nurgeram and Do Ab districts. A rapid assessment conducted in Mondol district by IMC identified 17 affected families. IMC will provide these families with NFI kits next week. The IMC assessment has resumed in Wama district. The report will be shared upon completion of the assessment.

IMC distributed 17 NFI kits to the affected families as recommended by its own assessment.

NORTHERN REGION

Faryab

According to the PDMC, on 15 March, 265 families were affected by heavy snow and rainfall in 13 villages of Pashtunkot and seven families in Shirintagab districts. Eight of the 14 affected villages in Pashtunkot district are insecure; therefore, ICRC will conduct an assessment. The remaining six villages will be assisted by humanitarian partners and provincial governor team.

On 11 March, a PDMC meeting in Maymana discussed families affected by recent heavy snow and rainfall. Reportedly two children were killed due to a roof collapse in Ghormach district. ICRC will verify, as the area is currently under control of armed non-state actors.

As reported in the 11 March update, assessment of houses damaged in two villages in Garziwan and three villages in Pashtunkot are pending due to security concerns.

The assessment of Dahandara village in Pashtunkot district was completed on 16 March. The assessment team found only three out of the reported 50 families in need of assistance.

NORTH EASTERN REGION

Badakhshan

According to a rapid assessment on 17 March, six houses were partially damaged, two people were killed and one wounded by an avalanche in Rubat Khumbuk village of Tagab district. As the houses were only partially damaged, the families were not eligible for assistance.

On 12 March, ANDMA reported that 45 families were under serious risk of landslides and floods in Do-Ab and Urchab villages of Shaki district. ANDMA has asked FOCUS to carry out a technical survey and report back at the next PDMC meeting. The Agha Khan Foundation (AKF) will conduct an assessment and share the findings in due course.

Takhar

An ANDMA team arrived in Aspokh, Deh-Payan villages in Warsaj district to identify families affected by recent avalanches. No reports of pneumonia outbreaks were confirmed in the area. The assessment is still ongoing.

Baghlan

In early March, district authorities conducted assessments in heavy snow affected villages in Khinjan district. According to the report, 14 houses were destroyed and two houses damaged. ARCS will undertake a secondary assessment as these villages are remote and security is an issue.

Four persons died due to avalanche and heavy snowfall in Andarab (Banu) district. ANDMA has distributed 50,000 Afs per family. ANDMA reported no houses were destroyed or damaged in the district.

Summary of assessment and response status:

Province	Number of districts affected	Number of villages affected	Number of families affected *	Villages not yet assessed	Response gaps of assessed areas **
Badakhshan	12	31	250	21	-
Badghis	6	38	623	10	-
Baghlan	5	18	123	5	-
Balkh	1	0	13	0	-
Bamyan	1	0	1	-	-
Daykundi	2	0	5	-	-
Farah	3	15	75	0	-
Faryab	3	7	425	7	-
Ghazni	1	1	20	0	-
Ghor	2	4	11	0	-
Hirat	6	42	40	28	-
Kabul	3	41	592	0	-
Kapisa	7	21	366	0	Response ongoing in 7 districts
Kunar	14	106	233	0	Response ongoing in 14 districts
Laghman	5	215	680	29	Response ongoing in 4 districts
Nangarhar	19	202	1,749	0	Response ongoing in 8 districts
Nuristan	6	48	267	5	Response ongoing in 6 districts
Paktya	9	16	216	0	Response ongoing in 8 districts
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 1 districts
Takhar	3	6	17	2	-
Wardak	1	0	2	-	-
Grand Total	122	897	7,331	109	-

* 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.