

## Key highlights

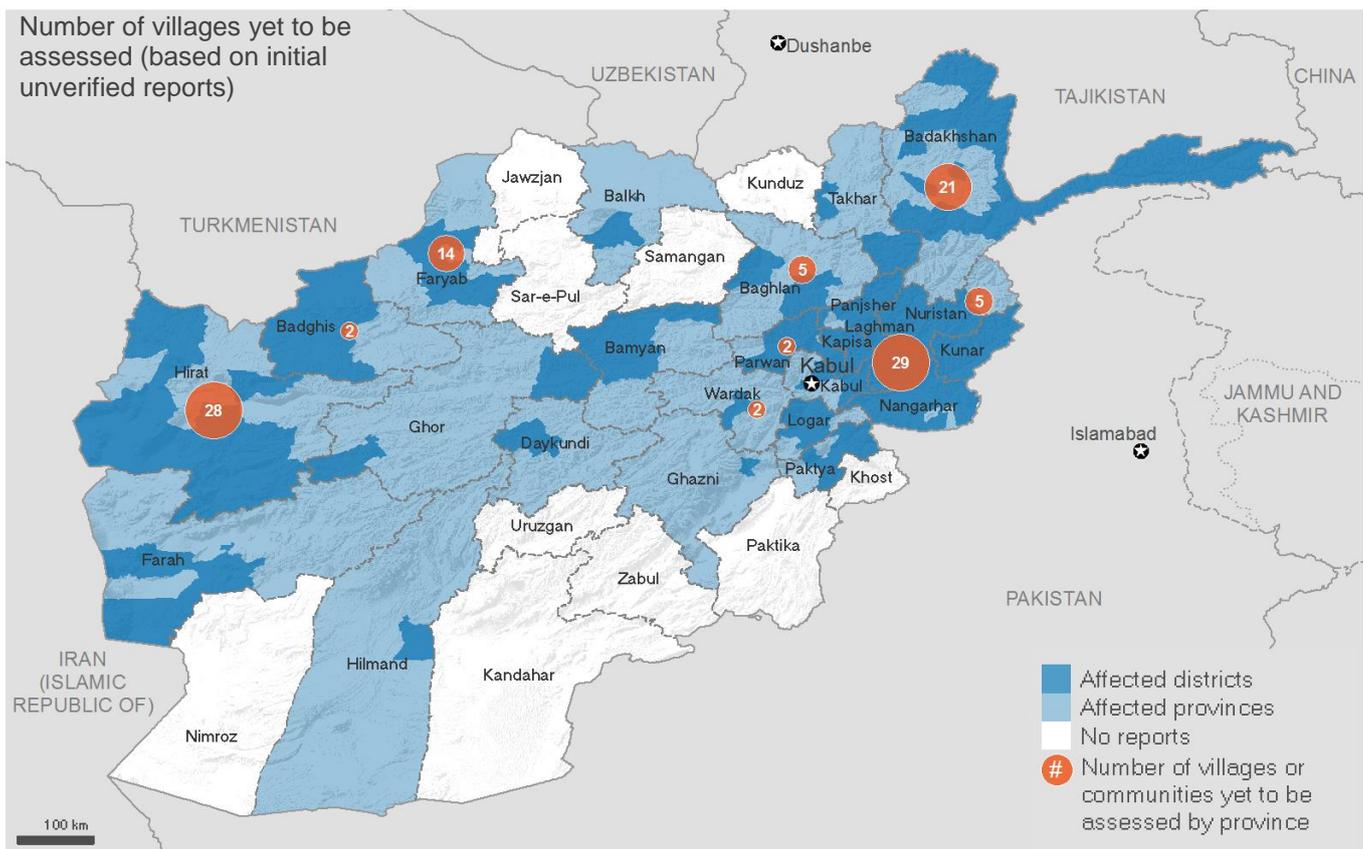
- Since 1 February, an estimated 8,176 families have been affected by floods, rain, heavy snow and avalanches in 134 districts in 29 provinces. A total of 281 people were killed and 81 people were injured. 1,429 houses were completely destroyed and 6,357 houses were damaged<sup>1</sup>.
- MRRD to present to cabinet the consolidated spring contingency plan for Afghanistan.

## Meetings and coordination

### National Security Council technical working group

MRRD presented the spring contingency plan for Afghanistan, highlighting areas exposed to hazard risks and assumption of possibility of combination of sudden-onset and slow-onset natural disasters, based on early warning information provided by IOM, OCHA, ARCS and ANDMA. Three main hazard risks were identified: floods; landslides, and drought. The contingency plan outlines planning assumptions, disaster management and coordination structures, preparedness requirements and response capacities (stockpiles) of humanitarian and government partners, including line ministries. The contingency plan is still being finalized and will be presented to cabinet on 30 March for final review and endorsement. The Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) will lead in disseminating the plan to the provinces and follow up on implementation of the plan.

## Overview of assessment status



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<sup>1</sup> As of 24 March 2015, and based on IOM RAF data, ARCS assessments, and the remaining unverified figures from the government.

## Situation overview by region

### CENTRAL HIGHLAND

#### *Bamyan*

On 3 March, 12 families' houses were completely destroyed in a landslide in Andab and Do Shakh villages of Kahmard district. Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) conducted an assessment on 12 March and found all 12 families to be in need of NFIs and food. ARCS will provide NFIs and tents, however food is still a gap. OCHA is in close contact with partners, including ANDMA for provision of food to affected families.

### CENTRAL REGION

#### **Logar**

ANDMA and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted joint needs assessment and found 234 families (142 families in Puli-Alam; 10 families in Baraki-Barak; 26 families in Khoshi; and, 56 families in Mohammad Agha districts) were affected by snowfall and flooding on 3 March. In response, on 12 March, IRC distributed core NFIs and winter kits to all affected families.

#### *Panjsher*

From 17 to 19 March, ANDMA, ARCS, Department for Refugees and Returnees (DoRR), IOM, WFP/AREA and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) carried out needs assessments in the province's affected locations areas. Needs assessments have concluded in Abshar and Dara district; and are ongoing in Paryan, Shutal, Hesa-Awal, Bazarak and Rukha and Onaba districts.

According to MoRR, due to the extreme weather, more than 85 families were displaced in Abshar, 500 families were displaced in Paryan, and 152 families were displaced in Dara district. 217 out of 500 families displaced from Paryan are living in tents in Dashtak village of Rukha district. The figures reported by MoRR differ from IOM, who reported 24 families displaced. Further assessments will be conducted to reconfirm MoRR figures.

#### *Parwan*

ARCS, CARE, IOM, UNICEF and WFP have distributed food and NFIs to all affected families in Parwan. IOM, UNICEF, and CARE distributed NFIs and WFP distributed food to 853 families in Bagram, Charikar, and Jebal-Sarajand, Kohi Safi and Salang districts from 10 to 17 March. On 17 March, WFP and UNICEF sent food and NFIs to 650 affected families in Shinwari district. Distributions will begin on 28 March.

According to ARCS, Afghan Local Police received some of the food and NFIs allocated for snowfall affected families in Siagard district. On 24 March, through the intervention of the Governor, Deputy Governor and Police Chief of Parwan, the issue was resolved. ARCS will resume distributions.

#### *Kapisa*

Based on the joint assessment conducted by ANDMA, ARCS, CARE, DoRR, DRC, IOM and WFP/AREA, a total of 366 families were affected by heavy snowfall. From 15 to 19 March, WFP distributed two months food rations and ARCS, CARE and IOM distributed NFIs to all the affected families.

#### *Kabul*

ANDMA IOM and Save the Children (SC) conducted needs assessment in remaining locations of Dehsabz district from 16 to 19 March. The findings indicated that heavy snowfall severely damaged 83 houses and completely destroyed 13 houses in Kotha, Khwaja Ghar Wali, Shinwari, and Shna Jawara villages of Deh-Sabz district. IOM will distribute core NFI packages, and WFP and ARCS will support affected families with food.

### EASTERN REGION

Flood assessments have concluded in affected areas in all four provinces. According to IOM, 3,158 families have been recommended by joint assessment teams for humanitarian assistance. There are 234 affected families in Kunar, 800 families in Laghman, 1,749 families in Nangarhar and 275 families in Nuristan.

According to IOM, all identified families have been supported with humanitarian assistance including NFIs, emergency shelter (tents), unconditional cash and food by humanitarian organizations including IOM, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), IRC, DRC, Save the Children International (SCI), UNICEF, ARCS, WFP and Islamic Relief International. WFP food distributions are ongoing, with efforts underway to dispatch food to Nuristan and Kunar as soon as possible.

### ***Kunar***

International Medical Corps (IMC) distributed NFIs to 69 affected families (14 families in Chapadara, 19 families in Dara-e-Pech, 19 families in Watapoor and 17 families in Shigal wa Shiltan) districts, who were recommended for assistance by rapid assessments conducted by ANDMA, IMC and District authorities.

ANDMA distributed tents and clothing kits to 31 of the 62 nomad families affected by recent rainfall. ANDMA indicated that 31 families will receive NFIs from DRRD and food will be provided by WFP after verification by WFP-PAT monitors.

NRC completed assessments of 12 affected families (9 families in Asadabad and 3 families in Marawar districts), and will provide assistance to these families on 25 March.

IMC assessments are ongoing in Jarobi, Lachak, and Naw villages of Asadabad district. IMC will response to needs in Bacha, and Daridam villages of Marawara district upon completion of the assessments.

WFP food distributions are set to begin as soon as possible in Kunar province.

### ***Laghman***

In coordination with the Provincial Governor, the Afghan National Army (ANA) distributed 55 kg of mixed food per family (rice, beans, sugar and oil) to 200 flood affected families and some poor families in Qarghyi district on 17 March.

ANDMA and OCHA are following up on a pending distribution of NFIs and food to 112 families assessed in Alingar district by SERVE.

### ***Nangarhar***

ARCS completed assessments in Surkhrod district and verified 10 eligible families. NRC carried out assessments in Khewa district and identified seven families eligible for assistance.

DRRD completed a round of second assessments in Achin, Chaparhar, Durbaba, Pachier wa agam, and Khogyani districts and identified 141 families eligible for humanitarian assistance.

DRRD and UNICEF distributed NFI kits to 375 families in Khogyani and in Pachier wa agam 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 Behsood and Kuz Kunar districts.

On 23 March, DRC distributed eight NFI kits, four tents and cash (8000 Afg per family) to eight families in Jalalabad city. On 24 March, DRC distributed cash (8000 Afg per family) to 58 families in the Campoona area of Behsood district and to seven families in Kama district.

### ***Nuristan***

WFP will dispatch food rations to Nuristan on 25 March for 257 families (80 in Duab, 91 in Nurgarm, 46 in Wama, and 40 in Waygal).

## **NORTHERN REGION**

### ***Faryab***

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 a reported 50 families in need of assistance.

## NORTH EASTERN REGION

### Baghlan

In Puli Khumri, IOM distributed NFI kits to 111 snow affected families. On 23 March, WFP distributed food to 57 families and will provide food to the additional 34 families by 3 April.

Baghlan district authorities conducted an assessment in snow-bound villages of Khinjan district. According to the report 14 houses were destroyed and two houses damaged. The area is remote and considered insecure. A scheduled assessment by ARCS is pending.

## 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	14	31	294	21	-
Badghis	6	37	656	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	11	0	-
Hilmand	1	0	6	0	-
Hirat	6	42	60	28	Response ongoing in 2 districts
Kabul	3	41	695	0	Response ongoing
Kapisa	7	21	366	0	Responded
Kunar	15	106	332	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	1,919	0	Response ongoing
Nuristan	6	48	267	5	Response ongoing in 6 districts
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	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>8,176</b>	<b>108</b>	-

\* 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.