



Interview with a family in Bamyan as part of the winterization assessment

## HIGHLIGHTS

	<b>5.5 million</b> IDPs in Afghanistan		<b>1,146,750</b> undocumented Afghan returnees were reported since 1 January
	<b>667,900 people displaced</b> between 1 Jan – 21 Nov (source: <a href="#">OCHA</a> )		<b>38,984</b> undocumented Afghan returnees were reported between 11 - 21 Nov

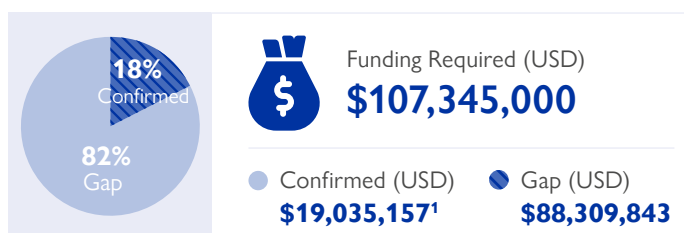
## SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the reporting period, 38,984 undocumented Afghans arrived in Afghanistan; 36,605 arrived from Iran and 2,379 from Pakistan. Overall, in 2021 1,146,750 undocumented Afghan returned, with 1,127,607 from Iran and 19,143 from Pakistan.

Driving further vulnerabilities country wide, it is estimated that 667,900 people (source: [OCHA](#)) have been internally displaced by conflict in 2021.

## FUNDING

in 2021



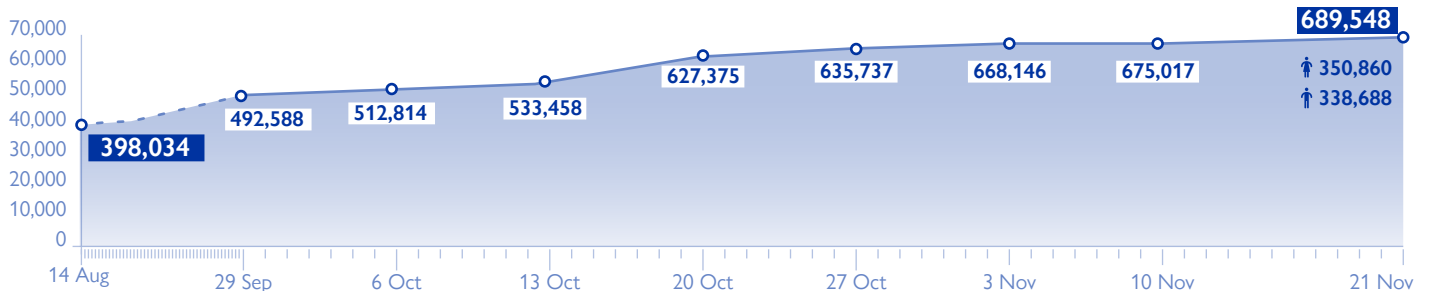
## PEOPLE REACHED

in 2021



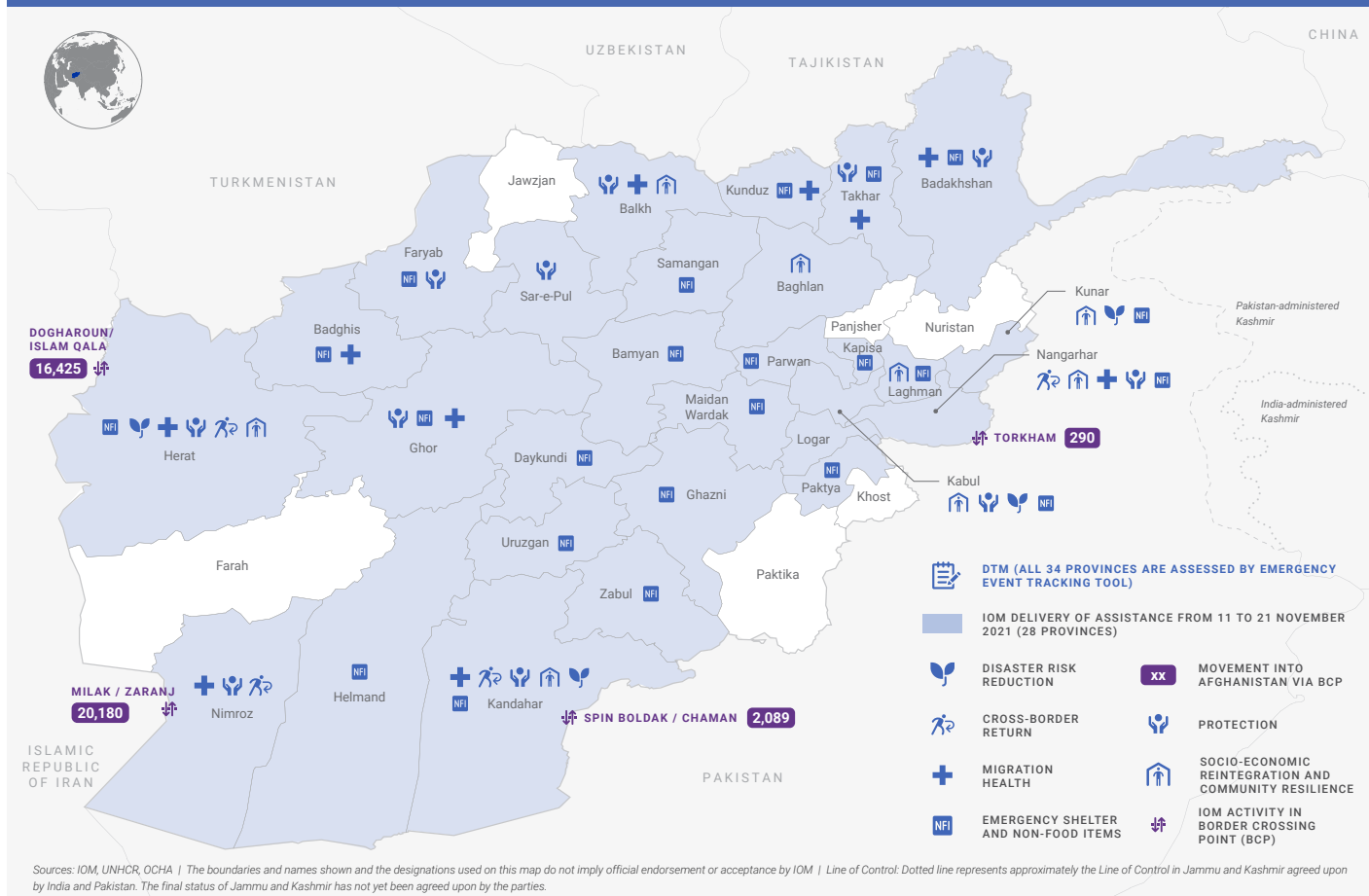
## IOM RESPONSE

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1. Funding confirmed under CAP for Afghanistan, to date there have been a number of donor funding pledges, which are yet to be confirmed.

2. This number may include a small amount of double-counting, as IOM provides assistance to vulnerable returnees at the border through 3 separate programmes: some returnees may benefit from more than one of these. In addition, a small number of those returnees are also referred on to receive reintegration support from IOM once they reach their home provinces. While most of these possible double-counts have been corrected, there may be a margin of error.





## IOM RESPONSE

In 2021, IOM Afghanistan delivered needs-based assistance to an estimated 689,548 internally displaced persons (IDPs), vulnerable undocumented returnees and host community members. IOM Afghanistan provides humanitarian assistance at border crossings, and throughout the country, through community-based emergency shelter and non-food items (NFI) interventions, health promotion and COVID-19 prevention and protection services. IOM ensures that those most vulnerable and in need are targeted to receive assistance based on IOM’s vulnerability assessments tailored

to the Afghan context. IOM’s ability to address the needs of vulnerable returnees through tailored assistance is due to our strong operational presence via IOM reception and transit centers in the border provinces of Herat, Kandahar, Nangarhar and Nimroz. In addition, IOM Afghanistan focuses on addressing the drivers of migration through area-based socio-economic recovery and reintegration, as well as community resilience, including disaster risk reduction (DRR). During the reporting period, IOM implemented activities in 28 provinces.

## HIGHLIGHTS

11 November – 21 November

	<p><b>ASSISTANCE AT THE BORDERS</b></p> <p>Post-arrival assistance, through IOM reception and transit centres, including temporary accommodation, health services, and protection assistance to <b>8,163 individuals</b> (4,604 female, 3,559 male).</p>
	<p><b>COVID-19 VACCINATIONS</b></p> <p><b>5,484 COVID-19 vaccines</b> administered with support of <b>IOM Rapid Response Teams (RRTs)</b>.</p>

	<p><b>WINTERIZATION SUPPORT</b></p> <p><b>27 provinces</b> assessed for winterization needs to inform future distributions of emergency <b>winter kits</b> such as <b>coats, heating material and stoves</b> to people in need.</p>
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## EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (ES/NFI)

IOM's Emergency shelter team continues preparedness work for the upcoming winter. During the reporting period, IOM continued assessments for winterization needs through assessments initiated in Farah, Nimroz, Baghlan and Sar-e-Pul, and completed the assessments in Ghor, Kapisa, Maidan Wardan, Paktya, Parwan, Samangan, Uruzgan and Zabul. The total provinces reached with winterization assessments is now 27.

Preparations for distribution of NFI support in the form of household items such as kitchen sets, blankets, and solar lamps to families displaced by conflict in Daykundi and Badghis are ongoing.

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Interview with a family in Samangan province to assess winterization needs

## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)

During the reporting period, IOM's Disaster Risk Reduction team completed technical assessments in Kandahar province to identify disaster prone locations. Thirteen flood prone locations were assessed, covering 8 villages in the province.

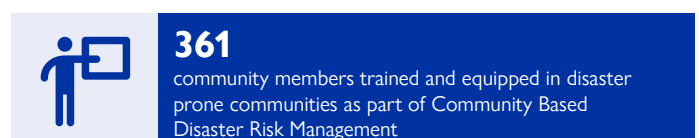
6 Community Based Disaster Management Committees (CBDMC) were established and trained in six targeted locations in Kunar and Kabul provinces. The focus was on building capacity to prepare for disasters through developing community disaster management plans, strengthening early warning systems, search and rescue mechanisms and first aid. Search and rescue tools were handed over to key communities and a simulation exercise was conducted. This was to ensure trained volunteers from the communities have

the capacity to act when disaster such as floods occur. A total of 361 people (male) were trained during the reporting period.

The Disaster Risk Mitigation (DRM) infrastructure project of a gabion wall in the village of Doghni Qanat Wakil in Herat province continues. During the reporting period, 67 community members were hired to work on the construction and received on the job training to support implementation of the project.



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## MULTI-SECTORAL ASSISTANCE AT THE BORDERS

IOM and partners continue to provide vulnerable undocumented Afghans with immediate humanitarian post-arrival assistance at the major border crossings with Pakistan, including Torkham and Spin Boldak, and with the Islamic Republic of Iran at Islam Qala and Milak through a network of eight IOM reception and transit centers.

A total of 2,154 people (560 female, 1,594 male) in Herat (530 people), Nimroz (1,334 people) and Nangarhar (290 people) received post-arrival assistance such as temporary accommodation, hot food and onward transportation. Cash unavailability in the country has impacted operations, however IOM worked through partners such as WFP to ensure food assistance was able to continue to those most vulnerable.



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## HEALTH

IOM's Migration Health Unit continues to provide essential health services to mobile and hard-to-reach populations. IOM Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) provide essential primary health services and referrals. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) and COVID-19 services include screening and disease surveillance, health promotion, capacity building and COVID-19 testing and laboratory services. Those assessed, treated and screened by MHTs, Tuberculosis (TB) teams and RRTs are routinely provided with COVID-19 preventive information. Teams of mobile vaccinators administer COVID-19 vaccines to migrants, internally displaced and their host communities. IOM also facilitates medical screening and assistance at border crossing points with the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan and reception/transit centers for returnees.

Between 11 and 21 November, a total of 12,205 people were reached with basic health services by IOM's MHTs in Badakhshan, Badghis, Balkh, Ghor, Herat, Kandahar, Kunduz, Nangarhar, Nimroz and Takhar, such as out-patient department (OPD) to 10,670 persons (6,433 female, 4,237 male) and reproductive health services to 1,535 female beneficiaries. Of these 1,279 persons received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services, and 144 critical patients were referred for emergency care.

In addition, in the same 10 provinces, IOM's RRTs screened 94,099 people for COVID-19 and together with the MHTs they reached 84,440 with promotive health messaging on COVID-19 prevention measures and sensitization on other transmittable diseases. A total of 5,484 vaccine doses for COVID-19 were administered with support of IOM during the reporting period and 388 people have undergone a PCR test.



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### PEOPLE RECEIVED HEALTH SERVICES



## COVID-19 SUPPORT



## PROTECTION

Between 11 and 21 November, protection post-arrival assistance was provided on the Iranian border by female and male staff at the reception and transit centers in Nimroz and Herat. A total of 355 undocumented returnees were screened for protection concerns, and of these cases, a total of 186 undocumented returnees (90 female, 96 male) with specific needs received protection assistance such as information on how to access basic services, referrals, and in-kind assistance including family tracing and reunification.

Following weeks of extensive work on the reactivation of referral pathway mechanisms and access negotiation, IOM has been able to take on 92 new protection cases in 10 provinces, namely in Badakhshan, Balkh, Faryab, Ghor, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Nangahar, Nimroz and Sar-E-Pul. While female and male members of the protection team have access to the previously mentioned provinces as well as Takhar, access for female staff remains conditional on the presence of a Mahram and specific clothing. Remote working modalities are in place for case management where staff do not feel safe or comfortable accessing communities (Herat, Kandahar, Nangahar and Nimroz) and IOM continues to work on access negotiation to obtain safe and equal access for male and female staff.

Additionally, protection monitoring, under the form of community consultations, is ongoing in these same provinces, and actively involved 168 people (52 female, 116 male) during the reporting period.

## STABILISATION, REINTEGRATION AND RESILIENCE (SRR)

Through an area-based PLACES programme, IOM now reaches over 140 conflict and displacement affected communities across eight provinces with integrated humanitarian, early recovery, reintegration and resilience support.

During the reporting period, 13 community development projects that aim to improve access to strategic and basic service infrastructures are ongoing in all target provinces except for Baghlan province. As of 21 November, these projects provided 214 men from the target communities with short-term employment opportunities at the project construction sites.

Moreover, IOM also continues to strengthen the socio-economic resilience of the most vulnerable through the provision of Technical & Vocational Education Training (TVET), apprenticeship, and Small-Medium Enterprise (SME) support. Apprenticeships continue for 328 people (136 female, 192 male) in Herat, Kabul, Nangarhar. Furthermore, 255 people (105 female, 150 male) in Baghlan, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar remain enrolled in technical and vocational trainings related to tailoring, mobile repair, hydraulics repair, and solar panel installation. During the reporting period, one SME, namely a mechanical workshop in Baghlan received IOM's business startup support and will be able to employ four men.



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3. During the reporting period, activities such as community development projects continue to be implemented. Beneficiaries are counted in the reporting period in which the activity is completed.

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