



IOM Mobile Health Clinic in Shahrak Sabz IDP settlement, Herat. © IOM 2021 (Photo: Muse Mohammed)

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Following the takeover of power by the Taliban, humanitarian access is opening in some areas allowing limited delivery of assistance to resume but remains extremely challenging. Gaps and delays in assistance may lead to further deterioration of the dire humanitarian situation.

In Kabul, the situation at the Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA) remains tense and volatile as thousands of Afghans attempt to leave the country; evacuations by some foreign governments are ongoing. Uncertain access conditions and an unpredictable security environment, violence against humanitarians, and limitations on the availability of cash are hampering humanitarian operations.

Between 1 January and 9 August 2021, an estimated 558,123 people have been internally displaced by conflict in

Afghanistan, with 32 out of 34 provinces recording some level of forced displacement (source: [OCHA, 23 August](#)). Between 1 January and 19 August 2021, IOM has recorded 759,046 undocumented Afghan returnees from Iran (752,013) and Pakistan (7,033).

IOM has launched its Priority Response and Requirements for Afghanistan to raise urgent funds for its response to the current situation in Afghanistan. IOM is requesting for USD 24 million for an initial period of three months (August to November 2021) to fill emerging gaps as well as meet current priority needs for humanitarian and protection activities. These requirements are in addition to the financial needs outlined in the existing Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plans 2021.

CONTACTS

IOM RESPONSE

In 2021, IOM Afghanistan has delivered direct assistance to **474,355 people** (internally displaced persons (IDPs) and vulnerable undocumented returnees) through emergency shelter and non-food items (NFI), health, protection, and livelihoods assistance.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

Since 1 July 2021, IOM has been participating in joint needs assessments and distributing emergency shelter and non-food items (ES/NFI) as well as providing multi-purpose cash assistance reaching 10,355 conflict and natural disaster affected IDPs in Kabul (3,976), Kunduz (1,997), Nuristan (1,631), Takhar (1,008), Wardak (679), Nangarhar (595), Khost (203), Kapiesa (161), and Laghman (105) provinces. Assessment and distribution is expected to resume in multiple locations over the next week.

In 2021, **21,612 IDPs** in need have been reached with in-kind or cash for emergency shelter and non-food items.

Additionally, IOM has pre-positioned NFIs across 16 warehouses throughout the country. This stock could be mobilized to address most pressing needs as soon as access allows.

HEALTH



IOM Afghanistan's mobile health teams offer health services to vulnerable populations, in Kandahar. © IOM 2021 (Photo: Muse Mohammed)

IOM's Mobile Health Teams (HMT) activities are ongoing in Nimroz at the Milak Border facility, including border surveillance, primary health care, referrals, emergency case management, and psychosocial counselling. In addition, in Sharaq e Sabz (informal settlement on outskirts of Herat city, Herat) IOM's MHT restarted primary health care services. Furthermore, on 23 August, IOM's Mobile Health Team in Kandahar resumed

primary healthcare services and referrals, and COVID-19 border screening resumed at Spin Boldak. In Herat, the primary healthcare facility in Sharaq-e-Sabz was reopened on 24 August.

Since January 2021, IOM's health teams at the borders have screened **454,672 people** as part of IOM's COVID-19 response. Furthermore, **110,221 people** have been reached with essential health services including outpatient consultations, reproductive health and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in 2021.

STABILISATION, REINTEGRATION AND RESILIENCE (SRR)

IOM's stabilisation activities are underway as follows:

- The construction of a marketplace with flourmill and oil processing unit, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and apprenticeship classes, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) activities in Baghlan province.
- TVET and apprenticeship classes in Balkh province.
- Construction of an irrigation canal and a protection wall in Herat province.
- Construction of two intake and irrigation canals, TVET and apprenticeship classes and support to small and medium enterprises in Kandahar province.
- Construction of two intake and irrigation canals in Laghman province.

In 2021, **286,488 people** have been reached through stabilization programmes.

PROTECTION

Since January 2021, **1,828 vulnerable people** have been reached with protection case management.

CROSS-BORDER AND RETURN REINTEGRATION

In 2021, IOM has provided **36,845 vulnerable returnees** with immediate humanitarian assistance on arrival through border reception and transit facilities (temporary accommodation, hot food, onward transport).

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