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## HIGHLIGHTS



**5.5 million**  
IDPs in Afghanistan



**665,200 people displaced**  
between 1 Jan – 13 Oct 2021 (source: [OCHA](#), 13 Oct)



**27,042** undocumented Afghans  
arrived in Afghanistan from Iran and  
Pakistan this week (cumulative total from 1  
Jan - 13 Oct: 986,337 undocumented)



Briefing during distribution activity in Kabul ©IOM Afghanistan 2021

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Spin Boldak (Chaman) border crossing point between Afghanistan and Pakistan in Kandahar, which was closed on 5 October, remains closed. All other border crossings operated as usual, with cyclical border movements continuing. Between 1 January and 13 October, 986,337 undocumented Afghan returnees from Iran (973,424) and Pakistan (12,913) were reported. During the reporting period, 27,042 undocumented Afghans arrived in Afghanistan of which 26,831 from Iran and 211 from Pakistan. It is estimated that 665,200 people have been internally displaced by conflict around the country between 1 January and 13 October (source: [OCHA](#)).

## 2021 FUNDING REQUIRED AND SECURED

Total Funding  
requirement:  
humanitarian and  
stabilization activities

**54,024,000**  
Funding secured

**61,806,000**  
Funding gap



**1,900,000**  
People targeted



**115,830,000 USD**  
Total Funding required  
(original ask + flash appeal)

1 - The overall requirement for humanitarian and stabilization activities includes IOM Afghanistan's original ask (in line with the Humanitarian Response Plan) as well as the USD 24 million flash appeal released in August. Of these total requirements, USD 46 million covers the period from August - December (USD 22 million original ask plus USD 24 million in additional needs), in line with the coordinated Flash Appeal, which is an addendum to the HRP. The total requirement includes: health, emergency shelter and NFI, protection, multi-sector response in border areas, WASH, DRR, DTM, and stabilization activities. This external sitrep does not report on the WASH or disaster risk reduction elements of the response plan.

## IOM RESPONSE

Over the reporting period (7 – 13 October), IOM provided direct assistance through essential health services, protection services, humanitarian post-arrival assistance for undocumented returnees, and emergency livelihoods creation.

Since January 2021, IOM Afghanistan has delivered direct assistance to 306,629 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and

vulnerable undocumented returnees through post-arrival assistance, emergency shelter and non-food items (NFI), health and protection. IOM has a strong operational presence in the border provinces of Herat, Nangarhar, Nimroz and Kandahar, where vulnerable migrants coming from and going to neighbouring Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran receive assistance in reception and transit centres.

IOM provided humanitarian assistance such as post-arrival assistance, emergency shelter, health services, and **protection assistance to 16,927 individuals** (7,925 female, 9,002 male) during the reporting period.

**2,730** undocumented migrants were provided with humanitarian assistance such as temporary accommodation and hot meals in IOM transit and reception centres.

IOM's **COVID-19 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs)** screened **27,953** people for COVID-19.

IOM's **shelter programme** organized distributions of emergency support to an estimated **9,779 people** displaced by conflict in Ghazni, Parwan, Takhar and Kabul



**93,110**

People who received assistance since 1 Jan 2021

### EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (ES/NFI)

Between 7 and 13 October, following the joint needs assessments conducted in the previous reporting periods, IOM distributed NFI kits containing household items such as kitchen sets, blankets, and solar lamps, as well as emergency shelter support in the form of shelter tool kits, tents, and tarpaulins to 1,397 families/9,779 people (4,682 female, 5,097 male), in Ghazni (864 families/6,048 people), Parwan (61 families/427 people), Takhar (395 families/2,765 people), and Kabul (77 families/ 539 people).

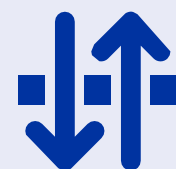
Joint assessments have been completed in Kunar and Helmand provinces and have assessed the needs of an estimated 8,176 people displaced by conflict. IOM, together with partner organizations, have also initiated winterization needs assessments that will be conducted in each of the 34 provinces, and have so far started in Helmand, Kabul, Kandahar, Zabul, Badakhshan, Laghman, Kunar and Daikundi.

### MULTI-SECTORAL ASSISTANCE AT THE BORDERS

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

Operations are up and running in all eight reception and transit centres providing immediate humanitarian assistance such as temporary accommodation, hot food, onward transportation, and distribution of food packages in Herat, Nimroz, Nangarhar, and Kandahar provinces, though in Kandahar flows, and therefore operations, ceased from 5 October following the border closure.

A total of 2,730 people (499 female, 2,231 male) received post-arrival assistance during the reporting period in Nimroz (1,077 individuals), Herat (1,579 individuals), and Nangarhar (74 individuals).



**50,529**

People who received assistance since 1 Jan 2021

## HEALTH

IOM's Migration Health Unit provides essential health services to mobile and hard-to-reach populations. This includes medical screening and assistance at border crossing points with the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan and at reception/transit centres for returnees, and the deployment of Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) to provide essential services and COVID-19 RRTs covering COVID-19 support.

During the reporting period, a total of 3,712 persons (2,431 female, 1,281 male) in Herat, Kandahar, Nangahar and Nimroz provinces were reached with basic health services, such as out-patient department (OPD) and reproductive health services. Of these people, 80 persons (61 female, 19 male) received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services and 452 critical patients (349 female, 103 male) were referred for emergency care in Nimroz, Nangarhar and Herat. In addition, IOM's RRTs screened 27,953 people for COVID-19 in Herat, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Ghor and Nimroz, and together with the MHTs they have reached 19,850 persons (7,934 female, 11,916 male) with promotive health messaging on COVID-19 prevention measures and sensitisation on other transmittable diseases.



# 124,082

People received assistance  
since 1 Jan 2021



# 41,353

People received assistance  
since 1 Jan 2021

## PROTECTION

From 7 to 13 October, protection post-arrival assistance was provided on the Iranian border by female and male staff at the reception and transit centres in Nimroz and Herat. A total of 1,333 undocumented returnees were screened for protection concerns, and of these cases, a total of 119 undocumented returnees (59 female, 60 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.

Protection case management is taking place either in person or remotely by phone in 11 provinces where IOM's protection team is present, namely Nimroz, Sar-E-Pul, Takhar and Faryab, Herat, Kandahar, Ghor, Balkh, Badakhshan, Nangahar and Kabul. Following weeks of extensive work on the reactivation of referral pathway mechanisms and access negotiation, IOM has been able to take on 36 new protection cases in five provinces, namely in Balkh, Ghor, Herat, Nangahar, and Nimroz. Cash assistance was provided to 591 undocumented returnees (292 female, 299 male), and 113 cases were closed in Herat, Kandahar, Nimroz, Sar-E-Pul and Takhar.

Additionally, protection monitoring, under the form of community consultations, is ongoing in these same 11 provinces, and actively involved 115 people (21 female, 94 male) during the reporting period. A protection monitoring report was produced to inform donors, humanitarian and development actors and the international community of protection trends, including recommendations on access negotiation, accountability to affected communities and protection mainstreaming across health and livelihood services.

During this reporting period, female and male members of the protection team have access to communities in Badakhshan in addition to Balkh and Kabul. In all other provinces, solely male staff have access to communities and case management and protection monitoring takes place under remote modalities for female staff. IOM continues to work on access negotiation to extend IOM's physical reach to female beneficiaries.

## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)

During the reporting period, Disaster Risk Mitigation (DRM) infrastructures continue to be constructed in Herat and Nangarhar, such as the works of a gabion wall in the village of Doghni Qanat Wakil, the construction of a gabion wall in Gozar village in the province of Herat, and a masonry protection wall and causeway in Kan Degan, Nangarhar, benefiting an estimated 66,500 people.

Additionally, on 10 October, IOM started Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) trainings in four selected flood prone communities in the provinces of Kunar and Kabul, and has 40 participants from each community, 240 men in total that are trained on search, rescue and first aid.



# 36,697

Total people received  
assistance since 1 Jan 2021



12

Total community development projects implemented since 1 Jan 2021

## STABILISATION, REINTEGRATION AND RESILIENCE (SRR)

IOM's SRR programme continues to deliver a holistic and area-based response to facilitate the transition from emergency response towards durable solutions, lasting peace and sustainable development across communities of high return in Baghlan, Balkh, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kunar, Laghman, and Nangarhar provinces.

During the reporting period, 11 construction projects that aim to improve access to basic services including the construction of a school building and irrigation canals are ongoing that will benefit 11,807 households estimated at 83,249 people (40,530 female, 42,719 male) in the provinces of Kabul, Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar.

This week, a marketplace constructed by IOM in July 2021, has fully resumed its commercial activities after temporary closure due to the recent political developments. The marketplace provided 2,250 Afghan households, the majority of whom are farmers, with a venue to sell their crops without the need to travel long distances to other provinces, and created jobs for 100 community members involved in wholesale, as well as mill and oil processing.

IOM also strengthens the socio-economic resilience of the most vulnerable through the provision of Technical & Vocational Education Training (TVET), apprenticeship and Small-Medium Enterprise support. Between 7 and 13 October, apprenticeships continued for 413 people (178 female, 235 male) in Kandahar, Balkh, Kabul, Nangarhar and Herat. Additionally, during the reporting period, IOM restarted its TVET activities and enrolled 255 people (105 female, 250 male) in Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman and Baghlan in trainings related to tailoring, mobile repair, hydraulics repair and solar panel installation.

From 7 to 13 October, MHPSS awareness campaigns were ongoing in Balkh, Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar provinces, with 125 Afghan refugees (30 females, 95 male) participating up to date. These campaigns are organized in coordination with local organizations and allow community members in these provinces to increase their awareness on mental health psychosocial support services.



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