

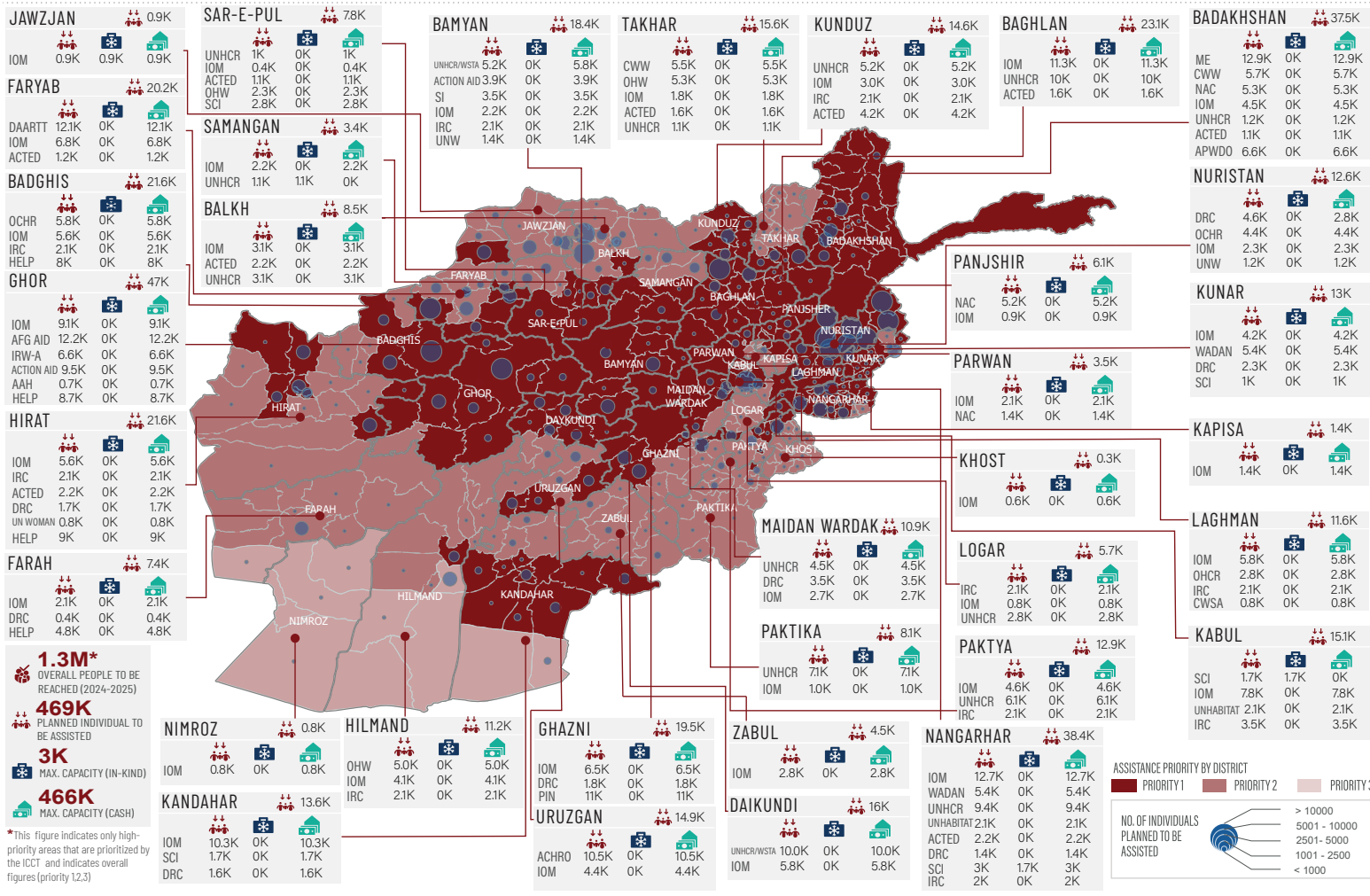


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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

# Regional Monthly Update

01 - 31 March 2025



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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Between January and March 2025, ES/NFI partners delivered critical shelter and non-food item (NFI) assistance to over 183,299 individuals, reaching 17% of the annual target. This achievement highlights the collective commitment of ES/NFI partners to meeting the urgent needs of vulnerable populations across Afghanistan.



While notable progress was made in 2025, underfunding remained a major obstacle to reducing needs and initiating recovery efforts. As of March 2025, only \$9 million (6%) of the required \$179.1 million for emergency shelter and NFI assistance had been secured. Meanwhile, returns from Iran and Pakistan, along with sudden-onset crises such as flash floods, continued to generate new needs, further exacerbating the vulnerabilities of affected populations.

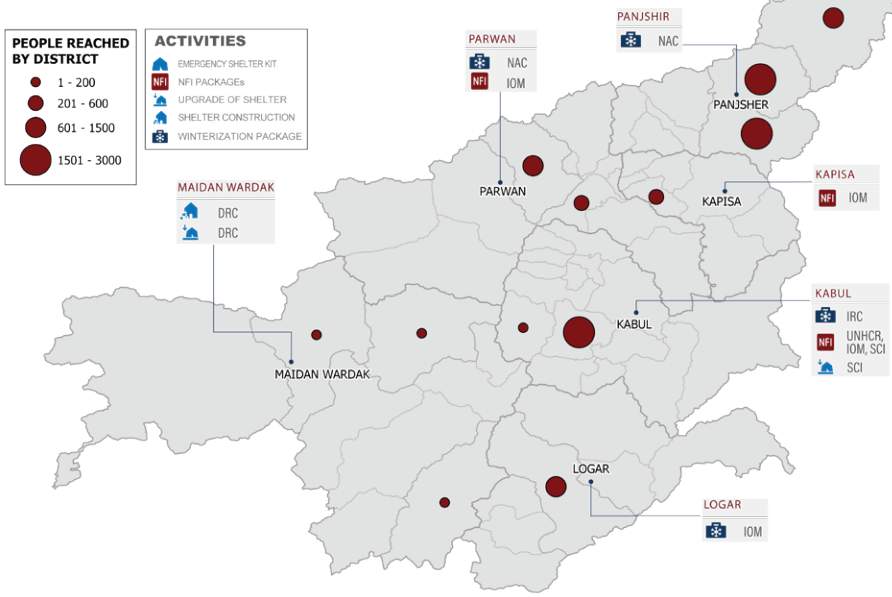


As of March 2025, ES/NFI partners prioritized support for vulnerable groups by assisting 5,986 women-headed households, demonstrating a strong commitment to empowering and addressing the needs of some of the most marginalized communities.



In 2024/2025, the Cluster set out to deliver winterization assistance to over 1.3 million people, targeting 1 million individuals in the fourth quarter of 2024 and an additional 300,000 in early 2025. By 31 March 2025, over 424,000 people (90% of the early 2025 target) had received seasonal winter support, including heating fuel, winter clothing, and blankets, through the efforts of more than 33 partners. However, significant funding shortfalls continue to threaten the broader winter response, leaving over 612,000 people in high-priority districts at risk of missing critical heating and winter supplies.

# Capital



The map data is sourced from the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2025 and the ES-NFI Cluster reporting tool.

**226,263**

TARGET REACH

**11,637 (5%)**

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	156,580	32,515	6,202	25,677	23,716
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	9,646	1,512	151	-	968

## Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment team, including IOM, WFP, UNHCR/WSTA, UNICEF/AYSO, SCI, and governmental departments, conducted assessments in Parwan, Kapisa, and Kabul provinces during March 2025. The teams identified 45 households in Kabul, 48 households in Parwan, and 30 households in Kapisa affected by heavy rainfall and in need of humanitarian assistance.
- NRC selected 400 households for cash-for-rent (CfR) across various PDs of Kabul and 164 households for shelter upgrades in Bagrami district. The NRC ICLA team is currently preparing lease agreements for the CfR beneficiaries.
- WSTA received an initial list of 1,997 households from UNHCR for NFIs/Core Relief Items distribution. During March 2025, WSTA teams successfully verified a total of 1,405 households across the central region.

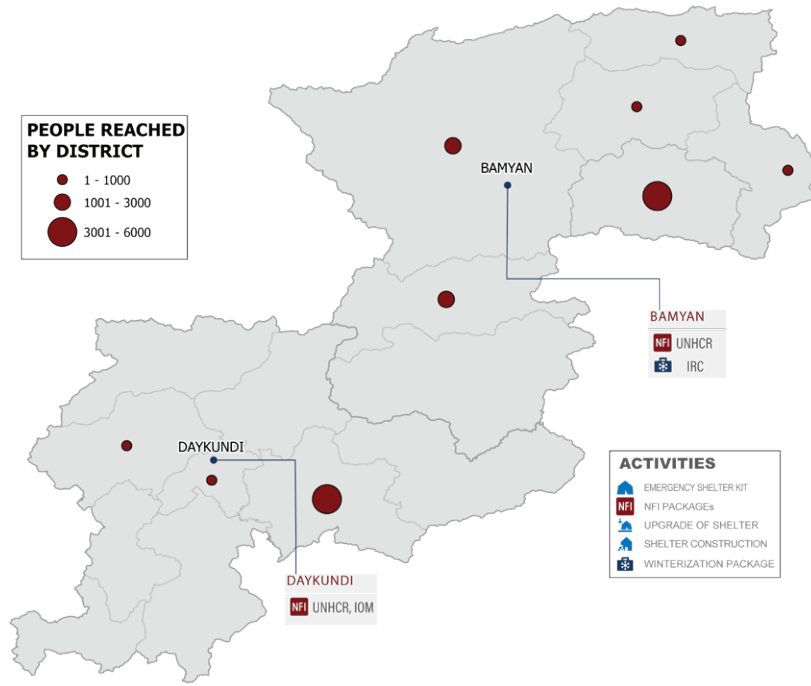
## Response

- IOM provided NFIs to 45 households and emergency shelter to 19 households in Kabul, and NFIs to 30 households and emergency shelter to 5 households in Kapisa province.
- SCI provided emergency shelter repair toolkits to 19 households in Kabul province whose homes were fully destroyed.
- NRC provided cash for rent to 67 households in Kabul.

## Gaps / Challenges

- Cluster partners report that restrictions on female staff participation in field activities limit access to female members of the community.
- US funding cuts have significantly affected partners' capacity for joint assessment and response to emergencies in the regions.

# Central Highland



The map data is sourced from the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2025 and the ES-NFI Cluster reporting tool.

**23,073**  
TARGET REACH  
**14,443 (63%)**  
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	23,073	16,670	8,963	12,245	2,818
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	1,759	14,127	-	-	-

## Needs Analysis

- A joint team led by IOM, including ARADA/WFP, IOM, AKF, ACF, LSO, ASOW, RRSWO/UNICEF, ANDMA, District Authority, and ANDMA, assessed affected communities in Pato, Khider, Ashtarlay, Shahristan, Kijran, Miramor, and Nili districts. The assessment teams identified 56 families in need of non-food items (NFIs), food, and hygiene kits assistance.
- UNHCR/WSTA conducted a joint needs assessment for NFIs in various districts of Bamyan and Daikundi provinces. Implementing partners WSTA for UNHCR, together with DORR and other sectorial departments, launched the needs assessment for NFIs under the China Aid response. The joint team identified around 1,000 households (HH) in Daikundi and 1,500 HH of internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities eligible for NFIs assistance, and the assessment is completed.

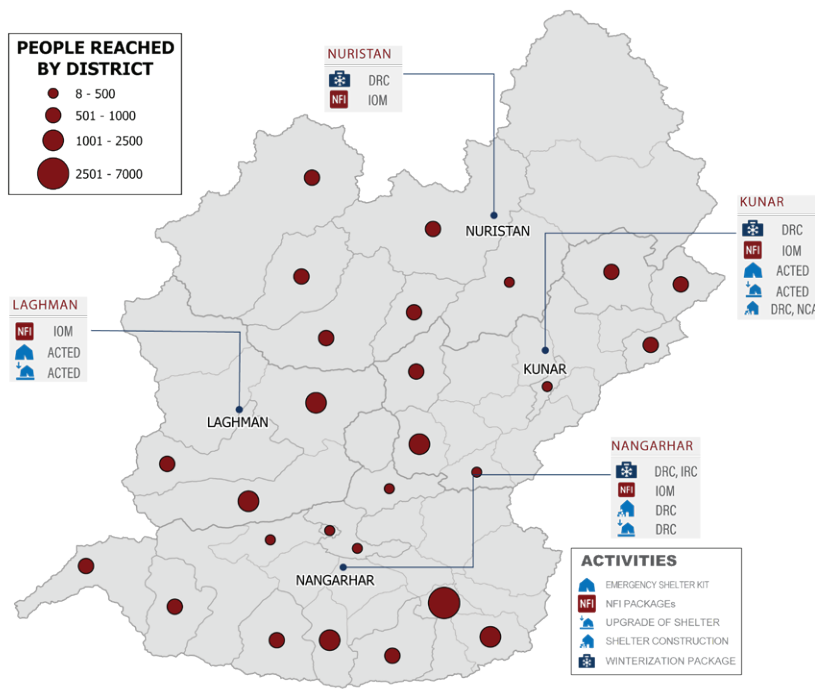
## Response

- IOM provided cash for non-food items to all 56 families affected by natural disasters in Daikundi districts.
- UNICEF provided hygiene kits and winter clothing to the 56 affected families in Daikundi districts.
- UNHCR/WSTA provided NFIs packages to 800 HH in Daikundi province and around 1,100 HH in Bamyan province.

## Gaps / Challenges

- Restrictions on female staff have significantly impacted field activities.
- There is a lack of adequate partner presence and resources in the region.

# Eastern



The map data is sourced from the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2025 and the ES-NFI Cluster reporting tool.

**161,774**  
TARGET REACH  
**27,081 (17%)**  
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	93,009	31,762	11,585	26,400	15,464
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	9,848	9,368	948	3,487	6,559

## Needs Analysis

### Nangarhar Province:

- During the reporting period, 1,890 families were initially reported as displaced due to conflicts between the Pakistan Army and Taliban border forces.
- The joint assessment team, including IOM, WFP/TPM, DACAR, RRDPO, HARO, ARWEO, OCHR, and NRC, assessed 858 families displaced due to border conflicts in the eastern region, identifying them in need of NFIs and winter kits. Additionally, 555 families were assessed as needing emergency shelter support, including tents and tarpaulins.
- The Joint Assessment Team, comprising SCI, WFP, and ANDMA, identified 20 families affected by heavy rainfall in need of NFIs, emergency shelters, food, and hygiene support.
- The joint team (NRC and DoRR) identified 320 families in need of shelter upgrades and 825 families in need of cash-for-rent assistance.

### Kunar Province:

- The joint assessment team (NCA and DoRR) identified 26 returnee families affected by heavy rainfall in need of transitional shelter assistance.

### Laghman Province:

- During the reporting period, 163 families were initially reported as affected by heavy rainfall. In response, the joint assessment team comprising IOM, IRW, WFP, and ANDMA was deployed for assessments. The outcome is yet to be shared.

## Response

### Nangarhar Province:

- IOM provided cash for NFIs and winter kits to 858 conflict-affected families and distributed tents to 555 families. Additionally, 4 rainfall-affected families received cash for NFIs, tents, and winter kits.
- DRC provided the 2nd installment to 6 families for 40 m<sup>2</sup> transitional shelters and the 3rd installment to 29 families for 30 m<sup>2</sup> shelters and to 31 families for 40 m<sup>2</sup> shelters.
- NRC delivered cash-for-rent assistance to 182 families.
- UN-Habitat distributed the 2nd installment to 423 families for shelter repairs and the 1st installment to 273 families.
- UNHCR provided the 2nd installment to 6 families for transitional shelter construction.

### Kunar Province:

- IOM assisted 10 rainfall-affected families with cash for NFIs and winter kits.
- DRC supported 20 families with two installments of cash for transitional shelter construction: 11 families for 30 m<sup>2</sup> shelters, and 9 families for 40 m<sup>2</sup> shelters.
- ACTED delivered the 2nd and 3rd installments to 147 families and the 2nd installment to 344 families for shelter repair.
- NCA provided the first installment to 26 returnee families.

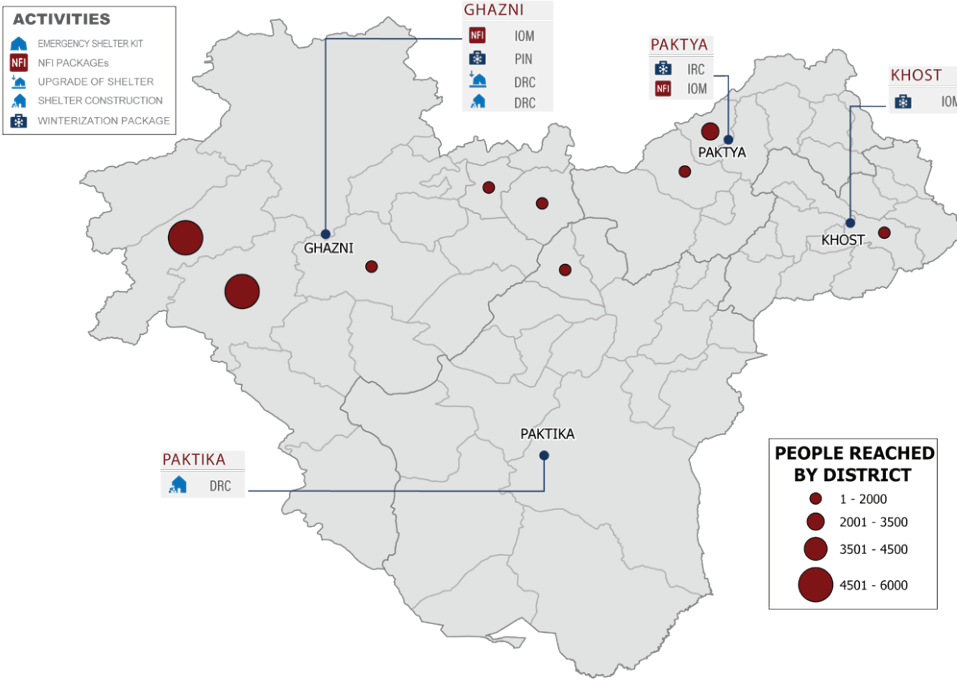
### Laghman Province:

- IOM supported 39 rainfall-affected families with NFIs, tents, and winter kits.
- ACTED provided shelter assistance to 471 families.
- UNHCR provided the 2nd installment to 55 families for transitional shelter construction.

## Gaps and Challenges

- The U.S. funding freeze affected nearly all partners in the Eastern Region, resulting in the suspension of several activities. As a result, 400 shelter repairs, 260 transitional shelters, and 750 cash-for-rent activities are suspended in the eastern region.
- Resource constraints have severely impacted regular assessments and responses, making it difficult for partners to support inter-cluster efforts, including transportation for joint assessment teams and the provision of emergency NFIs and shelters.
- There is a shortage of human resources among current partners, leading to delays in assessing and responding to the needs of the affected population.
- Repairs and transitional shelter support are consistently lacking.
- Restrictions on female staff working in non-governmental organizations have been a significant challenge.

# Southeastern



The map data is sourced from the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2025 and the ES-NFI Cluster reporting tool.

**63,482**

TARGET REACH

**15,033(24%)**

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	60,289	24,380	11,615	20,645	17,277
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	14,142	683	142	-	82

## Needs

- Joint assessment teams assessed 103 families affected by natural disasters in need of humanitarian assistance in Ghazni, Paktya, and Khost provinces.

## Response

### Winterization:

- Shelter Cluster Partners in the Southeast Region successfully completed winterization in targeted areas. A total of 5,866 families received standard winterization support.

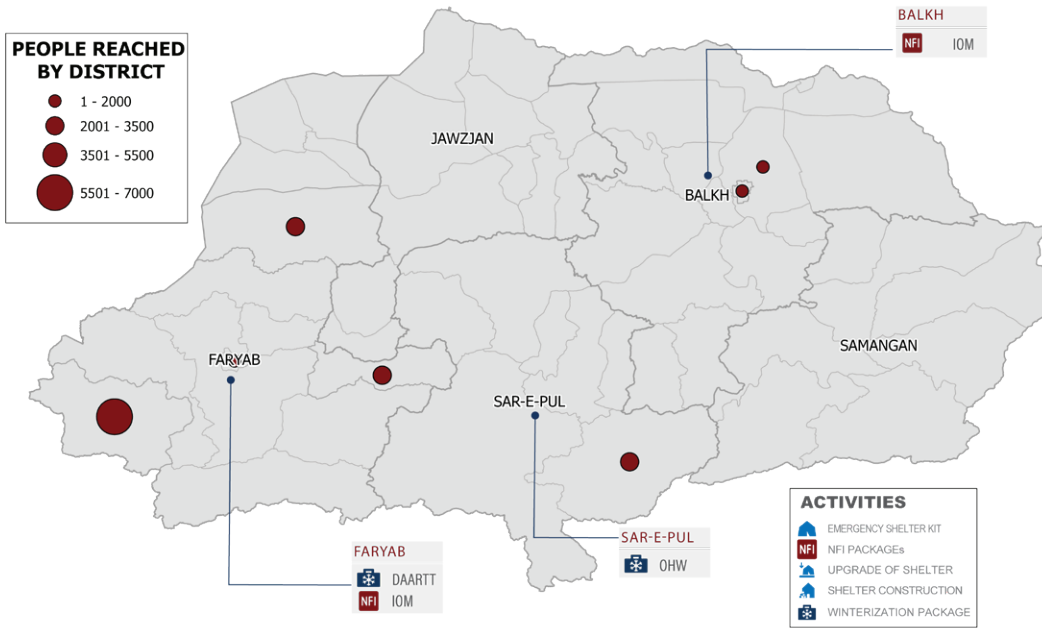
### Natural Disasters:

- 103 families affected by natural disasters received NFIs and emergency shelter in Ghazni, Paktya, and Khost. However, shelter repair, which was recommended by the JAT, remains a gap due to the lack of capacity at the regional level for shelter repair.

## Gaps and Challenges

- Due to the USAID funding freeze, many cluster partners' operations are directly affected. Some partners have suspended or stopped activities. Considering the possible influx of returnees from Pakistan and Iran, partners' capacity is a real concern in the region.

# Northern



The map data is sourced from the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2025 and the ES-NFI Cluster reporting tool.

**152,172**  
TARGET REACH

**14,651 (10%)**  
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	152,175	64,081	27,705	79,069	43,257
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	14,518	133	-	-	-

## Needs

- Three joint assessment teams have been deployed to Balkh, Faryab, and Jawzjan provinces to assess communities affected by heavy rainfall.

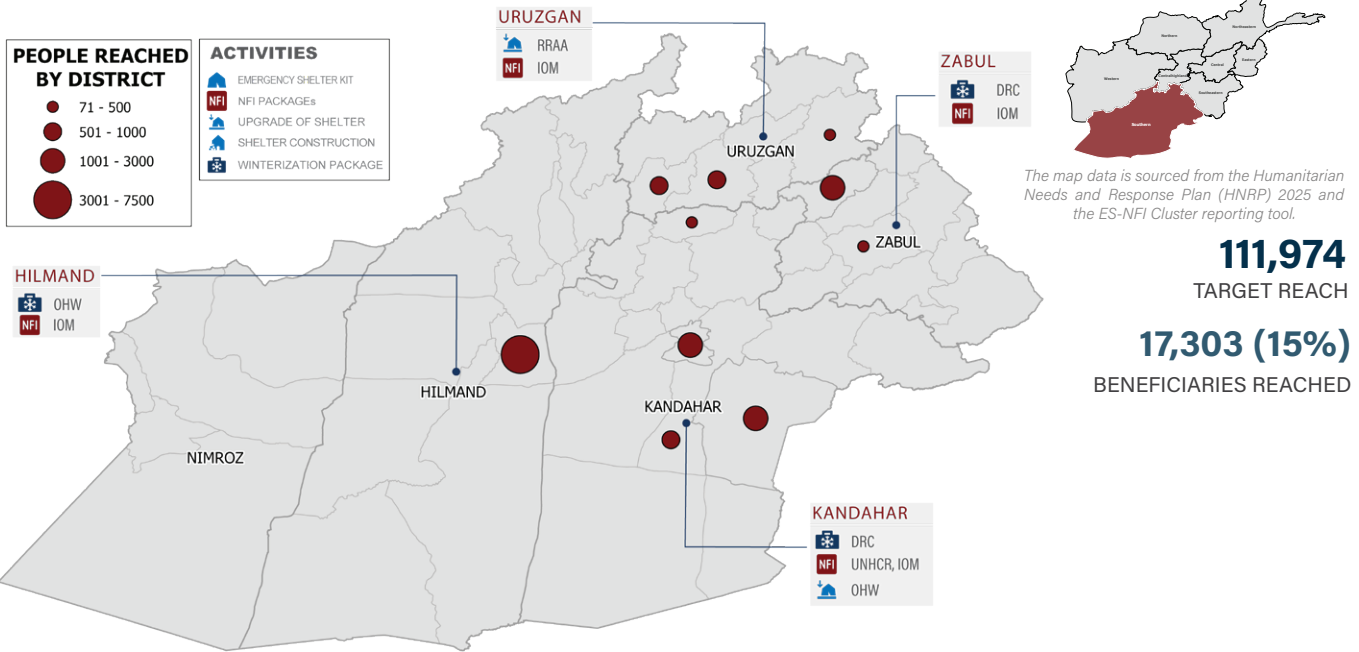
## Response

- The winterization program for the year 2024-25 has been completed in the northern region. A total of 5,863 families have received full winterization packages across five provinces. Additionally, 14,641 families have been assisted with non-standard packages, including clothing and tarpaulins.
- In March, 12 families affected by recent heavy rainfall in Balkh province received NFIs and emergency shelters. Furthermore, 5 families in Faryab and 1 family in Jawzjan, whose houses were impacted by heavy rainfall, received emergency shelter and NFIs.

## Gaps and Challenges

- There are no gaps for the small emergency caseloads that occurred during March 2025.

# Southern



**111,974**  
TARGET REACH

**17,303 (15%)**  
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	102,542	63,489	6,550	42,088	24,166
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	9,648	2,331	-	-	7,436

## Needs

- A joint assessment team, including IOM, WFP, UNHCR, UNFPA/HEWAD, assessed 47 families affected by heavy rainfall in Kandahar in need of emergency assistance.
- A joint assessment team, consisting of IOM, WFP/OHA, and UNHCR, assessed 153 families affected by heavy rainfall for emergency assistance in Helmand province.
- A joint assessment team, composed of IOM, NRC, WFP/MGTwell, and UNHCR, assessed 58 families affected by heavy rainfall for emergency assistance in Uruzgan province.
- A joint assessment team, including IOM, DRC, WFP/MGTwell, UNHCR, and UNICEF/HAPA, assessed 9 families affected by heavy rainfall for emergency assistance in Zabol province.
- SCI provided cash-based winterization assistance to 250 families in Maiwand district of Kandahar province.

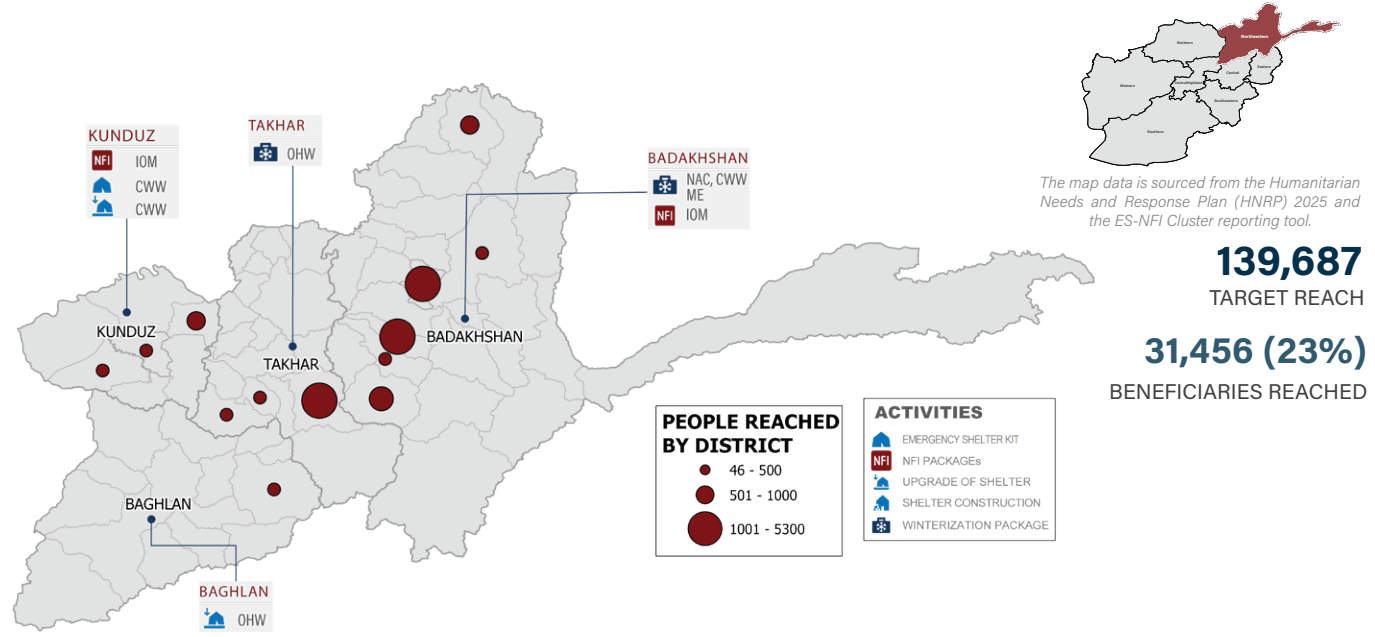
## Gaps and Challenges

- The rapid household assessment conducted by UNHCR reveals significant gaps in shelter and essential support for vulnerable households in the southern region, highlighting the need for transitional shelters and core relief items.

## Response

- IOM provided standard NFIs, emergency shelter, and emergency shelter repair toolkits to 47 families in Kandahar province affected by heavy rainfall and flash floods.
- IOM provided standard NFIs, emergency shelter, and emergency shelter repair toolkits to 153 families in Helmand province affected by heavy rainfall and flash floods.
- IOM provided standard NFIs, emergency shelter, and emergency shelter repair toolkits to 58 families in Uruzgan province affected by heavy rainfall and flash floods.
- IOM provided standard NFIs, emergency shelter, and emergency shelter repair toolkits to 9 families in Zabol province affected by heavy rainfall and flash floods.
- OHW provided the second installment of shelter repair assistance to 350 families in Daman district of Kandahar province, including 228 beneficiaries whose homes sustained severe damage and 122 beneficiaries with minor damage.

# Northeastern



Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	139,687	43,708	19,864	95,345	54,767
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	27,840	229	-	857	2,530

## Needs

- A joint assessment team identified 109 families affected by natural disasters in need of humanitarian assistance in Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar, and Baghlan provinces.

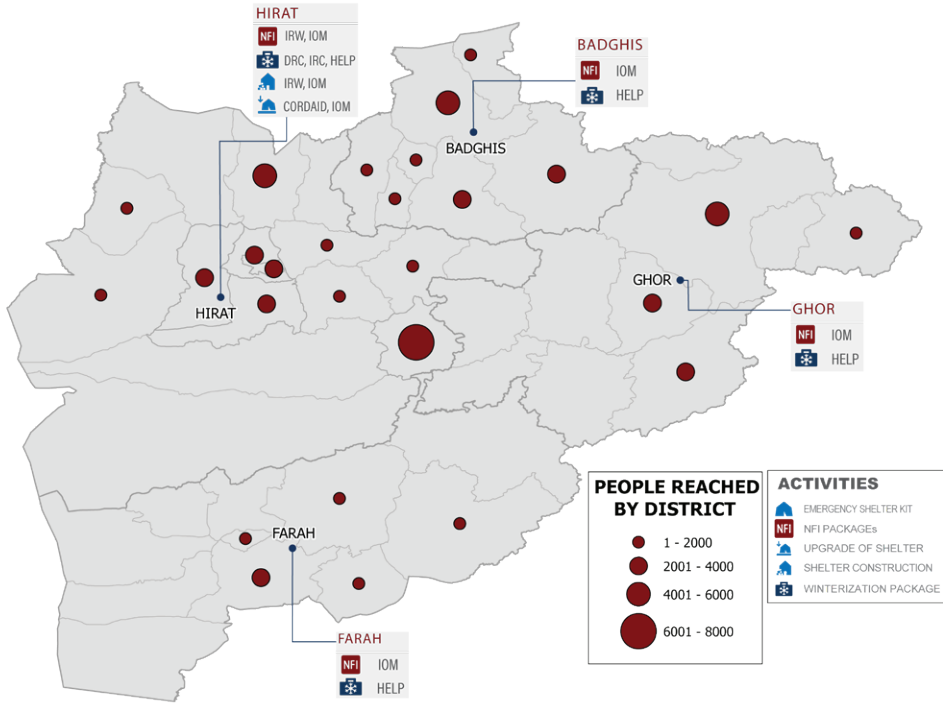
## Response

- IOM and AKAH provided emergency shelter and non-food items (NFIs) to 42 families affected by natural disasters in Takhar, Kunduz, and Badakhshan provinces.
- UNHCR supplied 111 NFIs and 58 emergency shelters to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Kunduz who have returned from Kabul.
- Mission East completed the provision of winterization assistance to 1,854 families in Badakhshan province.

## Gaps and Challenges

- The presence and capacity of partners have decreased, particularly in Kunduz and Baghlan provinces.

# Western



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**287,176**

TARGET REACH

**51,868 (18%)**

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
<b>TARGET (Individuals)</b>	286,458	231,288	31,789	182,040	27,577
<b>REACH (Individuals)</b>	36,388	13,563	324	-	6,632

## Needs

- The Joint Assessment Team (JAT), consisting of IOM, WVI, DRC, UNFPA, IRC, and WFP, assessed and identified 46 flood-affected families in Obe district of Herat.
- The JAT, composed of IOM, NRC, IRC, and ARAA, assessed 20 flood-affected families in Qadis district, Badghis province, and identified 4 families eligible for humanitarian assistance.
- In Qala-i-Naw, the JAT, composed of IOM, UNICEF, RRAA, and NRC, identified 8 flood-affected families.
- In Ferozkoh district, the JAT (IOM, ARCS, RRAA, and WASSA) assessed and identified 27 flood-affected families.

## Response

- IOM supported 143 flood-affected families in Farah, 46 families in Herat province's Obe district, 8 families in Qala-e-Naw district of Badghis province, and 27 flood-affected families in Ferozkoh district of Ghor province with blanket modules, emergency shelter kits, winter clothing modules, and solar modules.
- IOM provided the first installment of shelter repairs to 793 earthquake-affected families in the Kushk district of Herat.
- UNDP, in collaboration with NCA, is supporting the construction of 169 permanent shelters in Chahak Village, with 52 shelters already completed.
- UNHCR is continuing the construction of 158 earthquake-resistant shelters in Kushk Robot Sangi district of Herat province.
- Help Germany distributed winterization assistance to 800 families in the West Region provinces.

## Gaps and Challenges

- Continued bureaucratic burdens by DfA in obtaining the MoU have delayed the winterization response for three organizations funded by AHF 1st RA.