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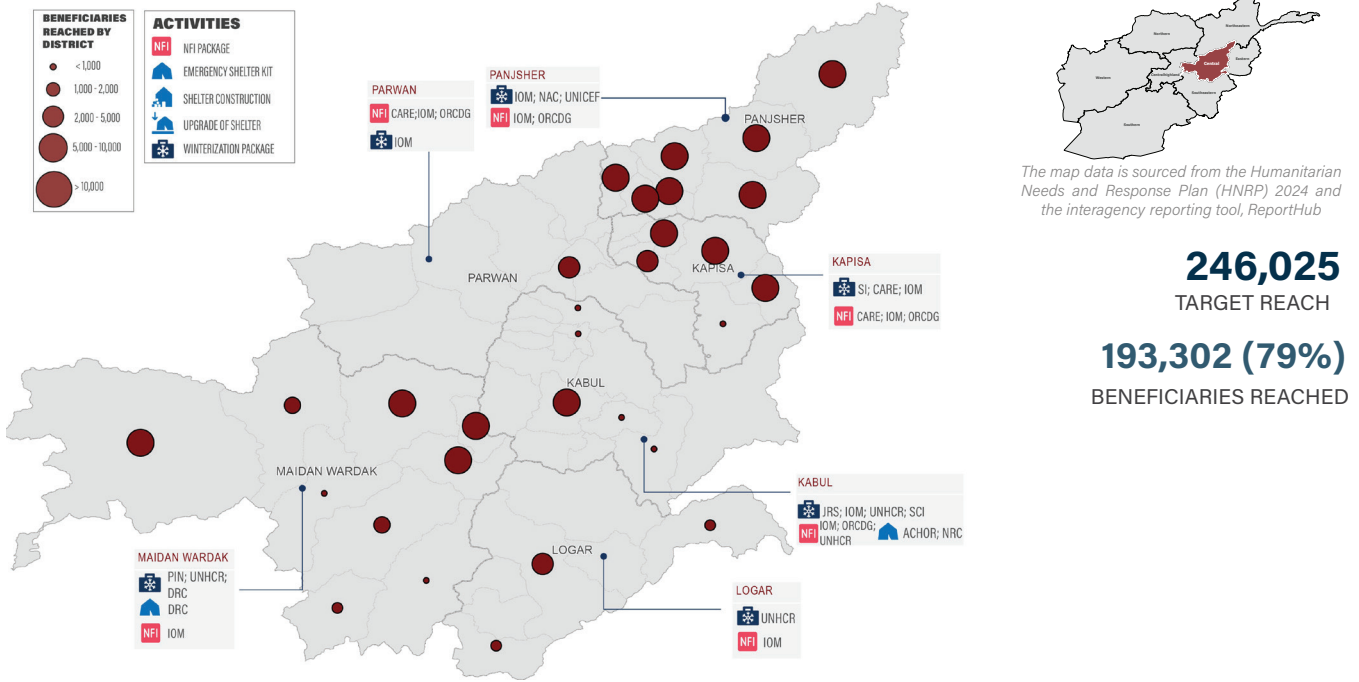
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

Regional Monthly Update

01 - 31 December 2024



Capital



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246,025
TARGET REACH

193,302 (79%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	192,729	104,581	9,165	98,486	16,602
REACH (Individuals)	176,531	19,194	748	1,571	959

Needs Analysis

- **WSTA:** Verified the pre-assessed 200 internally displaced persons (IDP) households in Kabul Province for Non-Food Item (NFI) assistance through phone calls.
- **NAC:** Conducting an assessment for their winterization project, funded by AHF, targeting 668 households in Paryan, Dara, and Khinj districts of Panjshir Province. To date, 170 households have been identified for support, with the assessment scheduled for completion by January 9, 2025, to ensure timely assistance during the winter season.
- **DRC:** Conducted HEAT assessments in Kapisa Province's Hesa-e-Awal and Hesa-e-Duwum Kohistan districts from December 15 to 19, 2024, identifying 201 of the most vulnerable households for full Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA). Similar assessments were conducted in Sayed Abad district's Tangi Valley, Maidan Wardak Province, from December 22 to 24, 2024, identifying 120 vulnerable households for MPCA. Additionally, 23 shelters in Jalrez district were selected for repair and upgrading.
- **Solidarités International (SI):** Currently assessing MPCA needs in the Paghman district of Kabul Province to identify vulnerable beneficiaries.
- **IOM:** Conducted winterization needs assessments for 700 returnee households in Kabul and 300 households in Maidan Wardak Province.

installments (40%, 40%, 20%). RC: Provided the third cash installment to 20 transitional shelter beneficiaries, achieving 100% completion of the work. Furthermore, 65 upgraded shelters have been finalized and handed over.

- **IOM:** Distributed \$200 per family, along with three blankets and a winter clothing package, to 296 families in Maidan Wardak Province and 693 families in Kabul.
- From December 1 to 4, 2024, a four-day ICCG mission was conducted in Panjshir Province, involving various clusters, including the WASH Cluster, Education Cluster, and ES/NFI Cluster.

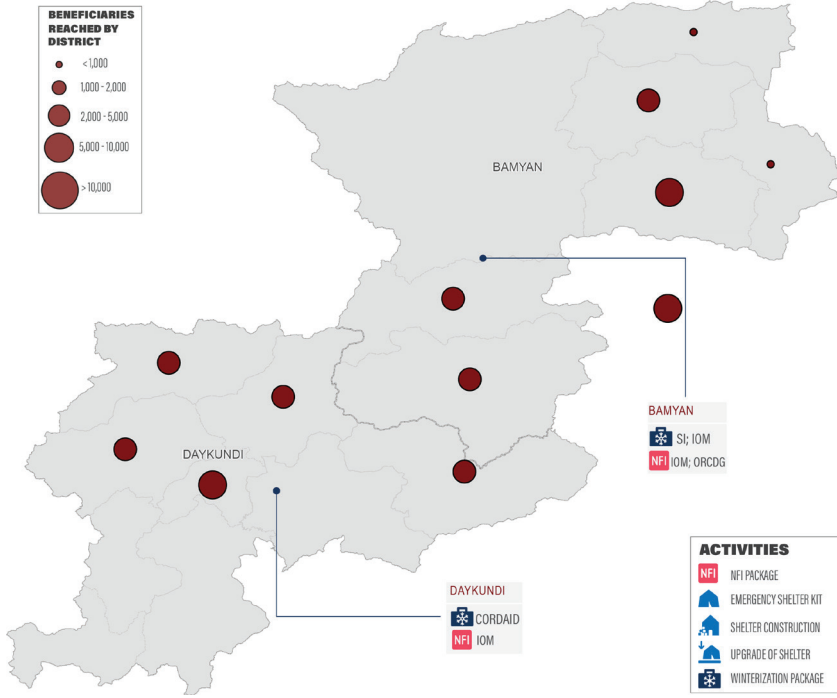
Gaps / Challenges

- **Restrictions on Smartphone Usage:** Authorities in Paryan, Dara, and Abshar districts of Panjshir Province restricted the use of smartphones by humanitarian teams, allowing only tablets without SIM cards.
- An estimated 65% of school-age children in the Central Region provinces are deprived of education due to de facto restrictions, poverty, and other cultural sensitivities.
- As winter approaches, many vulnerable families in the Central Region provinces cannot afford heating fuel or food, putting their lives, especially those of children, at severe risk.
- **NAC Capacity Gaps:** In Panjshir Province, over 2,000 vulnerable households face harsh winter conditions, while the current winter assistance capacity can only cover 318 households in Khenj, 250 in Dara, and 100 in Paryan. This leaves a significant gap, with only 33% of the needs met, underscoring the urgency for additional support.

Response

- **DRC:** Distributed \$330 per household for minor repairs and \$550 per household for major repairs in Jalrez district, disbursed in two installments to 23 selected shelters. Additionally, distributed the third installment for transitional shelters in Sayed Abad district, with packages including \$1,475 for two-room constructions and \$1,900 for three-room constructions, disbursed in three

Central Highland



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43,383
TARGET REACH
61,926 (143%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	43,384	30,846	3,660	27,810	6,216
REACH (Individuals)	58,028	7,854	-	-	-

Needs Analysis

- **IRC:** Conducted a joint assessment in Yakawalang district, Bamyan province, identifying 305 of the most vulnerable families, including internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host community members, eligible for winterization assistance.
- **Action Aid:** Initiated a joint assessment in Bamyan province's central areas, identifying 527 vulnerable IDP and host community families in need of winterization support.
- **IOM:** Carried out a joint assessment across various districts in Daikundi province, identifying 234 households, including those affected by natural disasters, IDPs, and host community families, eligible for winterization assistance.
- **UN-Women:** Conducted a joint assessment in central Bamyan and Yakawalang district, identifying 200 women-headed households, including IDPs, natural disaster-affected families, and vulnerable host community members, in need of winterization assistance.

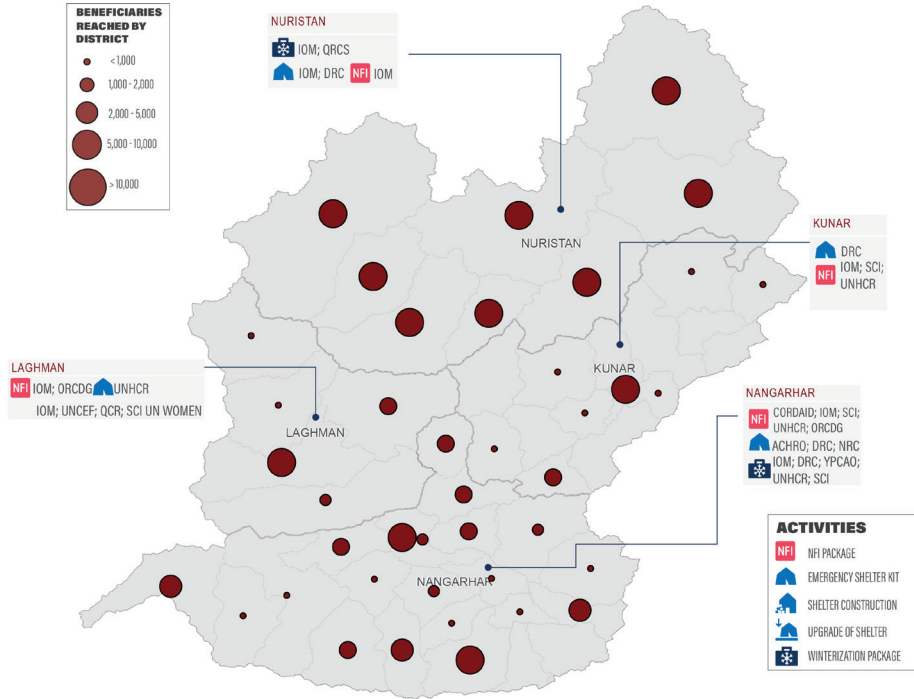
Gaps / Challenges

- **Restrictions on Female Staff:** The ban on female humanitarian staff imposed by the de facto authorities (DfA) continues to hinder the effective delivery of assistance, particularly in communities where female staff are essential for engagement with vulnerable populations.
- **Resource and Partner Shortages:** There is a critical lack of resources inherently limiting partner operations presence in some of the most vulnerable and underserved districts, to address the needs of affected populations effectively.

Response

- **UNHCR/WSTA:** Provided winterization assistance, including cash for heating and blanket packages, to 933 households comprising IDPs, returnees, and host community members in districts of Daikundi province.
- **IOM:** Delivered winterization assistance, including cash for heating, winter clothing, and blanket packages, to 234 households in Daikundi province.
- **UN-Women:** Provided winterization assistance in the form of cash for heating to 200 households in central Bamyan and Yakawalang district.

Eastern



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91,483
TARGET REACH

164,194 (179%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	87,825	49,926	7,235	42,953	17,381
REACH (Individuals)	68,731	86,841	1,128	4,121	14,160

Needs Analysis

Nangarhar Province:

- Joint assessments identified numerous families requiring winterization and shelter assistance.
 - IOM and ANDMA:** Identified 313 families in need of winterization support.
 - DRC and ANDMA:** Identified 132 families requiring winter assistance.
 - IRC and ANDMA:** Identified 278 families needing winterization.
 - UN-Habitat and DoRR:** Identified 300 families in need of winterization packages and 323 families requiring blankets.
 - IOM and DoRR:** Identified 400 families in need of shelter repairs and transitional shelters.
 - UN-Habitat and DoRR:** Identified 796 families requiring major shelter repairs, with an estimated cost of \$550 per family.

Kunar Province:

- A joint assessment by ACTED and DoRR identified 344 families in need of shelter repairs and 147 requiring cash-for-rent (CfR) assistance.
- Another joint team, including DRC and ANDMA, identified 337 families in need of winter assistance.

Laghman Province:

- A joint assessment by ACTED and DoRR identified 471 families requiring shelter repairs and 103 families needing CfR assistance.
- An inter-agency team (UNHCR/WAW, IRC, ACTED, IOM, and DoRR) identified 23 families requiring emergency shelter (tents) out of 50 assessed.
- OCHR/AFH and ANDMA:** Identified 412 families in need of winterization assistance, including heating, clothing, and blankets.

Nuristan Province:

- A joint assessment by OCHR/AHF and ANDMA identified 629 families requiring winterization assistance.
- Another team from DRC and ANDMA identified 480 families in need of standard winterization packages.

Response

Nangarhar Province:

- DRC:** Provided technical shelter support to 95 families, distributed 35,670 AFN in two installments to 92 families for major shelter repairs, and provided the first installment for one-room transitional shelters (51,350 AFN to 29 families) and for two-room transitional shelters (67,500 AFN to 31 families).
- NRC:** Distributed cash for various needs, including:
 - \$165 to 323 families for rent.
 - \$2,000 to 9 families for one-room shelter construction.
 - \$550 to 188 families for major shelter upgrades.
 - \$330 to 8 families for minor shelter upgrades.
 - AFN 28,230 to 299 families for two-room shelter construction.
- IOM:** Provided standard winterization packages, including heating materials, winter clothing, and blankets, to 1,817 families.
- ACTED:** Delivered winterization packages valued at \$200 to 320 families for heating needs.

Kunar Province:

- NRC / UNHCR :** Distributed AFN 28,230 for two-room shelter construction to 52 families.

Laghman Province:

- IRC:** Distributed \$331 to 314 families for winterization, covering heating, winter clothing, and blankets.

- **NRC /UNHCR:** Distributed shelter support as follows:
 - * AFN 225,790 to 175 families for two-room shelter construction.
 - * Three installments totaling AFN 282,230 to 36 families for two-room shelter construction.

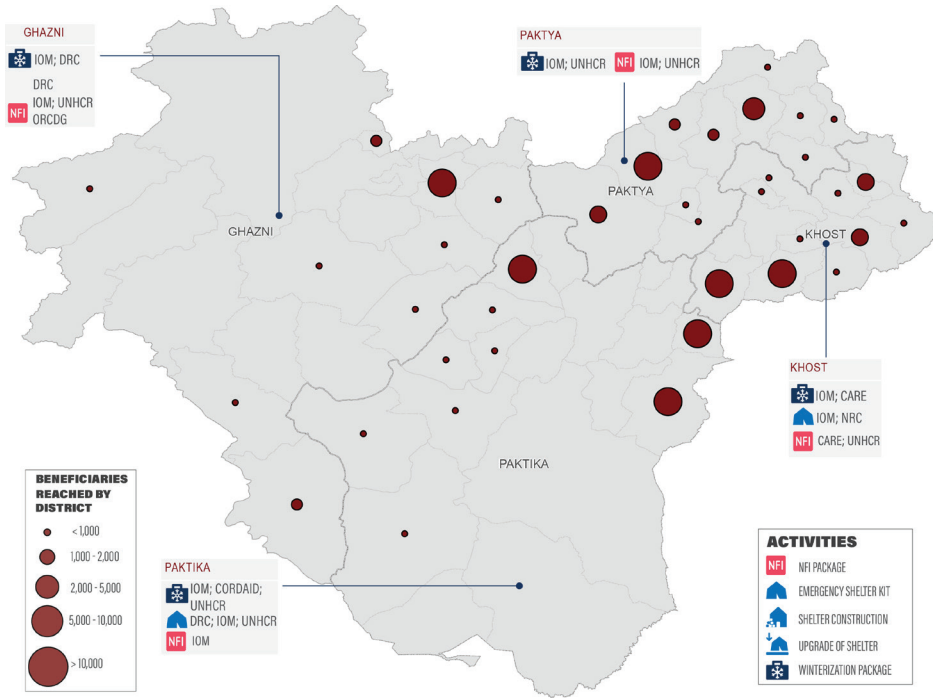
Nuristan Province:

- **UNICEF:** Distributed cash for winterization packages (winter clothing and blankets) to 14,871 families.

Gaps and Challenges

- **Termination of AHF Project:** The WADAN-implemented winterization project in Kunar Province was abruptly terminated on December 15, 2024, leaving many surveyed families without anticipated assistance during harsh winter months.
- **Access Issues with DoRR:** One partner faced challenges when DoRR requested beneficiary signatures for winterization support, which humanitarian agencies refused. The request was subsequently canceled.
- **Interference:** Key local influencers interfering in humanitarian aid processes have created delays.
- **HLP Issues:** Housing, land, and property (HLP) issues are significantly delaying shelter implementation.
- **Resource Shortages:** Limited human resources among partners are causing delays in assessing and addressing affected populations' needs.
- **Distribution Points:** Insufficient distribution points in Kunar, Laghman, and Nuristan provinces due to restrictions on using government premises.
- **Shelter Gaps:** There is a critical shortage of repairs and transitional shelter support, with insufficient shelters to meet identified needs.
- **Female Staff Restrictions:** Restrictions on female staff working in non-governmental organizations pose significant challenges to aid delivery.

Southeastern



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89,626
TARGET REACH

92,703 (103%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	89,589	46,191	7,717	43,921	24,326
REACH (Individuals)	62,108	24,722	3,764	-	2,713

Needs

- In December, assessments identified 4,212 families in need of winterization support across the region.
- IOM completed assessments of 1,739 families in Ghazni, Paktika, and Paktya provinces, focusing primarily on undocumented returnees.
- IRC began a winterization assessment targeting 300 families in Ahmad Aba district, Paktya.
- The total reported capacity for winterization assistance in the Southeast region currently stands at 6,194 families.
- A joint assessment team, led by AYSO and including UNICEF, WFP, and WSTA, evaluated the needs of families affected by air-strikes in Barmal district. The team reported 37 deaths, 24 injuries, and 10 homes destroyed. Emergency relief items such as food, NFIs, WASH, and health packages were recommended to address the immediate needs of the affected families.

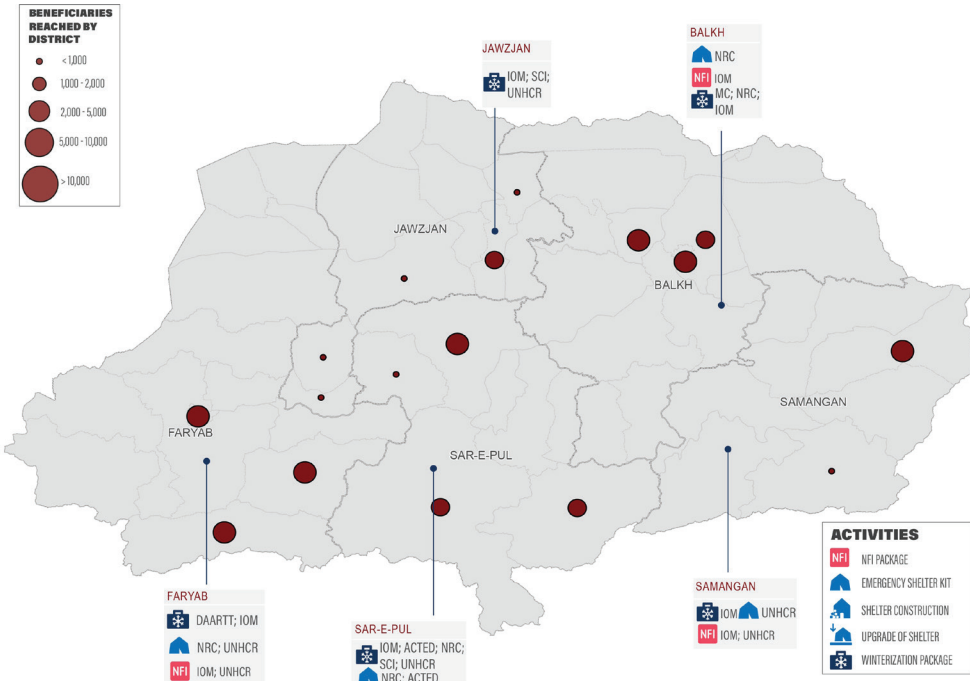
Gaps and Challenges

- Delays in signing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with cluster partners implementing winterization activities.
- Lack of winterization capacity in remote districts, leaving vulnerable families unassisted.
- Suspension of winterization activities in Khost Province due to restrictions on female staff's access.

Response

- UNHCR provided the third and final installment of shelter reconstruction support to 800 earthquake-affected families in Giyan, Paktika, who had been impacted by the June 2022 earthquake. Newly constructed homes were handed over to families in villages including Armi Khail, Baghdad Khail, Shamsi Khil, Asar, Rawat, Wara, Badi, Khanadin, Akhtar Jan, Wachkai, Zalif, Saleh Shah, Zainak, Siri, Sarawata, and Azar.
- IOM distributed standard winterization packages to 1,739 families, including 665 families in Paktya, 924 in Ghazni, and 150 in Paktika.
- UNHCR distributed winterization packages containing heating materials and fuel to 874 natural affected families, host communities, and returnees in Laja Ahmad Kahil district of Paktya Province.

Northern



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334,641
TARGET REACH

180,005 (54%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	186,187	142,853	15,653	131,144	30,256
REACH (Individuals)	45,292	33,617	249	5,577	1,085

Needs

- Winterization activity assessments are ongoing across the region.
- IOM has completed its assessments in all provinces, while DARRT, ACTED, OHW, SCI, and other partners are continuing their assessments. These assessments are expected to be finalized by the end of January 2025.

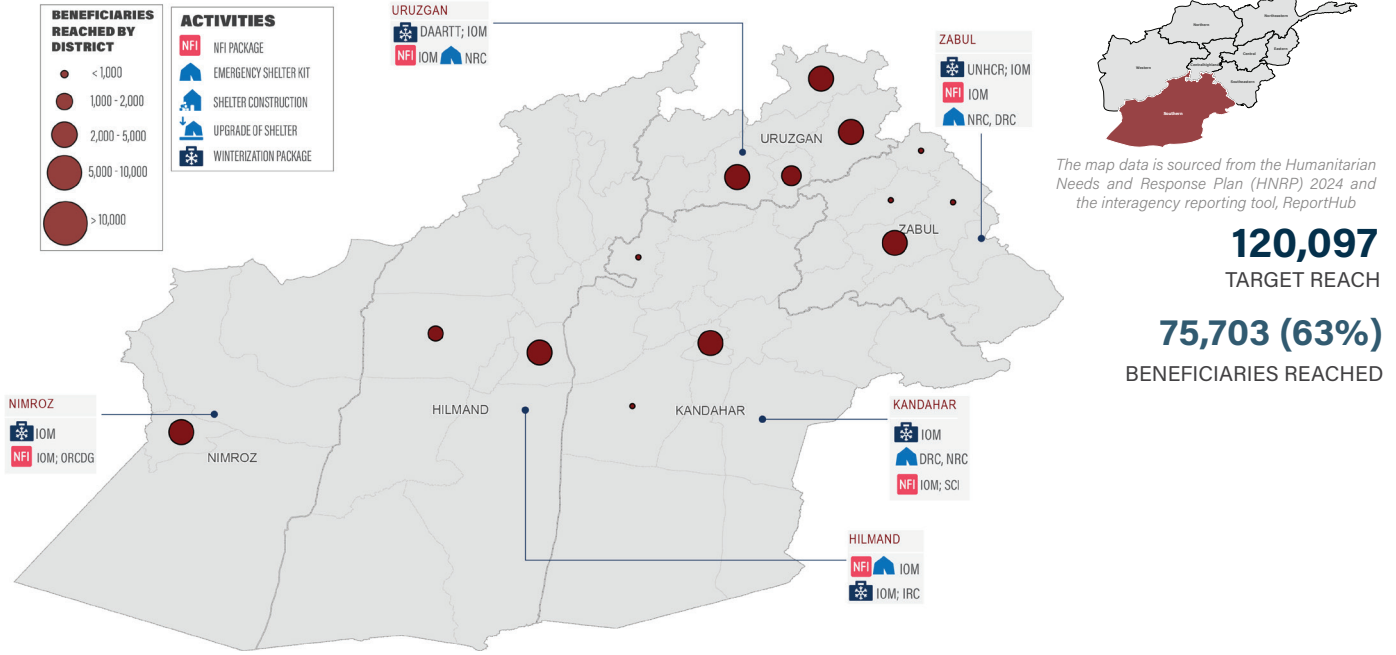
Response

- The winterization program is actively underway in the northern region.
 - IOM has completed both assessments and the distribution of winterization assistance to 1,821 families.
 - UNHCR has concluded the first round of winterization distributions.
- Collectively, partners in the northern region have committed to providing winterization support to over 40,000 individuals.
- UNHCR’s shelter program in the northern region is ongoing, with 594 shelters nearing completion and set to be handed over to beneficiaries soon.

Gaps and Challenges

- Insufficient resources remain a significant challenge, particularly in Priority 3 districts, where winterization needs continue to exceed available support.

Southern



Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	88,854	61,461	6,989	52,415	21,129
REACH (Individuals)	50,758	14,499	420	2,648	6,524

Needs

- **NRC:** Assessed and verified 404 families in Kandahar City for major shelter upgrades and identified 550 families requiring rental support.
- **OHW:** Assessed and confirmed the need for shelter repairs for 152 families in Kandahar City under the AHF project.

Response

- **NRC:** Disbursed the first and second installments for major shelter upgrades to 130 returnee families and provided a one-time cash rental support for three months to 309 returnee families in Kandahar City.
- **DRC:** Delivered the third installment of transitional shelter support to 23 households in Khak-e-Afghan district, Zabul Province.
- **IRW:** Issued the third installment for transitional shelters to 8 families and for shelter repairs to 1 family in Arghistan district, Kandahar Province.
- **OHW:** Provided cash assistance for shelter repairs to 353 of the 360 targeted families in Kandahar City under the AHF project.
- **UNHCR/ACHRO:** Completed the construction of 35 transitional shelters in Uruzgan Province through its implementing partner ACHRO.
- **IOM Protection Program:** Supported 10 families in Kandahar Province with cash for rent. In Nimroz, IOM's CB-PAHA program distributed cash for NFIs to 837 families (3,181 individuals) returning via the Milak border, while in Kandahar, the program assisted 552 families (2,638 individuals) forcibly returned via the Spin Boldak border with cash for NFIs.

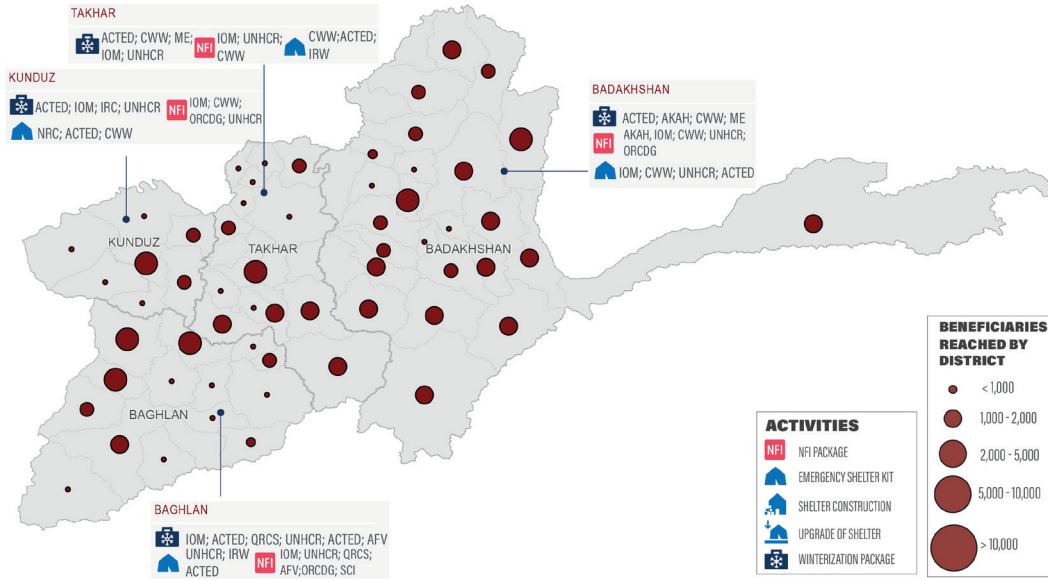
shelter assistance for women. Additionally, the lack of land ownership rights in urban areas of Kandahar hampers the construction of permanent shelters. Insufficient funding also restricts the capacity to address all identified shelter needs.

- Spring and summer heavy rainfall and flooding caused significant damage in the southern region, leaving 1,436 families with severely damaged homes and 473 families completely displaced. A pressing need persists for shelter repairs, upgrades, and transitional shelters, as many affected families continue to live in sub-standard housing conditions.

Gaps and Challenges

- UNHCR highlighted that cultural sensitivities significantly limit

Northeastern



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334,641
TARGET REACH

180,005 (54%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	268,517	132,066	14,254	126,137	13,340
REACH (Individuals)	80,407	89,306	-	9,423	14,466

Needs

- A joint assessment team identified 32 families in urgent need of emergency shelter and non-food items (NFIs) in Imam Sahib district, Kunduz province during the reporting period.
- OCHA reported 16 families in Guzargah Noor district, Baghlan province, who are living in makeshift shelters and require emergency shelter and winterization assistance.

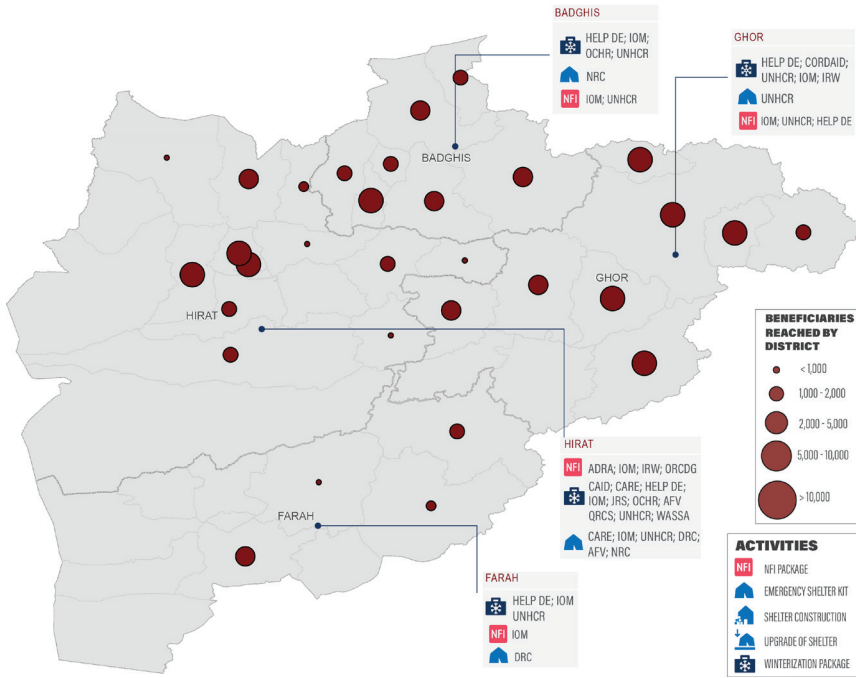
Response

- IOM delivered emergency shelter assistance to 9 families and distributed NFIs to 32 families in Imam Sahib district, Kunduz province, on December 11, 2024.

Gaps and Challenges

- Significant gaps remain in the provision of transitional shelters and shelter repair support for families affected by natural disasters across the region.
 - Transitional Shelter Needs: A total of 1,204 families in Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, and Baghlan provinces are living in precarious conditions and urgently require transitional shelters.
 - Shelter Repairs: An additional 1,300 families in the same provinces are in need of critical shelter repairs to improve their living conditions.

Western



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545,465
TARGET REACH

255,886 (47%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Overall	Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Shelter Repair and Upgrade
TARGET (Individuals)	393,207	183,611	35,335	173,820	123,410
REACH (Individuals)	161,405	79,180	15,291	14,402	7,592

Needs

- A joint assessment team comprising IOM, NRC, and ASLO identified 10 families in Jawand district, Badghis province, affected by a mountain slide and in need of humanitarian assistance.
- DRC assessed 250 families in Farsi district, Herat province, as eligible for winterization assistance.
- UNDP/CARE completed the beneficiary selection process for 400 families in Kushk district, Herat province, for shelter reconstruction.
- UNHCR/ARRA conducted an RHAf/MRZ assessment, identifying 507 internally displaced families in need of assistance in Feroz Koh, Ghor province.

Gaps and Challenges

- The Department of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) in Herat continues to demand access to beneficiary lists, creating challenges to maintaining the integrity of humanitarian assistance delivery.
- Restrictions on the movement and involvement of female staff working for NGOs continue to hinder the effective delivery of assistance in the region.

Response

- UNHCR/ARRA distributed NFIs and winter clothing to 3,084 families across the Western Region, including:
 - 234 households in Herat city.
 - 1,000 households in Qala-e-Naw, Badghis province.
 - 323 households in Farah city.
 - 1,131 households in Feroz Koh and 396 households in Shahrak district, Ghor province.
- UNDP, in partnership with NCA, is supporting the construction of 169 shelters in Chahak Village, Zinda Jan district, Herat province.
- IRC, UNOPS, UN Women, ACTED, OHW, and IRW-A provided winterization assistance to 1,800 vulnerable families across the Western Region.
- IOM provided non-food items (NFIs), family tents, and winter clothing to the 10 families affected by the mountain slide in Jawand district, Badghis province.