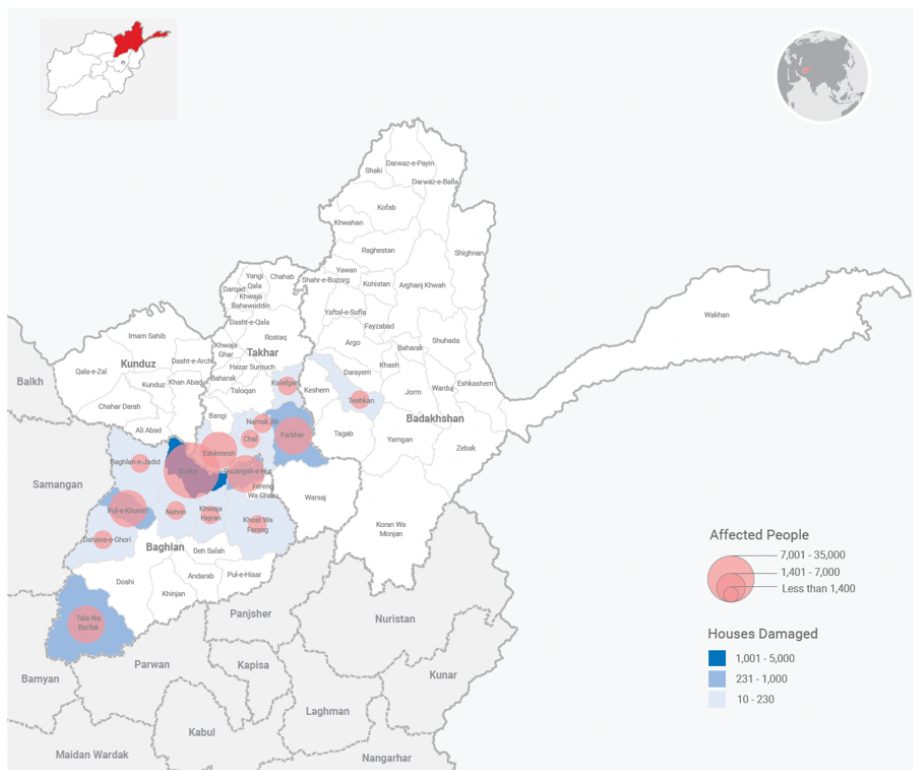


### Highlights

- Humanitarian partners are ramping up response efforts following 10 and 11 May heavy rainfall and flash floods in Baghlan, Badakhshan and Takhar provinces that affected more than 60,000 people.
- Across the region to date, approximately 7,800 homes have been confirmed as either destroyed or damaged leaving over 5,000 families displaced according to the Afghan Ministry of Refugee and Repatriation (MoRR). In addition to damage and destruction to roads, bridges, health facilities and public schools, agricultural land and livestock have been lost.
- To date, across the three provinces MoRR reported 347 people were killed and 1,651 injured due to floods. These figures are expected to increase in the days ahead as humanitarian responders are actively engaged in ongoing assessments.



### Overview

On 10 and 11 May, heavy rainfall led to fast-flowing water and flash floods in northeastern Afghanistan affecting 23 districts across Baghlan (Baghlan e Jedid, Burka, Dahne Ghor, Doshi, Guzargai Noor, Jelga, Khost, Pul Hesar, Pul e Khumri, Nahrin, and Tala wa Barfak), Badakhshan (Argo, Darayem, Kohistan, Nosai, Tagab, Teshkan, Yawan, Warduj) and Takhar (Bangi, Chall, Farkhar, Ishkamesh, Namakab, and Taloqan) provinces. While several roads and thoroughfares, particularly in Guzargah Noor, Khost, and Jelga districts in Baghlan province, resulting in significant physical access issues. According to the MoRR, nearly 14,000 livestock died and about 24,000 hectares of land have been destroyed across the region.

### Humanitarian Needs and Response

**Education:** Following a partner assessment, the Education Cluster has confirmed that 23 public schools and 21 Community-based Education (CBE) facilities in Baghlan province are partially or completely damaged. Furthermore, one public school in Takhar province, and one public school and two CBE classes in Badakhshan province have been damaged.

The Education Cluster conducted a short mission to Kunduz and Baghlan holding cluster meetings and coordinate immediate response efforts. To date, 20 high performance tents and 200 floormates have been distributed to 21 damaged CBE classes in Baghlan province reaching about 650 children. Approximately 900 people, including 630 children, have received mental health and psychosocial support, information on wellbeing and Explosive Ordinance Risk Education (EORE).

**Emergency Shelter (ES)/Non-Food Items (NFI):** To date, 1,934 families received NFI assistance in the form of hygiene kits, clothes, and dignity kits across all three provinces, with some of the also receiving emergency shelter assistance. In Baghlan province, Shelter partners reached 1,448 households with NFI assistance, among them 909 families were provided with emergency shelter. Furthermore, kitchen tools and hygiene kits were distributed to 1,234 people. In Takhar province, 417 families received emergency shelter and NFI assistance, while in Badakhshan 94 families have received shelter assistance. Further assessments are ongoing in affected districts of Badakhshan.

The Afghan Red Crescent Society has distributed assistance to vulnerable communities, including an estimated 300 tents and blankets distributed in Burka district in Baghlan province. Furthermore, approximately 1,000 tents and 500 blankets have been distributed by charitable organizations in Guzargai Noor district in Baghlan province.

**Food Security & Agriculture (FSAC):** Across the three affected provinces, approximately 13,111 people have been reached through the distribution of 323 tons of mixed food. In Baghlan-e-Jadid district in Baghlan province, where markets are functioning, cash for food assistance has been distributed to 3,654 flood-affected households. In addition, the 909 families provided with emergency shelter in Baghlan province also received in-kind food packages. Canal cleaning and carcass disposal activities are ongoing in Chal district in Takhar provinces and in Burka, Dahana-e-Ghori and Baghlan-e-Jadid districts in Baghlan province, benefiting approximately 48,350 people.

**Health:** Health partners confirmed a total of nine health facilities (HF) have been damaged across Baghlan (3 HFs), Takhar (4 HFs) and Badakhshan (2 HFs) provinces. Among these, two health facilities, located in Guzargah Noor district in Baghlan province and Chal District in Takhar province, have been fully destroyed.

Across the three affected provinces, 25 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) have been deployed across Baghlan (19 teams), Badakhshan (four teams), and Takhar (two teams) provinces, supported by Health Cluster partners. In response, between 10-18 May, MHNTs provided health assistance to approximately 13,951 flood-affected individuals (5,517 women, 3,005 men, 3,477 girls, and 1,952 boys) including primary health care consultations (7,825 individuals), health promotion activities (3,724 individuals), Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services (1,542 individuals), maternal, newborn, and child health services (768 individuals), and trauma care services (92 individuals). From May 11 to 19, five Surveillance Support Teams (SSTs) in Baghlan province detected 715 cases of acute respiratory infection with pneumonia, 587 cases of acute watery diarrhea with dehydration, 92 suspected cases of COVID-19, and 71 suspected cases of measles in floods affected areas. An additional 70 metric tons of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals have been received in Kunduz and Badakhshan provinces to support the health response.

**Nutrition:** In Baghlan province, Nutrition partners completed a gap analysis of nutrition services and have consequently relocated nearby MHNTs to underserved areas. Due to disrupted road network, referrals for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases with medical complications to treatment centers has been affected. Nutrition Cluster partners reported that a total of 850 children aged 6-59 months have received blanket supplementary feeding (BSFP) assistance since 11 May. Additionally, between 17 and 20 May, 18 new severe acute malnutrition (SAM), 142 moderated acute malnutrition (MAM) children aged 6-59 months, and 70 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with MAM were detected and admitted to the program. In Badakhshan province, a total of 119 children aged 6-59 months have received BSFP assistance. In Takhar province, facilities are operational and providing nutrition services, including four flood-affected facilities that resumed days after the flooding.

**Protection:** Preliminary reports from protection partners revealed increasing protection needs including mental health and psychological distress, as well as loss of critical civil documents. In response, protection partners are currently in the process of developing a protection-focused rapid needs assessment to identify and monitor needs of affected people across all provinces with special attention to civil documentation and mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS).

In Baghlan province, Protection Cluster partners reached about 450 people through awareness and counselling sessions on prevention and management of stress during crisis, conducted community dialogue with parents and adults to discuss MHPSS and supporting children during emergencies, and established eight mobile Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and distributed psychological support (PSS) kits for the most vulnerable children. Furthermore, four Mine Action partners have deployed emergency teams to the flood affected areas in Baghlan province to support with mine action activities. In the 23 flood-affected districts, an estimated 49 km<sup>2</sup> of land is currently contaminated by explosive ordnance. Partners have provided warning messages on the explosive ordnance contamination in national languages and deployed two quick response teams with ambulances to provide first aid medical assistance and evacuation support in Pul e Khumri district in Baghlan province.

**WASH:** In Baghlan province, WASH partners have successfully provided safe drinking water through water trucking to over 1,900 households, benefiting approximately 13,300 individuals. A total of 2,170 hygiene kits have been distributed and overall, 15,085 individuals in Baghlan Jadid, Busukan, Dahni Ghuri, and Pul e Khumri districts have benefited from hygiene promotion services through these distributed kits. In addition, 20 emergency latrines were installed for 56 households in Baghlan Jadid district. Unmet needs have been identified in Eshkamish district in Takhar province, where WASH assessments of 4,200 households across five villages reveals urgent requirements for water trucking and water network repairs.

**Cash Assistance:** The Cash and Voucher Working Group in Kabul is helping to coordinate the field level response through a tracker of partners' response plans and activities which has been developed into an [online dashboard](#). So far, five CVWG partners have reached approximated 2,250 households in Baghlan province with full MPCA using cash modalities to support affected households where market capacity is sufficient. In addition, three CVWG partners have reached 81 households in Takhar province with cash for NFI assistance.

## Coordination

OCHA continues to coordinate the emergency response on behalf of humanitarian partners through a series of Operational Coordination Team (OCT) and Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meetings, as well as the coordination of humanitarian needs assessments. Humanitarian partners, including the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and the Department of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), are coordinating with de-facto authorities. On 17 May, the [Humanitarian Coordinator and Heads of UN agencies visited Baghlan province](#) to meet with affected communities and first responders, as part of ongoing efforts to support the response and draw attention to relief efforts. To date, 36 joint emergency assessment teams have been deployed to the most affected areas in nine districts in Baghlan province, eight districts in Badakshan province, and six districts in Takhar province.

The De facto Authorities (DfA) have also provided helicopters and machinery to the affected areas. Humanitarian partners continue to coordinate with the de facto authorities, including the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and their respective departments at the sub-national level for humanitarian needs and response.