



Solar Lamp distribution Program in Farah city, Farah Province, ©ARAA, August 2023

Regional Monthly Update

01 - 31 August 2023

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Since the beginning of year, ES/NFI clusters partners have reached **432,383 (36%)** individuals with multiple Emergency shelters (ES) and NFI assistance (Transitional shelter, Shelter repair or upgrade, winterization, standard ES and NFI assistance).



The cluster has received AHF allocation of USD 29 Million to cover the winter gap from October to march



Capital



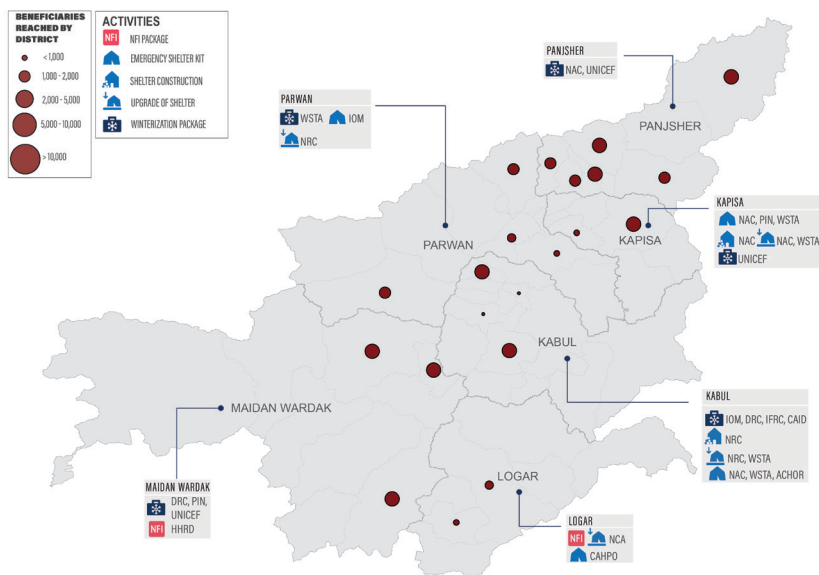
In 2023 (HRP & ReportHub data)

337,357

PLANNED REACH

91,984 (27%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	1,200	1,703	-	2,553
<i>Number of new individuals reached during the current month</i>				

Needs Analysis

- Most of ES/NFI cluster partners like WSTA, DRC, CARE do not have any assessment for the month of August 2023

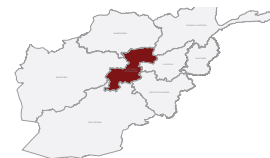
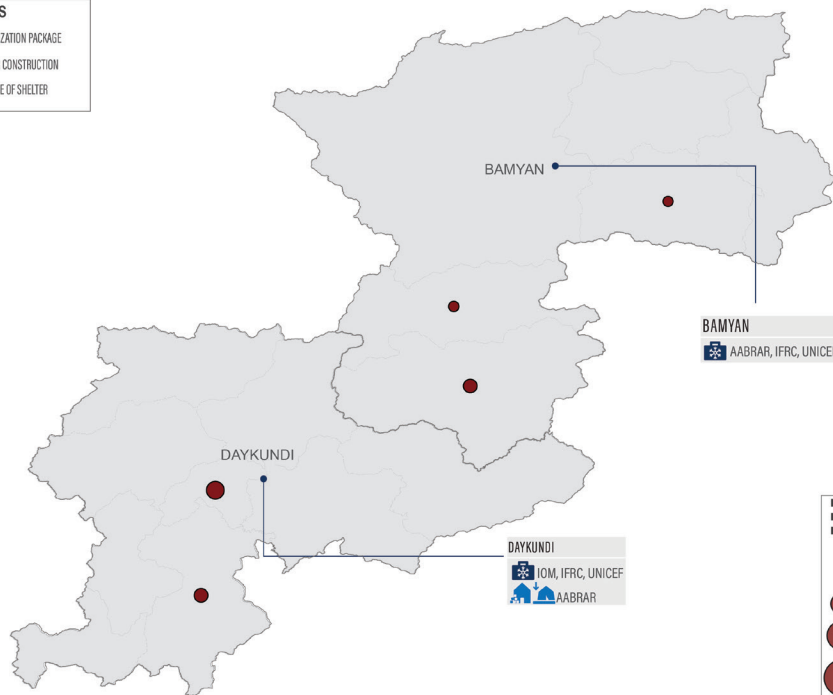
Gaps / Challenges

- No challenges /Gaps reported

Central Highland

ACTIVITIES

-  WINTERIZATION PACKAGE
-  SHELTER CONSTRUCTION
-  UPGRADE OF SHELTER



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

28,889

PLANNED REACH

13,443 (47%)

BENEFICIARIES

REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
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Number of new individuals reached during the current month

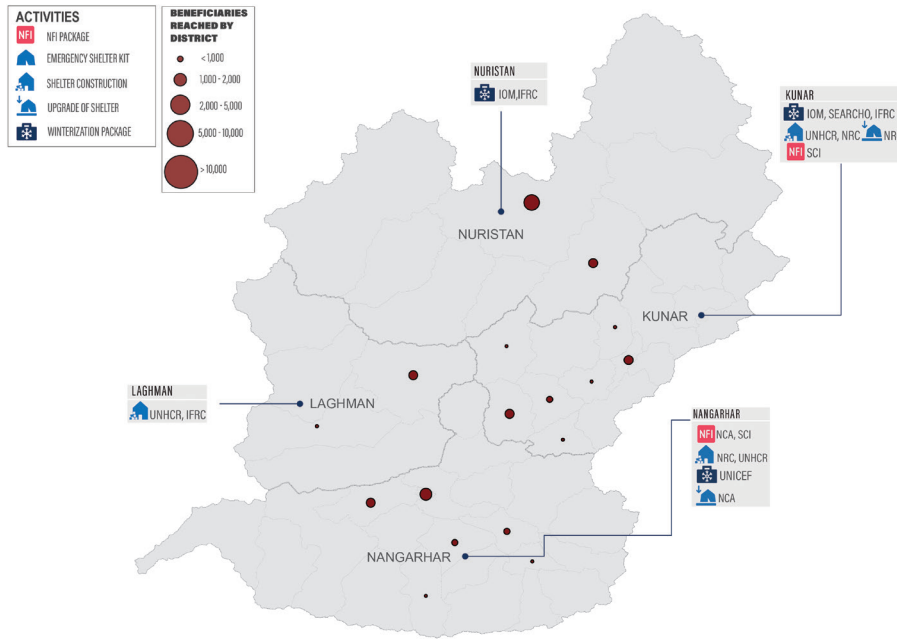
Needs Analysis

- In Bayman province IRC conducted a joint needs assessment in Waras and Yakwlang #1 districts. A total of 244 households were identified as eligible beneficiaries, including BNF, internally displaced population (IDPs), those affected by natural disasters and drought, and the most vulnerable host communities (208 households in Waras and 36 households in Yakawlang #1). The purpose of this assessment was to determine their suitability for Full Multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA). Joint need assessment in Kahmard district of Bamiyan province identified around 308 households eligible in different categories, internally displaced, natural disaster drought affected households, and most vulnerable host community for MPCA assistance.
- UNHCR/WSTA in Bayman province conducted a joint needs assessment for reintegration, permanent shelter, and MPCA in various areas of Bayman Province. The plan to provide support to 117 households of IDPs and returnees, as well as the most vulnerable host communities, under Full MPCA assistance. Additionally, they aim to assist 100 households of IDPs and returnees with permanent shelter, and 71 households with PSN. In Daikundi province UNHCR /WSTA has conducted a joint need assessment for reintegration, permanent shelter, and MPCA in the center and districts of Daikundi Province, it will support 286 households of IDPs and returnees and most vulnerable host communities under MPCA for 260 households and 26 households of Persons with Special Needs IDPs.
- In Daikundi Province UNHCR/ Watan Social and Technical Services Association (WSTA) conducted a joint needs assessment for reintegration, permanent shelter, and MPCA in both the central and district areas of Daikundi Province. They intend to provide support to 91 households of IDPs and returnees, along with the most vulnerable host communities, through Full MPCA assistance. Furthermore, they plan to assist 45 households of IDPs with Persons Special needs PSN.
- AKF in Daikundi Province conducted a joint needs assessment in Miramor district of Daikundi Province. They identified approximately 90 households as eligible beneficiaries, including BNF, IDPs, and the most vulnerable host communities, for Full MPCA assistance

Gaps / Challenges

- The ban on female working by DFA is the major challenge in the region all partners are facing with same challenge.
- Another challenge is the request for a detailed list of beneficiaries by De-FA authority in Daikundi Province.

Eastern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

62,396
PLANNED REACH

18,617 (30%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	238	-	-	-

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

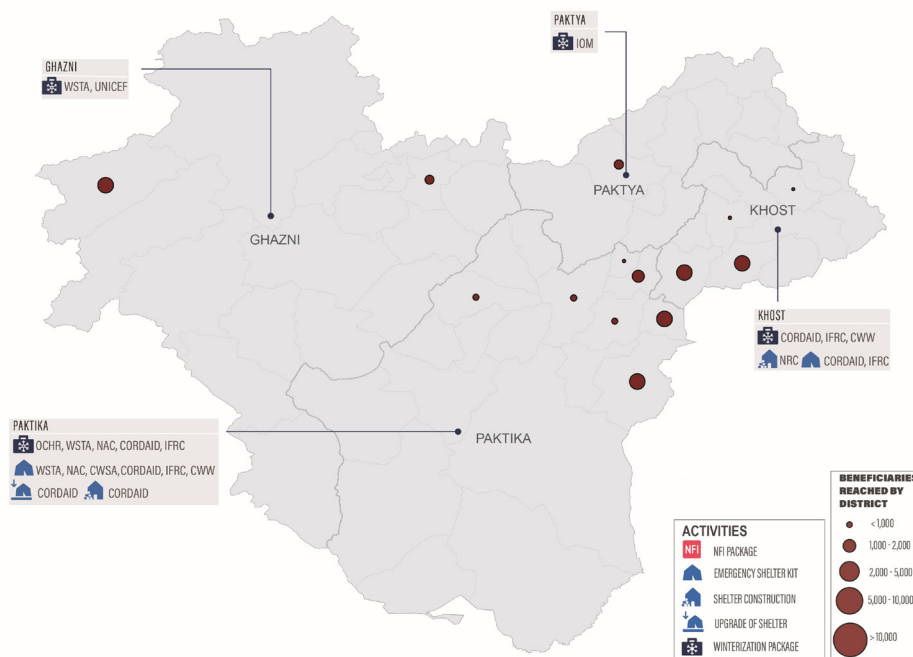
Needs Analysis

- In Nangarhar Province the Joint Assessment team, led by Save the Children (SCI) and involving WFP, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), and Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), identified 25 affected families in need of humanitarian assistance, including NFIs, emergency shelters, food, and MPCAs.
- Another Joint Assessment team, comprising Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Directorates of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), identified 100 families for shelter upgrades and lighting kits (90 with minor upgrades and 10 with major upgrades).
- A separate joint assessment team, involving DRC, SCI, WFP, ANDMA, identified 40 flash flood-affected families for reduced MPCA, 45 families for shelter repair, and 56 families for transitional shelter.
- In Kunar Province a joint assessment team consisting of IOM, DRC, WFP, and ANDMA identified 120 flood/rainfall-affected families out of 298 assessed families in need of NFIs, shelter, food, MPCA, and hygiene assistance.
- Another Joint Assessment team led by DRC, with participation from WFP, SCI, and ANDMA, identified 9 affected families in need of humanitarian assistance, including NFIs, emergency shelters, food, and MPCAs. The same joint assessment team (DRC, SCI, WFP, ANDMA) identified 212 flash flood-affected families eligible for a reduced package of multi-purpose cash
- In Laghman Province a joint assessment team involving IOM, WFP, and ANDMA conducted assessments in Laghman Province, with initial reports indicating that 41 families were affected by flood/heavy rainfall.
- In Nuristan Province a joint assessment team comprising IOM, DRC, WFP, and ANDMA identified 28 households affected by natural disasters (floods/domestic fires) in need of NFIs, shelter, food, MPCAs, and hygiene assistance.
- Jalalabad evictions the families were given 6 months' notice of upcoming need to move from their informal settlements. 4 months have passed and there are 2 months left prior to evictions which will impact about 120,000 persons.

Gaps / Challenges

- The primary challenge is the decree restricting female staff from working in non-governmental organizations.
- Dealing with a significant number of fake reported cases, consuming both time and resources.
- A need for additional assistance to repair shelters and provide transitional shelters in the eastern region.
- A lack of interest from humanitarian agencies in assessment and response efforts.
- Delays in obtaining the required letter (Maktoob) and signing MoUs with relevant departments, hampering the implementation process for cluster members.
- Limitations imposed by the current government on women's activities, making it difficult to identify deserving and vulnerable women beneficiaries and involve women in distribution efforts.
- Challenges related to transportation and security restrictions affecting resource utilization for joint assessment teams.

Southeastern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

102,901
PLANNED REACH

45,902 (45%)
BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
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Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment team led by IOM, including ANDMA, UNICEF, RRD, WFP, and DRC, assessed and verified 41 families affected by flash floods in Ghazni center and Waghaz districts.
- IOM provided the recommended NFIs and emergency shelter to all affected families, while WFP supplied food items, and DRC distributed MPCA assistance to each family

Gaps / Challenges

- A significant challenge has been the ban on female staff, which has caused delays in the activities of partners in affected areas.
- There are still families in earthquake-affected areas who have not yet received the necessary shelter support.

Northern

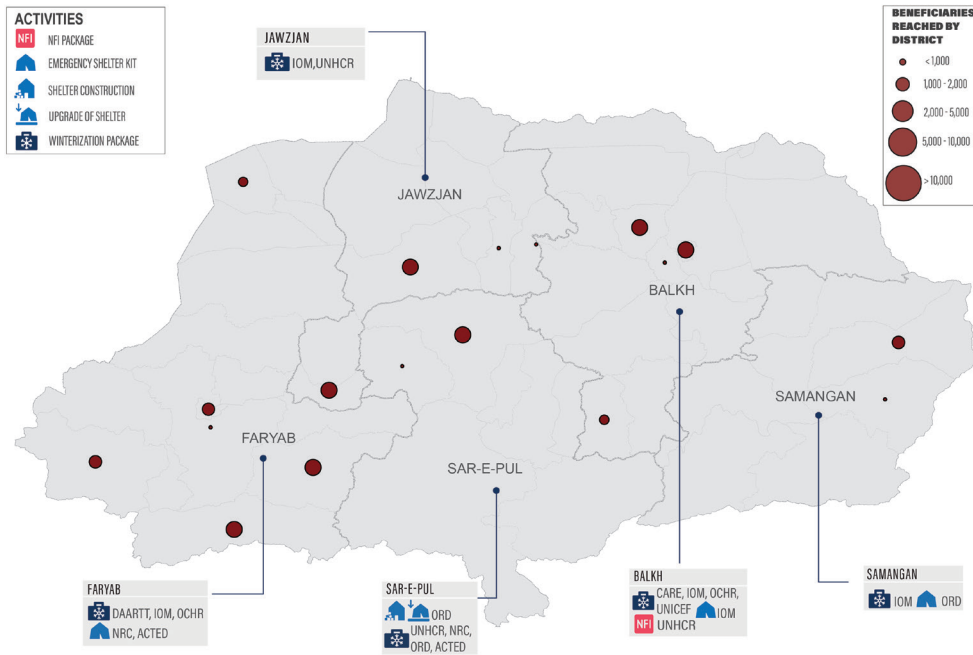


In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

307,779
PLANNED REACH

71,536 (23%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	-	759	-	1,168

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Number of new individuals reached during the current month

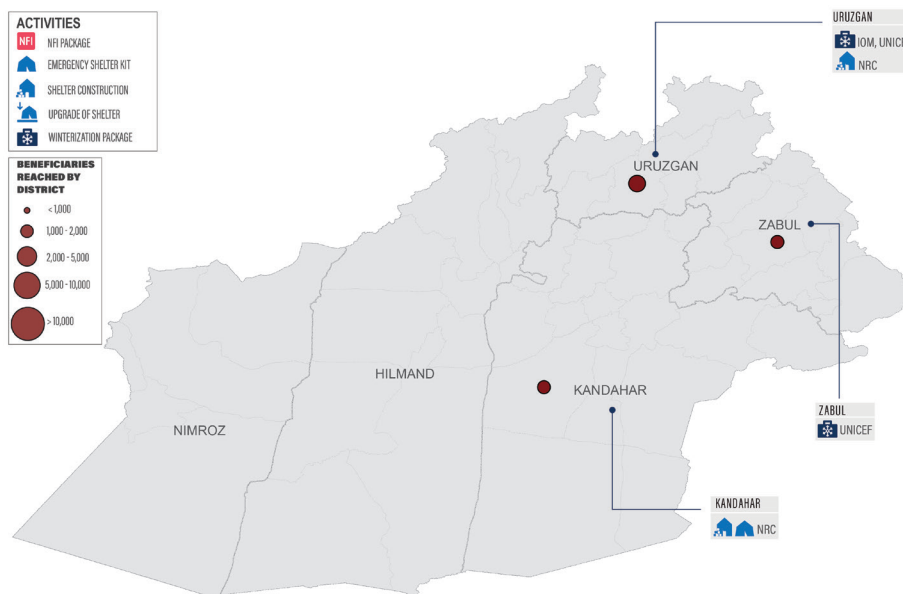
Needs Analysis

- No assessments reported

Gaps / Challenges

- A significant challenge has been the ban on female staff, which has caused delays in the activities of partners in affected areas.

Southern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

97,519
PLANNED REACH

9,796 (10%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	-	384	-	7932

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

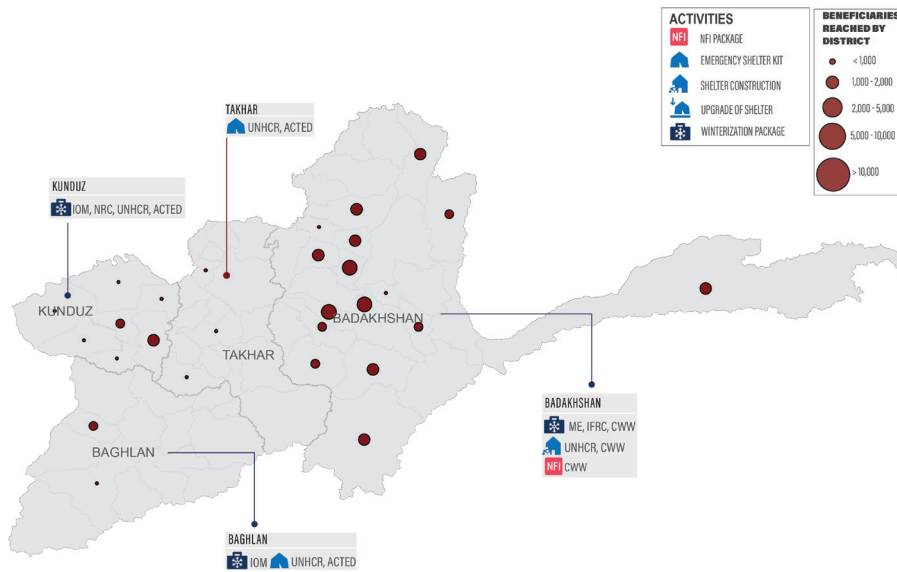
Needs Analysis

- NRC identified and assessed 66 female beneficiaries for shelter response in Panjwai district out of a total of 88 families.
- Joint Assessments, led by IOM and involving UNHCR, WAW, UNICEF, WFP, DRC, NRC, and SI, were conducted in Helmand and verified 121 drought IDPs. Additionally, 454 drought-displaced households were verified for assistance in Nimroz province.
- IOM conducted assessments and verified IDPs and returnees in Nimroz province. They requested support from various agencies, including UN Women. UN Women committed to providing cash assistance to 210 women-headed households (WHH) in Nimroz.

Gaps / Challenges

- UNHCR has reported limited provision of shelter assistance to women primarily due to the absence of land ownership rights.

Northeastern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

136,502

PLANNED REACH

44,233 (32%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	7	-	71	2,292

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- Recent flooding in Yumgan, Tagab, Teshkan, Khustak villages of Jurm, Raghistan & Kohestan districts of Badakhshan province led to displacement and property loss for many residents
- The Governor of Badakhshan requested urgent life-saving assistance from humanitarian agencies and UN agencies for the affected districts..
- Jukhan village in Yumgan district was the most affected, with 89 houses destroyed and residents reportedly displaced. Urgent assistance was delivered to this location by AKAH, ARCS, and IOM.
- 132 families (100+23+9) faced complete destruction in Teshkan and Tagab of Badakhshan and Imam Saheb district of Kunduz province.
- The Provincial Governor called on humanitarian agencies, particularly UNHCR, to provide life-saving assistance to displaced families in affected districts and villages.
- Some NFIs and tents were delivered by Concern, AKAH, IOM, and ANDMA, but the supplies were insufficient for the entire community.
- Since August 15, 2023, ACTED assessment teams visited 186 households and identified 150 households as eligible for shelter repairing and upgrading in the target areas of Kundu
- While 588 Gujur IDPs in both Eshkamish and Farkhar districts of Takhar province have returned, there are needs for approximately 300 shelters for families still remaining in need.
- In total 248 families are living in Khoja Bahaudin district of Takhar province were evicted from their houses by Taliban forces and refugee returnees last year in 2022. Subsequently, they were given plots by DfA in Khoja Bahaudin district and they are in need of shelter assistance

Gaps / Challenges

- Natural disasters have affected some families in NER province, particularly in Badakhshan province.
- The flooding in Jukhan village of Yumgan district resulted in severe damage to around 100 houses, leaving the community in urgent need of emergency shelters and NFIs, as well as permanent shelters.
- ANDMA, ARCS, and IOM have responded to the needs of these families, but the requirements are not fully met yet, with needs for permanent shelters and shelter repairing kits for approximately 100 families. A joint assessment report has been shared by AKDN and OCHA staff.

Western

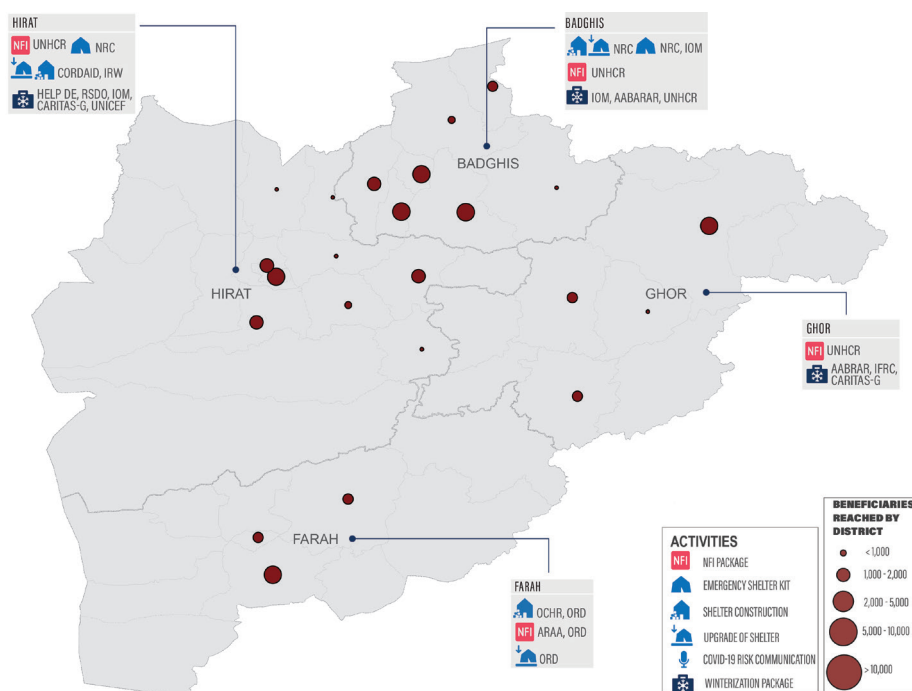


In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

128,072
PLANNED REACH

136,872 (107%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	13,999	42	17,678	906

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- UNHCR, in collaboration with its AHDA partner, conducted a RHAf assessment, assessing 798 IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable host communities in various locations, including Herat, Badghis, Farah, and Ghor provinces, for permanent shelter assistance.
- Additionally, UNHCR, through its ARAA partner, conducted RHAf/MRZ assessments for 190 IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable host communities in Herat and Ghor provinces.
- IOM in Farah province identified and assessed 2,544 eligible families in Bala Boluk District for cash-for-shelter support.
- WASSA assessed 22 households in Ghoryan and Zendajan Districts of Herat province, identifying 16 households eligible for MPCA assistance.

Gaps / Challenges

- Humanitarian agencies in Ghor are facing challenges with shelter beneficiaries who have partially paid their installments, taken loans from relatives or suppliers, and are now unable to repay their loans due to the suspension of humanitarian activities. This has created problems for both beneficiaries and agencies.
- The distribution of cash under the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) fund is a significant challenge in Ghor, necessitating discussions at the Kabul level to find a solution.
- The ban on female employment by DFA poses challenges for activity implementation, beneficiary access, and service delivery, particularly during assessments and assistance distribution in the western region provinces.
- DFA interference, particularly in demanding beneficiary lists, has affected the distribution efforts of cluster partners in Herat, Farah, and Badghis provinces.