



NFI distribution in Badghis . Photo taken by UNHCR , February 2022

Regional Monthly Update

01 - 28 February 2023

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Since the beginning of year, ESNFI clusters partners have reached **166,174 (13%)** individuals with multiple Emergency shelters (ES) and NFI assistance (Transitional shelter, Shelter repair or upgrade, winterization, standard ES and NFI assistance).



Restrictions imposed by government on female workers in INGOs, and NNGOs has caused delays in response and limitations in areas of assessment, monitoring, distribution, and implementation and accessibility to vulnerable female beneficiaries.



In February 2023, ESNFI cluster partners identified **13,877** families in need of NFI assistance and shelters toolkits through joint assessment assistance.



ES/NFI with support of REACH has completed Sustainable Winterization Solutions survey to develop an understanding of the feasibility, effectiveness, sustainability, and costs of different winterization methods.

Capital



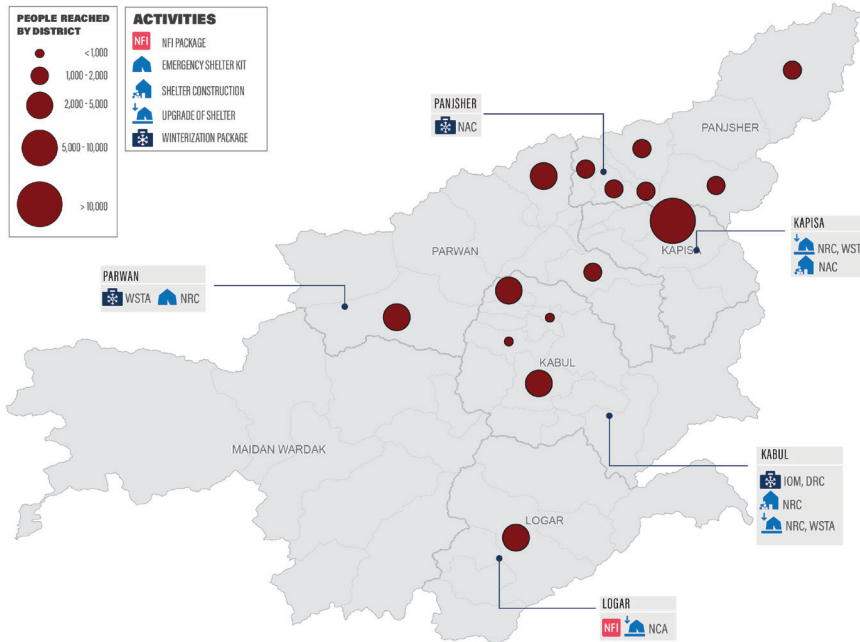
In 2023 (HRP & ReportHub data)

253,323

PLANNED REACH

30,339 (12%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
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22,051

1,518

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10,122

Number of individuals reached during the current month

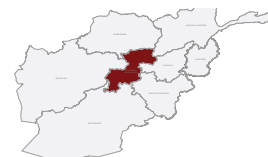
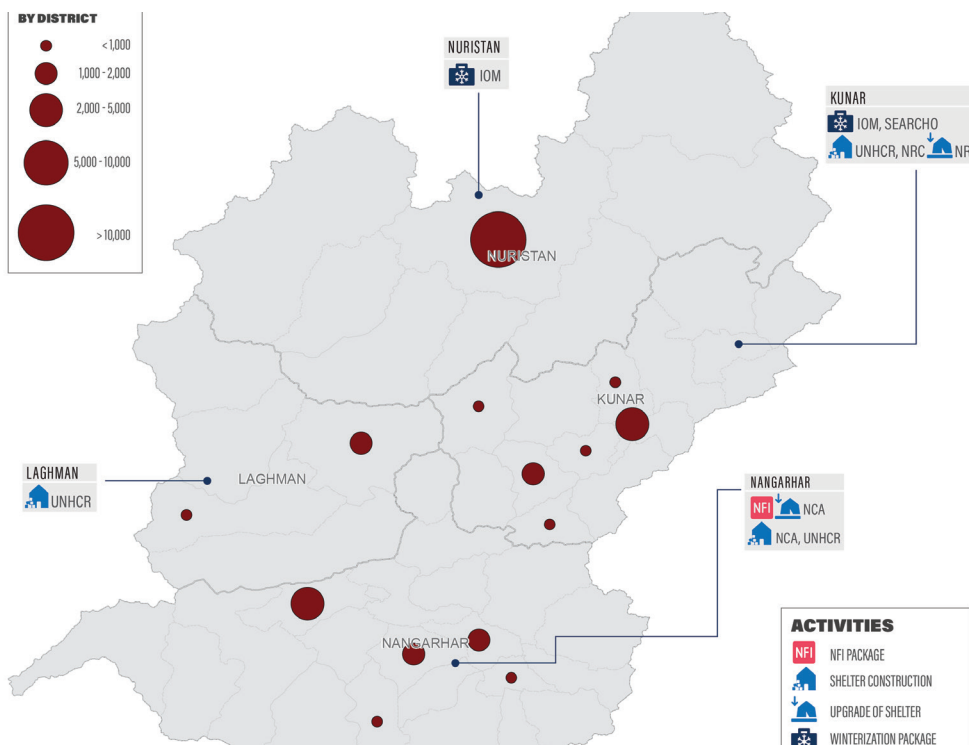
Needs Analysis

- Community Action for Healing Poverty Organization (CAHPO) had planned 715 shelters (47 one room transitional, 525 minor repair and 143 major repair) in PD-21 of Kabul province, the partner provided full technical support to the beneficiaries. CAHPO also conducted daily training regarding GBV and Covid-19 in the area. CAHPO had also planned 217 shelters in Logar province (which district) (37 transitional, 156 one room transitional and 24 minor and major repair).
- Afghan Community and Health Rehabilitation Organization (ACHRO) has completed assessment for 780 Households for winterization to be assisted in March in Azra district of Logar and Khenj district of Panjshir province.
- Norwegian Afghanistan Committee (NAC) has planned winter assistance for 1,142 vulnerable households in six districts of Panjshir province, Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) funded the assistance. NAC is assessing shelter under AHF to target 462 Households. as of now 239 were assessed (199 T-shelters, 22 major repair and 18 minor repair) Primary target location is Afghania settlement in Nijrab District but based on need and in close coordination with cluster, NAC expand its presence to Ghain settlement in Kapisa.
- NAC team assessed 1,172 Households and selected 1,142 Household as eligible beneficiaries for the winterization support in Bazarak, Anaba, Shutul, Rukha, Paryan and Dara districts of Panjshir province. Cash distribution will take place in 1st of March 2023.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) emergency team along with Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and district authority conducted winterization Assessment in Estalif district in February and selected totally 512 Households for winterization support.

Gaps / Challenges

- The winterization support in the capital region is not enough to meet the needs especially in Panjshir district.
- There is a need for family member or community elder to be present during assessment due to lack of female participation in the assessment stage is delaying the process of identifying female beneficiaries.
- Local authorities and community elders are interfering in identification and selection process

Central Highland



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

28,285
PLANNED REACH

8,337 (29%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
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8,337

Number of individuals reached during the current month

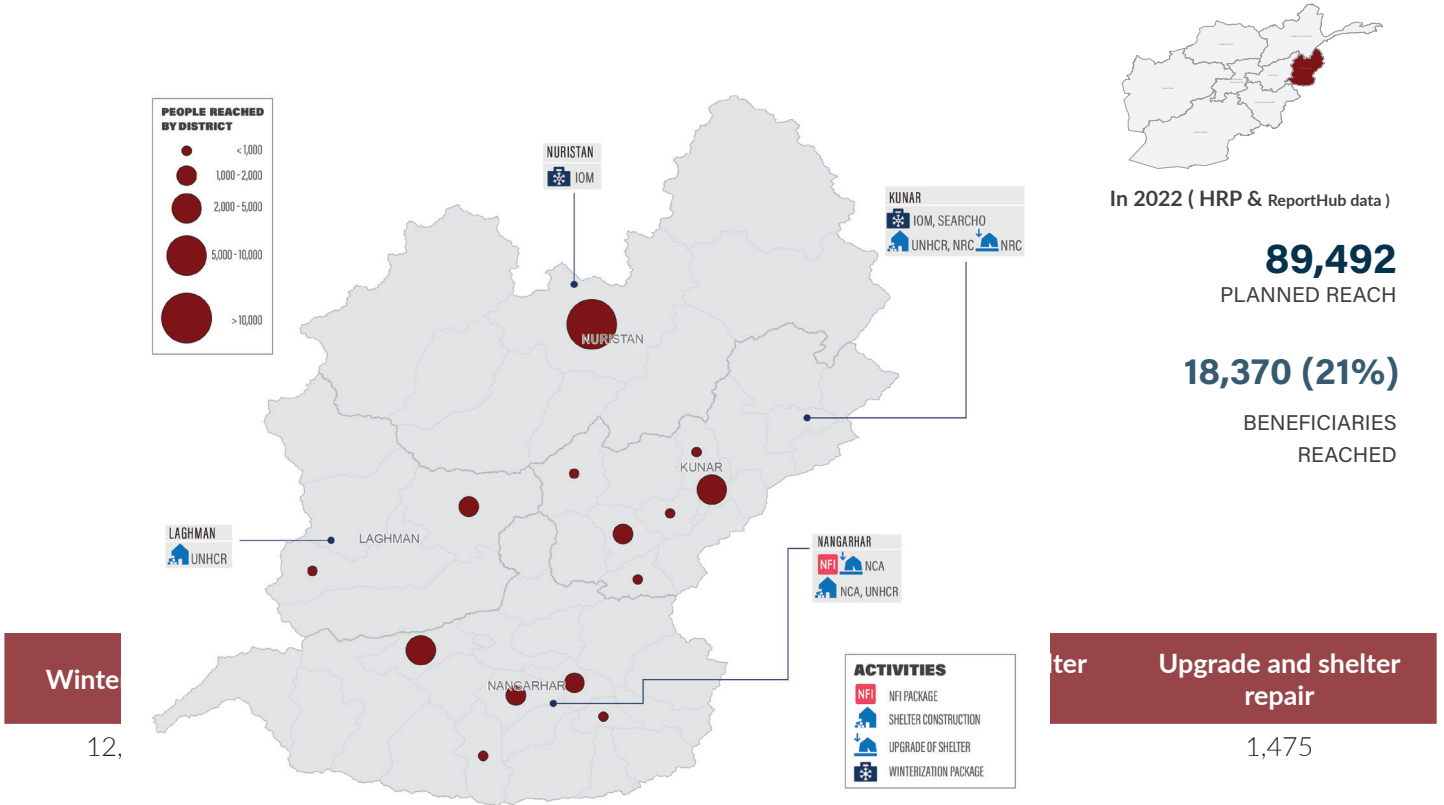
Needs Analysis

- International Rescue Committee (IRC) has conducted joint need assessment for winterization assistance in center of Bamyan province in which they identified 200 most vulnerable households and natural disaster affected households while the assessment for winterization assistance has been completed.
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and (Watan Social and Technical Services Association) WSTA with the Directorates of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) has conducted joint need assessment for caves settlers' (families whom are living in caves), in center of Bamyan province, around 144 Household of internally displaced persons (IDP) and host community were identified to be in need of urgent shelter. UNHCR will plan permanent shelter for all families.
- Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development (CORDAID) aims to target 1,639 households for winter assistance, in February 189 households of most vulnerable from IDP and host community has been identified for assistance in Ashtrlay, Sang-e-Takht Khadir, Miramor districts of Daykundi province. The assessment is on-going.
- United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) has conducted joint need assessment for winterization assistance in different districts including center of Daykundi n province, at the result they identified 500 Households most vulnerable and eligible IDPs and host communities for winterization assistance

Gaps / Challenges

- Assessment of assistances has been delayed for winterization due to restriction on female staff workers
- Female staff are not reporting to the office as they are facing restrictions in reporting to field missions such as Mahram issue, hijab and separate vehicles to the field.
- ANDMA reported number of affected families in different districts of BMN in result of natural disaster that requires assistance.
- Interference of DOEC in the Daykundi Province by requesting extra documents, such as staff salary payroll, vehicle contract, staff list and BNF list which not in line with the cluster response.

Eastern



Needs Analysis

- During the reporting period, a joint assessment with IRC and ANDMA identified 1428 households of natural disaster-affected families, returned internally displaced persons (IDPs), and the most venerable community people in need of winterization assistance in Nangarhar Province.
- A joint assessment team International Organization for Immigration (IOM) and ANDMA identified 14 natural disaster-affected families in need of non-food items (NFI) assistance in Kunar Province.
- A joint assessment team (IOM, ANDMA) in Laghman Province identified 9 natural disaster-affected families in need of NFIs' Assistance. (ACHRO, ANDMA) identified 390 Conflict-affected, Displaced, Natural disaster-affected families, person with specific needs (PSN), and most vulnerable host communities in need of a winterization standard package (\$200 for heating, \$57 for blankets, and \$74 for winter clothing)
- Winterization support: A joint assessment team (IOM+ANDMA, DoRR) identified 600, natural disaster-affected families, PSNs, and the most vulnerable families for winterization assistance in Nuristan Province.

Gaps / Challenges

- De Facto authority (DFA), the recent decree banning females from workplaces persists which has impacted women's involvement in humanitarian actions.
- IRC winterization assistance response of 700 families is still pending due to memorandum of understanding (MOU) pausing by DFA and Ministry of Economy (MoEc).
- Coordination of activities with local authorities is consuming more time, it shall be considered in project planning and duration.
- Ban of female staff is a concern in the region, female staff surveyors are important for stages of project plan and implementation and identifying female-headed beneficiaries are important.
- Accessibility to many villages in Eastern provinces and communities are difficult due to heavy snowfalls in districts that vehicles can't access and road are usually blocked, therefore it consumed more time in the survey and assessment.
- Obtaining the letter / Maktoob and signing MoU with the relevant departments delayed and continue to delay the cluster members' implementation process.
- Few of the cluster members particularly the international NGOs suspended their humanitarian operations, however, still, some of the cluster members partially continued their operations without the involvement and presence of the female staff.
- Due to limitations imposed by the current government on women's activities, the assessment teams lack female staff in them which has made it very difficult to identify most vulnerable women beneficiaries for assistance. Similarly, women's presence in the distribution is also a need.

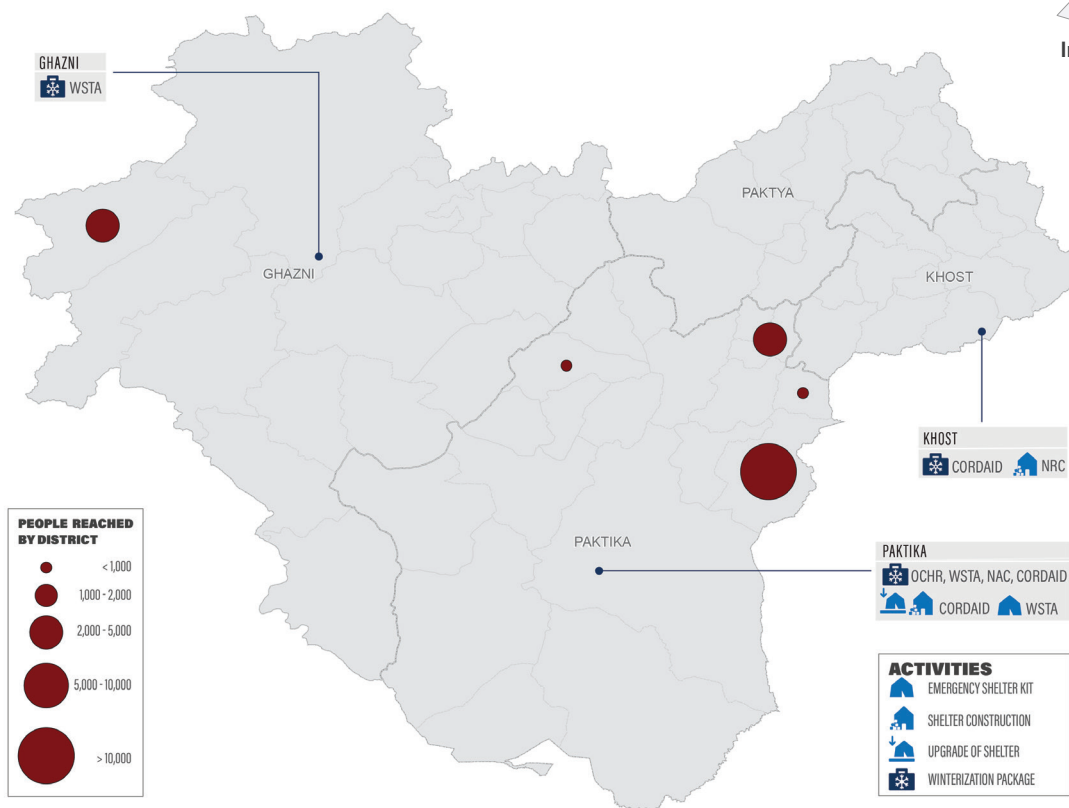
Southeastern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

131,131
PLANNED REACH

18,563 (14%)
BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
6,025	-	246	-	23

Number of individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- IOM assessed and verified 1,684 families for Cash for Rent (CfR) in Spera and 403 families in Tanai districts of Khost. All these families were affected by early earthquake in June 2022.
- Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE international) in Khost assessed and identified 1170 families for winterization support and 1,387 families for Cash For Rent (CfR). Similarly CARE international initiated winterization assessment in Shamal district and will identify 500 earthquake affected families

Gaps / Challenges

- Many activities are pending due female ban from working and road closure to Hazara Jat districts in Ghazni delayed winterization response of DRC and Afghanistan Rehabilitation and Education Program (AREP).

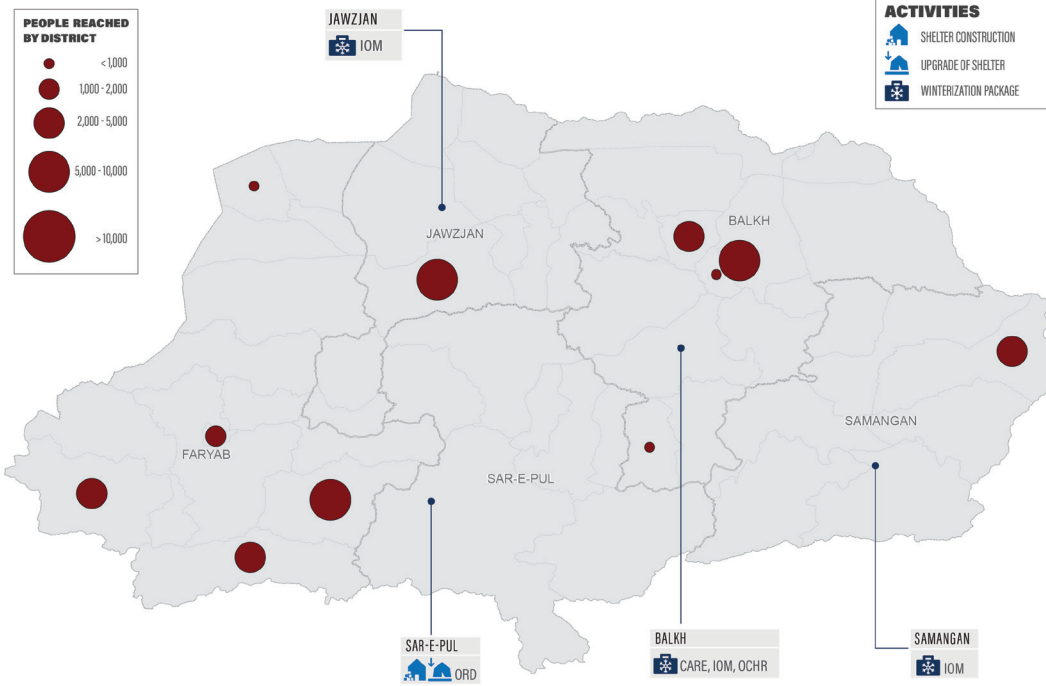
Northern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

292,038
PLANNED REACH

42,129 (15%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
36,637	-	-	-	-

36,637

Number of individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment team including IOM, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees (DACAAR), and ANDMA conducted assessment on 15 February in Faryab province and identified 10 flood-affected families.
- A joint assessment team including representatives of Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), UNICEF and World Food Programme (WFP) conducted households need assessment in Kohistan district and assessed 300 Households and identified 210 Households eligible in different villages needs shelter, cash, food, NFIs and WASH including hygiene kits and kitchen kits, for their urgent needs as all the selected families living without any food stock, in hunger and under the poverty rate.

Gaps / Challenges

- In Kohistan district of Faryab 210 households were identified in need shelter/NFI assistance after flooding incident.

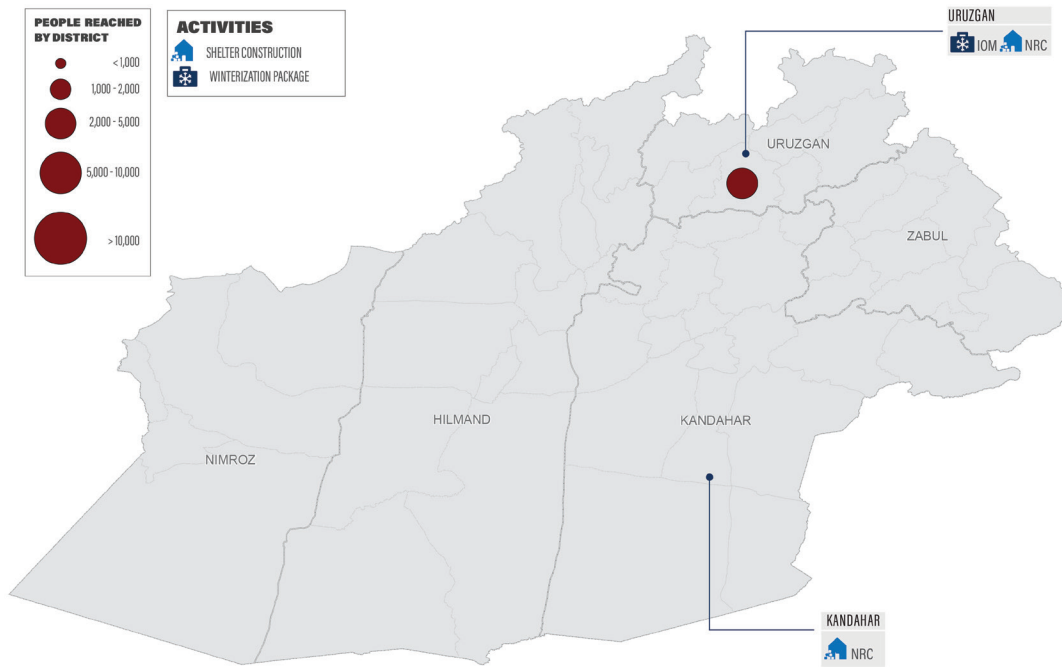
Southern



In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

199,501
PLANNED REACH

3,204 (2%)
BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
2,778	-	426	-	-

Number of individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- Joint Assessments were led by IOM in Zabul, Helmand, and Nimroz provinces where a total of 503 natural disaster families were identified for emergency assistance. Moreover, IRC successfully completed the winterization In-Kind assessment of 1,382 Households amongs which 1,200 were identified for the assistance in Nawzad district of Helmand province

Gaps / Challenges

- On 14 February 2023, in Kandahar province, UNHCR could not monitor the progress of households supported with shelter interventions due to interference by the de facto authorities.
- The provision of shelter assistance to women remains limited mainly due to a lack of land ownership rights.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) reported that due to the ban on women aid workers since late Dec 2022, it has stopped its activities including ES/NFIs. As a result, NRC is not able to assist any new families in need of ES/NFIs in the region until now. In addition, NRC's Afghan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) project coordination with the Arghandab district governor remains unsolved since Aug 2022, due to unacceptable demands from the local authorities.

Northeastern



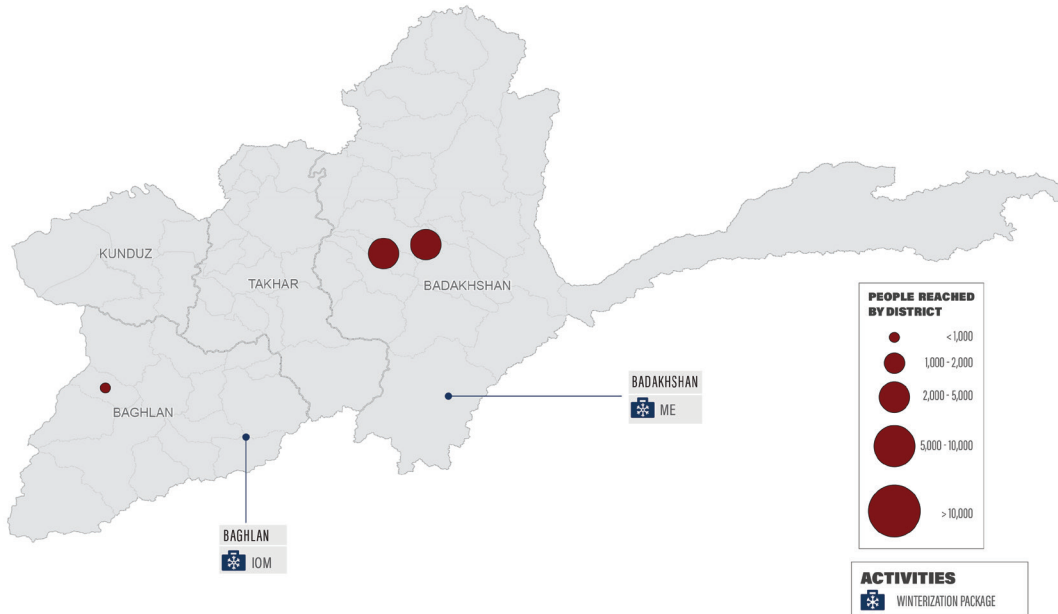
2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

149,335

PLANNED REACH

5,628 (4%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
5,040	-	-	-	-

Number of individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- Afghanistan Development and Education Organizatio (ADEO) also completed the assessment of 1,170 families for NFI distribution in Khost-wa-Firing and Gozargahi Noor district of Baghlan province, The ADEO NFI kit would be containing blanket, wooden stove, children cloth including socks, jackets, some burning wood.
- A joint assessment team including IOM, DACAAR, and ANDMA assessed 25 natural disaster affected families reported by ANDMA in Kunduz center and out of that, only 17 families were identified as most vulnerable and affected families.

Gaps / Challenges

- Ministry of Economy has delayed signing agreement with ANDMA due to internal administrative reasons from their side which had delayed the winterization and other infrastructure projects registration and documentation.
- Banning female staff from working in national and international organization by the de facto authority has resulted in difficulty to verify the female beneficiaries during the assessment and distribution and delay in implementation.

Western

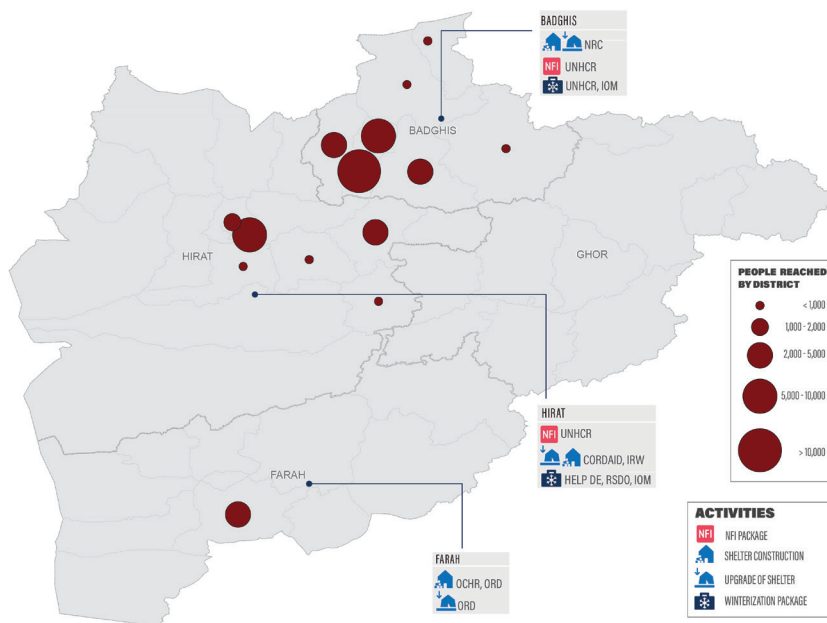


In 2022 (HRP & ReportHub data)

184,669
PLANNED REACH

43,087 (23%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
-	4,561	2,141	-	9,299

Number of individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- UNHCR through its Implementing partner Ansari Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan (ARAA) has conducted a The Rapid Household Assessments (RHAF) with Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) assessment of 6 IDP returnees families in Herat for provision of transportation assistance.
- IOM as lead of natural disaster, conduct an assessment in affected heavy rainfall areas in Herat province and identified 18 families in eligible for humanitarian assistance.
- IRC conducted an assessment and identified 423 Households in Pashtun Zarghun district for provision of winterization assistance and Identified 545 families in Chesht-a Sharif for provision of winter clothing assistance.
- DRC assessed 400 households in Herat and Identified 120 households eligible for the shelter self-repair assistance.
- UNHCR through its ARAA implementing partner (IP) has conducted RAHF/MRZ assessment of 2,383 IDPs and IDP returnees families in Badghis who were evicted from IDP settlements of Qale Now assessed 60 families for provision of transportation assistance.
- IOM-HAB as lead of natural disaster, conduct an assessment in flood affected areas in Badghis province and identified 23 families in eligible for humanitarian assistance.
- UNHCR through its ARAA IP has conducted RHAF/MRZ assessment of 116 families for distribution of solar panels and assessed 3 families in Farah city for provision of transportation assistance.
- UNHCR through its ARAA IP has conducted a RHAF/MRZ assessment of 7 IDP returnees families in Firozkoah for provision of transportation assistance in Ghor province.
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)/ Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) has conducted need assessment for winterization assistance in Feroz Koh of Ghor provinces and identified around 500 most vulnerable and eligible IDP, returnees and natural disasters affected families for winterization assistance

Gaps / Challenges

- Ban of female working by DFA is a major challenge regarding the implementation of activities and service delivery.
- Due to heavy snow and harsh cold it was difficult to transfer the winterization kits to the distribution points in Ghor province.
- Due to limitations imposed by the authorities on women’s activities, the survey teams in all four provinces lacked female staff, which made it difficult to reach and identify the most vulnerable women beneficiaries for assistance.
- Adverse weather condition caused delay in conducting of RHAF assessment in remote areas of the Western provinces.
- Interference of DFA on in Ghor province and restriction on delivering humanitarian activities is one of the major challenges in Ghor province, the temperature in Ghor is -28 degree and people are in dire need of winterization assistance.