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Regional Monthly Update

01 - 31 August 2024

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Between January and August 2024, the Shelter Cluster, along with over 43 partners, provided vital emergency shelter and NFI assistance to more than 713,000 individuals affected by extreme winter conditions, heavy rains, and flash floods across the country. This included emergency shelter assistance for nearly 21,900 individuals, basic household items for over 189,000 individuals, and support for repairs and transitional shelter for more than 46,500 individuals and reaching more than 23,600 women-headed households.



Heavy rains and floods have caused over 449 fatalities, leaving thousands homeless. More than 18,000 families lack funding to repair or rebuild homes, with winter approaching, making construction efforts urgent. This includes more than 500 families displaced in Ghor currently residing in tents, another 300 families at risk of landslide in Badakhshan.

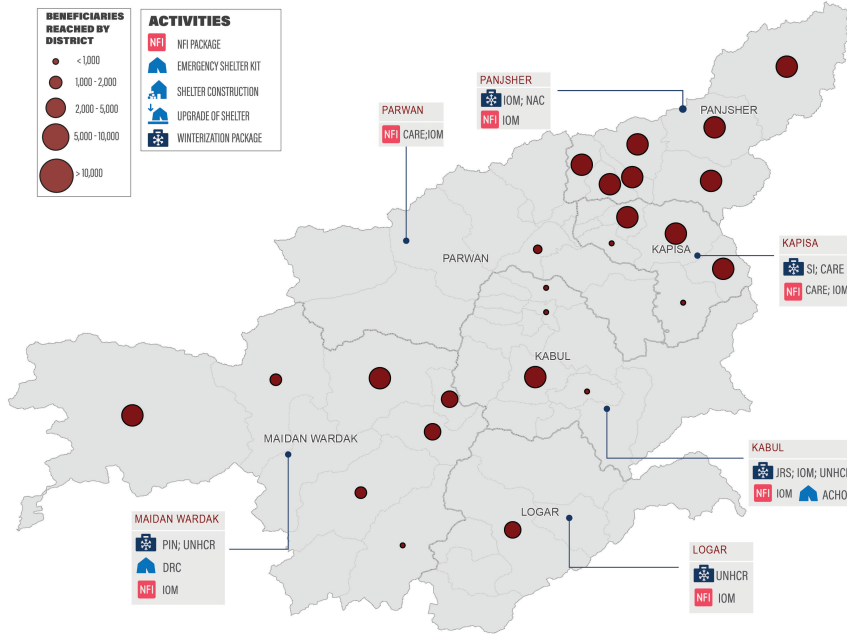


The combination of the flood events and other emerging risks compounds early onset winter needs. More than 1 million acutely vulnerable people across the country require assistance to mitigate vulnerabilities associated with the winter season. The lack of adequate shelter, fuel, and heaters increases the danger of respiratory infections and hypothermia, necessitating urgent, lifesaving winter assistance and early funding.



Approximately 679,000 Afghan returnees have arrived since September 15, with 87 per cent citing shelter as their top need. Insufficient funding and lack of access to adequate shelter has left them living in poor conditions, with many facing risk of secondary displacement as host families run out of resources.

Capital



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

243,136

PLANNED REACH

151,706 (62%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
151,946	4,657	409	-	-

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment team, comprising IOM, WFP/ARADA, CHA, DRC, SCI, UNICEF, ADHEHSO, WSTA/UNHCR, and HRROA, conducted assessments in Kabul, Parwan, and Panjshir provinces to evaluate the needs of households affected by heavy rainfall and flooding.
- The assessments identified the following families eligible for humanitarian assistance:
 - Kabul: 244 households
 - Parwan: 14 households
 - Panjshir: 4 households
- Additionally, DRC assessed the hard-to-reach area of Chak district in Maidan Wardak province and identified 295 households for full MPCA assistance. In Sayed Abad district, DRC selected 14 households to receive support to construct transitional shelter.
- NRC also identified 65 families for shelter upgrades and 20 families to receive support to construct transitional shelter in Khaki Jabar district, Kabul province. Relevant technical assessments, bill of quantities and MoUs are already finalized.

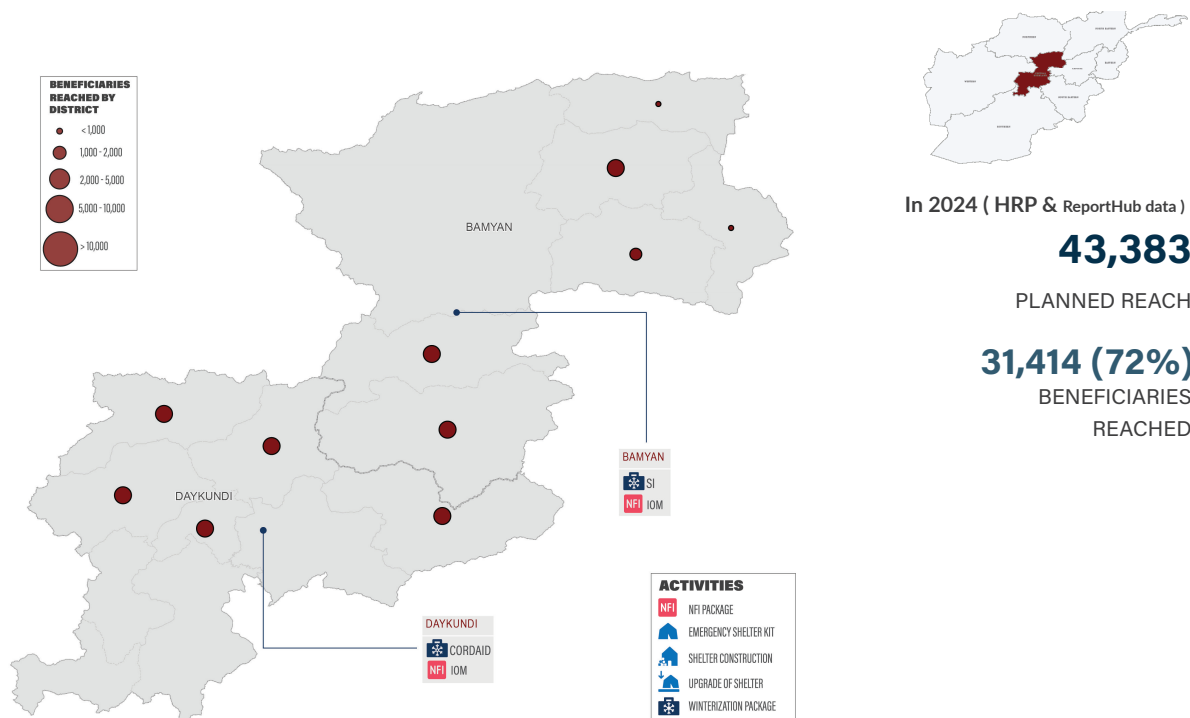
Response

- IOM provided cash assistance for NFIs, amounting to 9,000 AFN per household, to 244 families in Kabul and 14 families in Parwan provinces.
- Save the Children distributed reduced MPCA of 11,000 AFN per household to 244 families in Kabul, while DRC provided the same amount of MPCA to families in Parwan.
- ACHRO/UNHCR is progressing with the construction of shelters. for 19 families in Qarabagh district where 95% of the work is completed and for 31 families in Bagrami district where 40% of the work completed.
- In Chak district, Maidan Wardak province, DRC distributed full MPCA (22,000 AFN per household) to 295 vulnerable households and reduced MPCA of 11,000 AFN per household to 14 families in Parwan province.

Gaps / Challenges

- Although construction activities have resumed, some delays were noted due to a request for re-verification of the implementation and selection process following the turnover and appointment of new authorities. Some interferences have also been observed impeding ongoing construction efforts.

Central Highland



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

43,383

PLANNED REACH

31,414 (72%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
29,208	3,654	-	-	-

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Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

Bamyán Province

- SI, in collaboration with other humanitarian partners, assessed 184 families in Saighan and Kahmrad districts in need of humanitarian assistance.
- IRC, together with other partners, assessed 62 families in Yakwlang #1 district in need of humanitarian support.
- UNHCR/WSTA assessed 108 families in Bamyán center and surrounding districts for reintegration, permanent shelter, and multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA).
- Daikundi Province
- UNHCR/WSTA assessed 64 families in Daikundi center and districts for reintegration, permanent shelter, and MPCA assistance.

Response

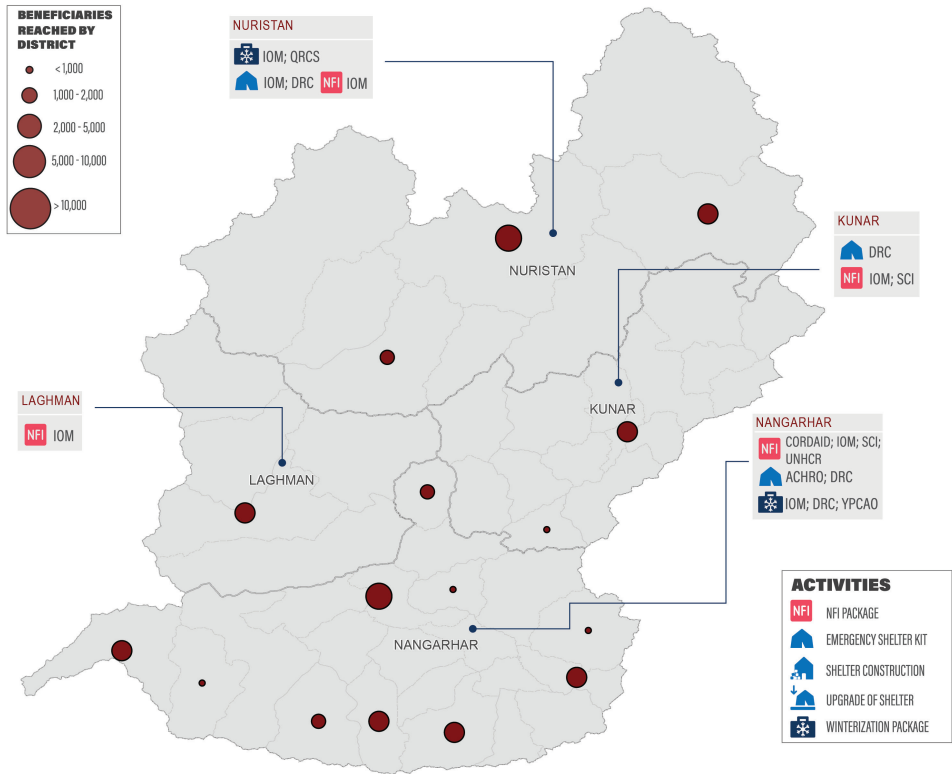
Bamyán Province

- IRC distributed multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) to all 62 households affected by natural disasters in Yakwlang #1 district.
- SI provided MPCA to 184 natural disaster-affected households in Saighan and Kahmrad districts.
- UNHCR/WSTA initiated the construction of 108 shelters in Bamyán and 64 shelters in Daikundi.

Gaps / Challenges

- The ban on female workers imposed by the DFA remains a major challenge across the region, affecting all partners.
- There is a lack of capacity for transitional shelter and repair support in the region, for families whose homes were damaged by flash floods.
- Time-consuming bureaucratic processes, especially regarding the signing of MOUs, continue to hinder operations.

Eastern



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

74,848
PLANNED REACH

93,112 (124%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
34,401	45,472	414	-	10,069

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

Nangarhar Province: During the reporting period, multiple joint assessment teams, including IOM, DRC, WFP, CWASA, SCI, IRC, and UNICEF/OCHR, assessed 1,540 flood-affected families, identifying 779 families as eligible for emergency humanitarian assistance.

- A second joint assessment team consisting of IRC, IOM, WFP, DACAAR, UNHCR/WAW, and ANDMA assessed 70 flood-affected families and identified 21 families for emergency assistance.
- An ongoing joint assessment by NRC and ANDMA is being conducted for windstorm-affected families, with NRC planning to support 136 families with major shelter upgrades and 150 families with cash for rent.
- Additionally, a joint team involving UNHCR/WAW, WFP, SCI, PU-AMI, NRC, ACTED, IRC, CiC, OCHR, DRC, and DoRR assessed 700 families displaced by border conflict, finding 397 families eligible for emergency assistance.

Kunar Province :A joint assessment team comprising IOM, ANDMA, DRC, WFP, and UN-Women assessed 128 families affected by heavy rainfall and floods, identifying 66 families eligible for emergency assistance.

Laghman Province: A joint team of IOM, WFP, IRC, and ANDMA assessed 284 flood-affected families, with 135 found eligible for emergency aid.

Response

Nangarhar Province: DRC provide repair support to 45 families whose homes were moderately damaged and to 33 families whose homes were severely damaged. In addition, the partners also distributed the second installment of to 22 families targeted with transitional shelter assistance (30sqm) and another to 8 families (40sqm)

- UNHCR/WAW distributed 715 NFI kits to families displaced by border conflict.
- IOM provided cash for NFIs (9,000 AFN per family) to 779 families and emergency shelters (tents) to 125 families.

Kunar Province: IOM distributed NFI kits to 66 families and emergency shelters (tents) to 20 families.

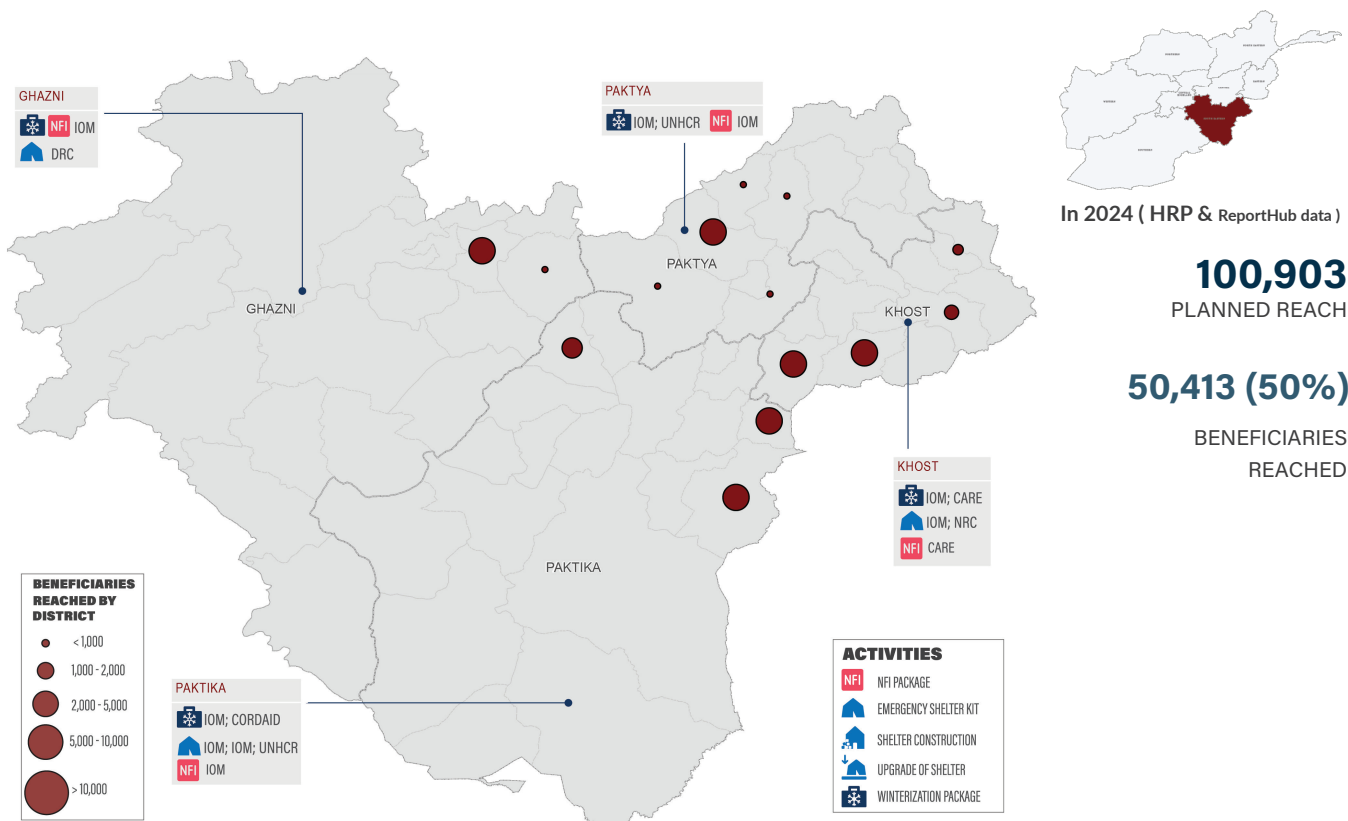
- DRC distributed the second installment for shelter support to 16 families. The third installment was distributed to 5 families,

Laghman Province: IOM distributed NFI kits to 62 families and emergency shelters (tents) to 12 families.

Gaps / Challenges

- A staff shortage in the interagency joint assessment team has delayed emergency assessments and responses.
- Distribution points are limited in Kunar, Laghman, and Nuristan due to restrictions on using government premises.
- Limited capacity and resources for repairs and transitional shelters among partners in the region.
- Interference from the DFA in some areas has disrupted the distribution of humanitarian aid.
- Restrictions imposed by the decree on women have resulted in a shortage of female staff on assessment teams, making it difficult to identify and assist and verify vulnerable women and girls during implementation.
- Partners in the region lack resources to address shelter repairs and transitional shelter gaps in the region is insufficient.
- Restrictions on female staff working in non-governmental organizations remain a significant challenge.

Southeastern



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
38,648	1,795	3,189	-	1,191

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment team comprising IOM, IRC, ANDMA, WFP, and UNICEF conducted rapid assessments in Zurmat, Chamkani, Dand Pathan, and Ahmad Abad districts, identifying 13 households whose shelters and NFIs were damaged by flash floods. The JAT recommended emergency relief items and shelter upgrades for these families. In second assessment, 12 households in Zurmat district, Paktya, were also found to be affected by flash floods, with similar recommendations for NFI and shelter upgrades.
- Additionally, a joint assessment involving IOM, WSTA, DRC, WFP, UNICEF, and ANDMA identified 21 households affected by flash floods across different areas of Ghazni province, all of whom were recommended for emergency shelter, NFIs, and shelter upgrades.
- Through a detailed sectoral assessment, DRC identified 45 households for transitional shelter and 38 for shelter repair in Dehyak and Qarabagh districts of Ghazni.

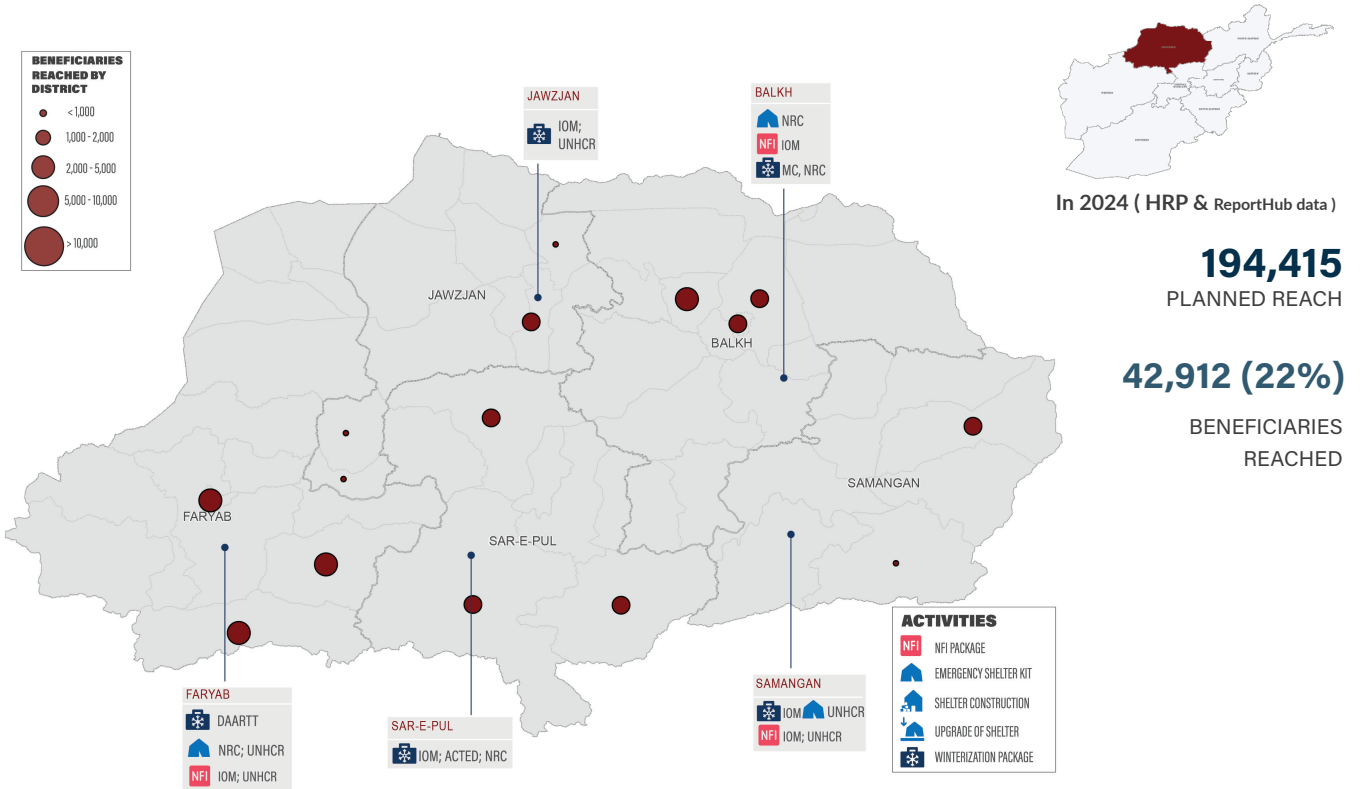
Response

- IOM distributed NFIs and emergency shelter assistance to 25 households affected by flash floods in various districts of Paktya province, as assessed by the JAT.
- In Ghazni province, IOM provided cash for NFIs to 21 households, while DRC covered MPCA for the same households affected by flash floods and heavy rainfalls.
- UNHCR distributed the second installment of cash for transitional shelter to 721 families in Giyan district, Paktika, who were impacted by the June 2022 earthquake.

Gaps / Challenges

- The female work ban and the recently ratified law has raised concerns about the participation of female staff and access to women and girls in some areas, partners have recommended their female staff not to report to the office.

Northern



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

194,415
PLANNED REACH

42,912 (22%)
BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
23,107	14,804	105	4,539	666

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- The recent MRAT assessment data indicates that shelter is one of the top three priorities in the northern region.

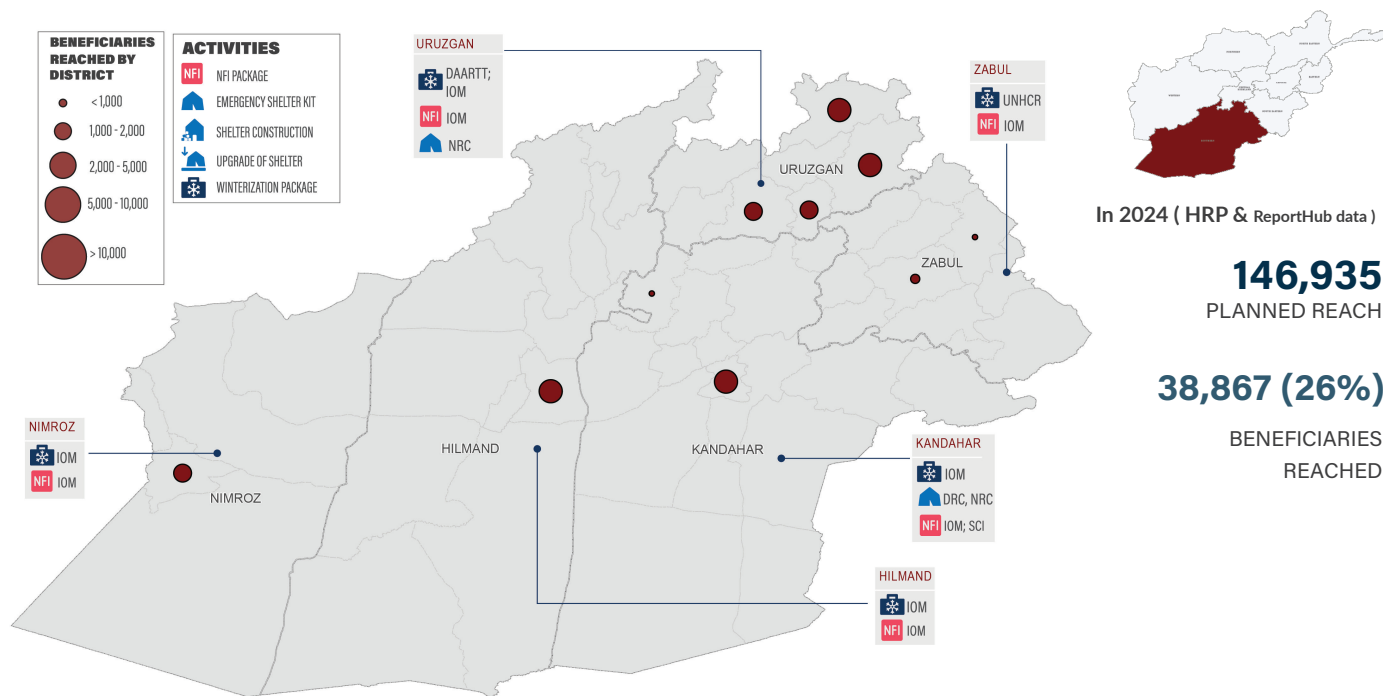
Response

- ACHRO/ UNHCR, has commenced the implementation of 594 permanent shelters in the northern region, with the project slated for completion by the end of December 2024.

Gaps / Challenges

- Shelter needs in the region remain high, and no partners have yet reported confirmed capacity to meet these needs.
- The newly ratified law has raised concerns about the participation of female staff and access to women and girls as beneficiaries in shelter-related activities.

Southern



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
26,211	11,701	119	-	1,804

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- IRW assessed and verified 100 families for transitional shelter assistance and 110 families for shelter repair in Arghistan district, Kandahar province.
- A joint assessment team constituting of IOM, WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, NRC, DRC, and WAW, was conducted in Kandahar and Zabol provinces, identifying 88 families eligible for humanitarian emergency assistance due to heavy rainfall.
- Additionally, NRC assessed and verified 207 families in Zabol province for minor shelter upgrades.

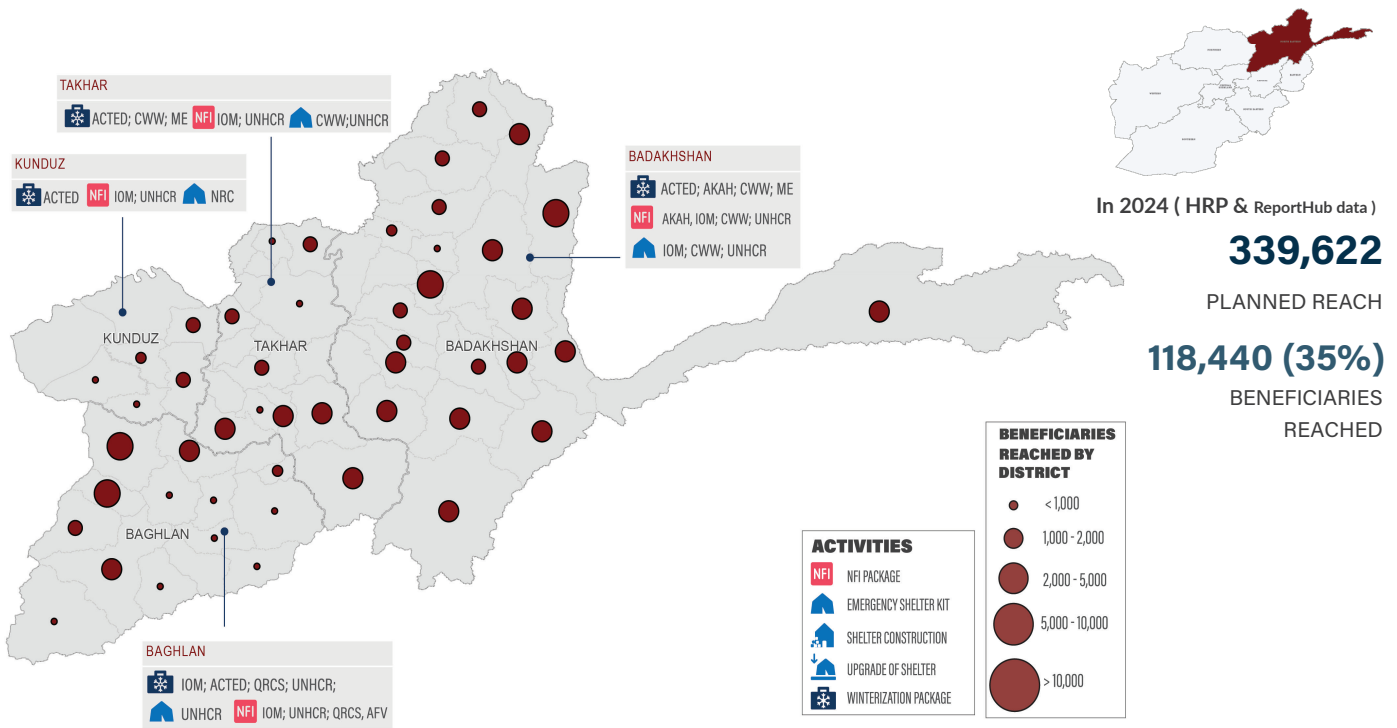
Response

- DRC provided the second installment of shelter repair assistance, along with a reduced MPCA, to 11 households affected by flooding in Ghorak district, Kandahar province.
- IRW distributed the first installment of transitional shelter support to 100 families, the second installment to 38 families, and the third installment to 22 families in Arghistan district, Kandahar province. For shelter repairs, IRW also provided the first installment to 107 families and the second installment to 81 families in the same area.
- UNHCR /ACHRO, completed the construction of 38 transitional shelters in Kandahar and Uruzgan provinces, with construction of the remaining 173 shelters progressing as planned.
- SCI distributed 29 emergency shelter repair toolkits to families affected by heavy rainfall and floods in Arghistan and Maruf districts, filling a gap identified by the ES/NFI cluster.
- IOM provided cash for NFIs to 29 families affected by heavy rainfall in Maruf and Arghistan districts and distributed NFIs to 49 families affected by heavy rainfall in Shinky district, Zabol province.

Gaps / Challenges

- Partners reported that providing shelter assistance to women remains limited due to cultural sensitivities. Additionally, the lack of land ownership rights significantly hinders the construction of permanent shelters in urban areas of Kandahar districts.
- Recent heavy rainfall and floods in the southern region, starting in March, have severely damaged 1,436 homes and destroyed 473 homes. A critical gap remains in medium-term shelter support (shelter repair/upgrade and transitional shelter) for these affected families, who are in urgent need of shelter assistance.

Northeastern



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
47,917	65,118	-	4,462	10,698

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- Joint assessment teams constituting of IOM, ACTED, AKAH, ANDMA, and ACF) have assessed 5 destroyed and 4 severely damaged shelters in Yumgan and Faizabad districts, Badakhshan province.
- ACTED has outlined capacity to provide 200 shelter upgrades in Takhar and Kunduz provinces, 520 winterization assistance packages in Takhar and Kunduz provinces and Cash-for-rent assistance for 50 families in Kunduz city center.

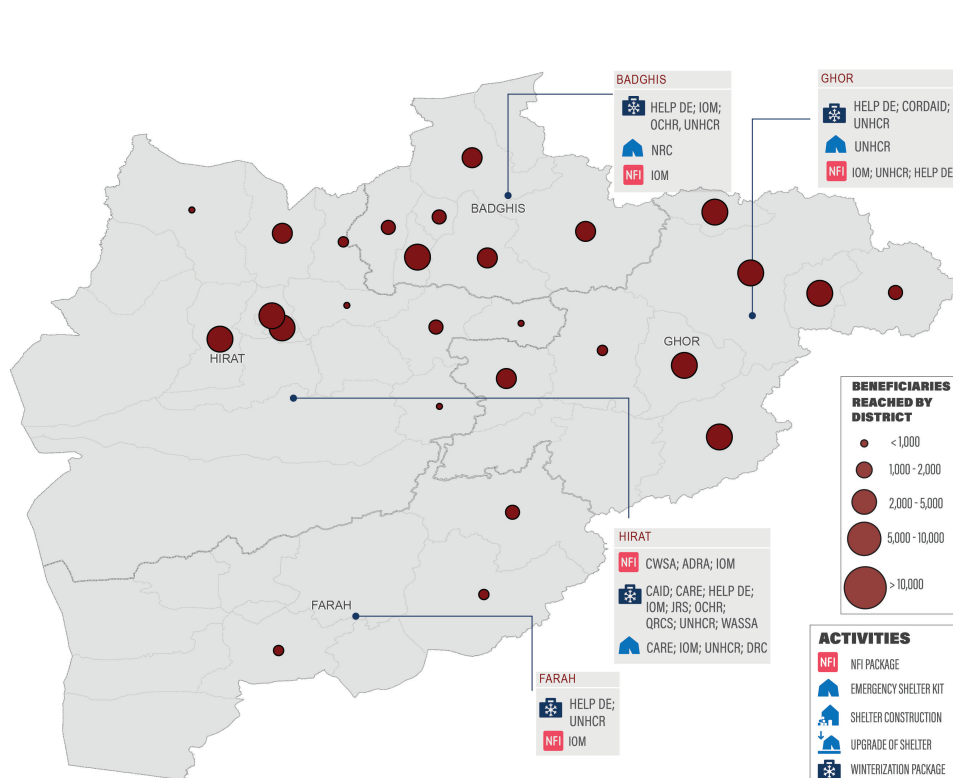
Response

- IOM and AKAH have provided 9 NFIs and 5 emergency shelters (tents) to the 9 assessed families in Badakhshan.
- UNHCR has distributed 8 NFIs and 8 tents to refugee returnees and IDP returnees in Kunduz, Archi district, and Kunduz city center.

Gaps / Challenges

- The region is facing significant challenges in the reconstruction of shelters and provision of winterization assistance to families affected by natural disasters, as well as for the recent returnees from Pakistan and Iran, for 2024.

Western



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

545,465
PLANNED REACH

186,999 (34%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
127,818	42,294	13,392	12,903	4,465

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- UNDP has initiated a technical assessment for 400 beneficiaries of transitional shelter assistance in Kushk district, Herat province.
- UNHCR conducted a rapid household assessment covering 787 IDP, returnee, and host families across western region provinces (216 in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi district, Herat; 298 in Qala-e Naw, Badghis; and 273 in Feroz Koh, Ghor).
- NRC has assessed and selected 20 families for transitional shelter and 90 families for shelter repair assistance in Ghormach district, Badghis province.

Response

- IOM has provided the second and third installments to 1,500 earthquake-affected households for shelter construction.
- UNHCR delivered 64 NFIs, clothing, and 6 tents to flood-affected households in Tolak district, Ghor province.
- DRC provided the second and final installment for shelter repair assistance to 68 beneficiaries in Farah province.
- Help Germany, in partnership with RSDO, distributed 141 NFIs to flood-affected households in Ghor province.

Gaps/Challenges

- The reconstruction of damaged shelters in Ghor province remains a significant gap. With the cold season approaching, the situation for flood-affected households is extremely concerning.