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Regional Monthly Update

01 - 30 September 2024

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Between January and September 2024, the Shelter Cluster, along with over 43 partners, provided vital emergency shelter and NFI assistance to more than 718,500 individuals affected by heavy 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 192,500 individuals, and support for repairs and transitional shelter for more than 46,900 individuals while reaching more than 23,600 women-headed households.



With the onset of the winter season, more than 18,400 families affected by heavy rains and floods across the country remain in damaged shelters, some in tents, due to a lack of resources to repair or rebuild their homes. This includes more than 500 families displaced in Ghor currently residing in tents, another 300 families at risk of landslide in Badakhshan province.

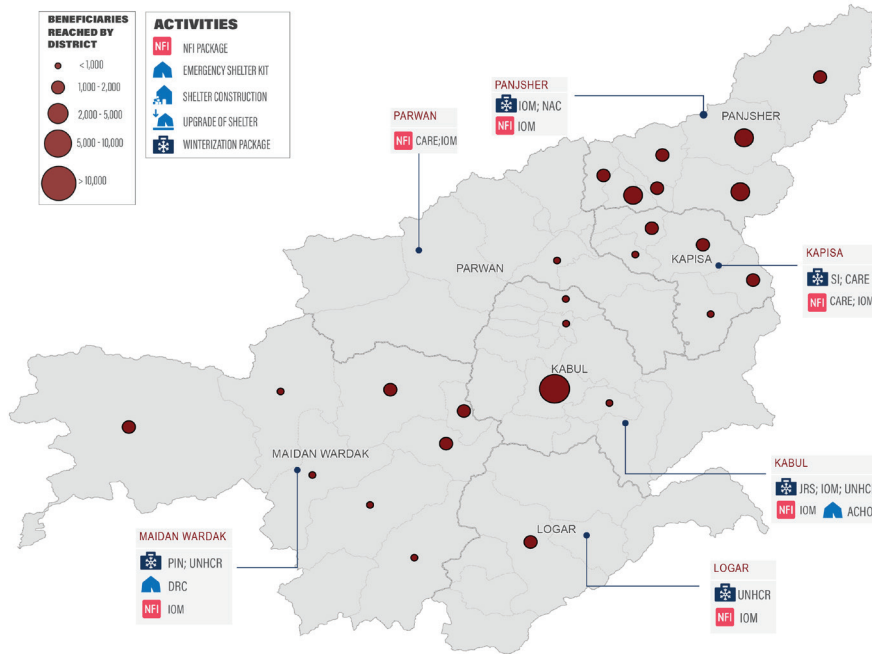


The combination of the flood events and other emerging risks compounds early onset winter needs. More than 1 million acutely vulnerable people across the country require assistance to mitigate vulnerabilities associated with the winter season. The lack of adequate shelter, fuel, and heaters increases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



Approximately 734,817 individuals have returned to Afghanistan since September 15 with thirty-three per cent (243,926 individuals) having returned since 1 January 2024. These families continue to reside in inadequate and undignified shelter conditions, with 87 per cent of returnee families identifying shelter as their top priority need at their place of destination.

Capital



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

243,136

PLANNED REACH

152,105 (63%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
151,946	4,657	719	-	-

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment identified 15 families in Parwan province requiring humanitarian assistance.
- IOM completed winterization needs assessments in multiple provinces, with ongoing assessments in Kabul and pending assessments in Logar.

The findings so far are as follows:

- * Kapisa: 203 families
- * Parwan: 305 families
- * Panjshir: 134 families
- * Maidan Wardak: 99 families
- NRC assessed 65 families for shelter upgrades and 20 families for transitional shelter assistance in Khake Jabe district, Kabul.
- PiN began providing multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to 468 families in Sayed Abad district, Maidan Wardak, benefiting returnees, IDPs, and vulnerable host communities.
- UN-Habitat initiated an assessment in the Dag-i-Tarakhil area, Bagrami district, Kabul, to identify 200 vulnerable families for shelter repairs.

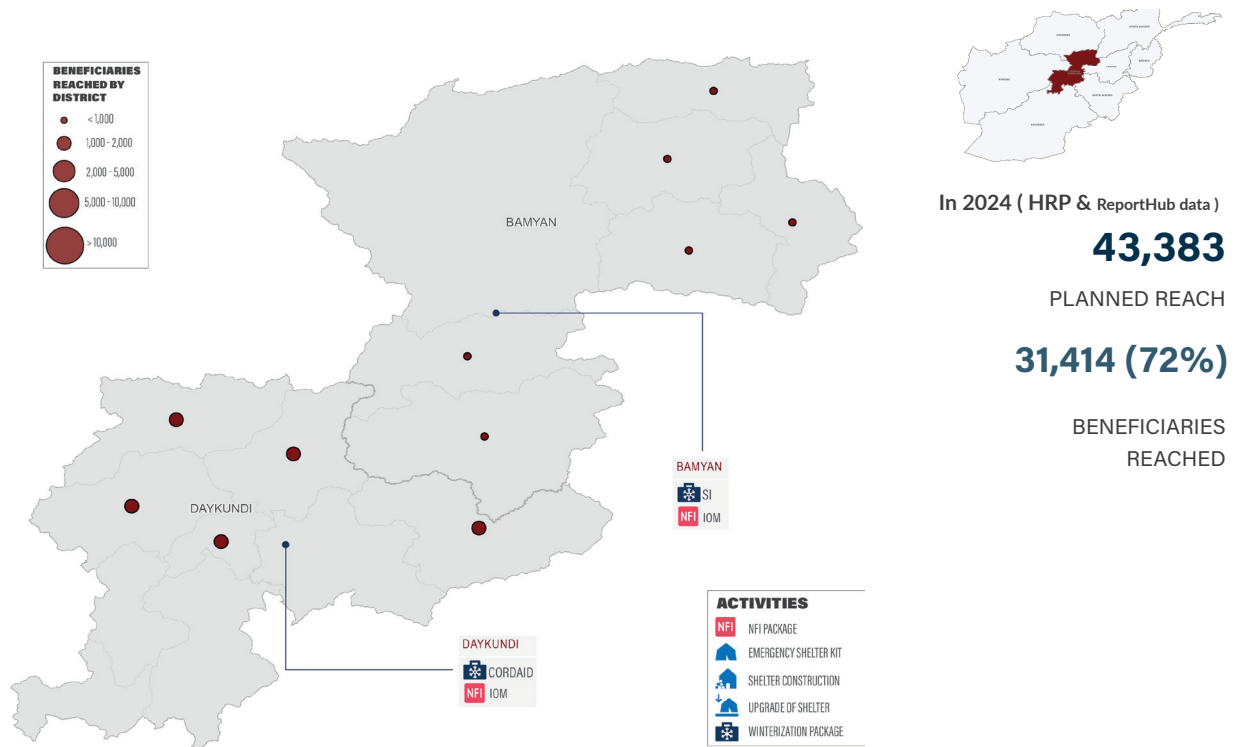
Response

- ACHRO completed shelter repair and transitional shelter construction in Bagrami and Qarabagh districts, Kabul province.
- IOM provided cash assistance for NFIs to 15 families affected by heavy rainfall in Parwan province during the reporting period.
- DRC distributed cash assistance to 21 families in Jalrez and Sayed Abad districts for transitional shelter support (first installment to 11 families and third installment to 10 families) and provided reduced MPCA to 15 families affected by natural disasters in Parwan province.

Gaps / Challenges

- Partners have identified gaps in WASH services and assistance for the construction of boundary walls for 60 families that received shelters in Takana village, Jalrez district.

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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3,654

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- UNHCR and WSTA assessed 415 families in Bamyan and 245 families across various districts in Daikundi for winterization assistance. Assessments are also underway for major and minor shelter repairs in Bamyan and Daikundi, targeting 300 families.
- IRC assessed 812 vulnerable families in Bamyan province for multipurpose cash (MPC) assistance.

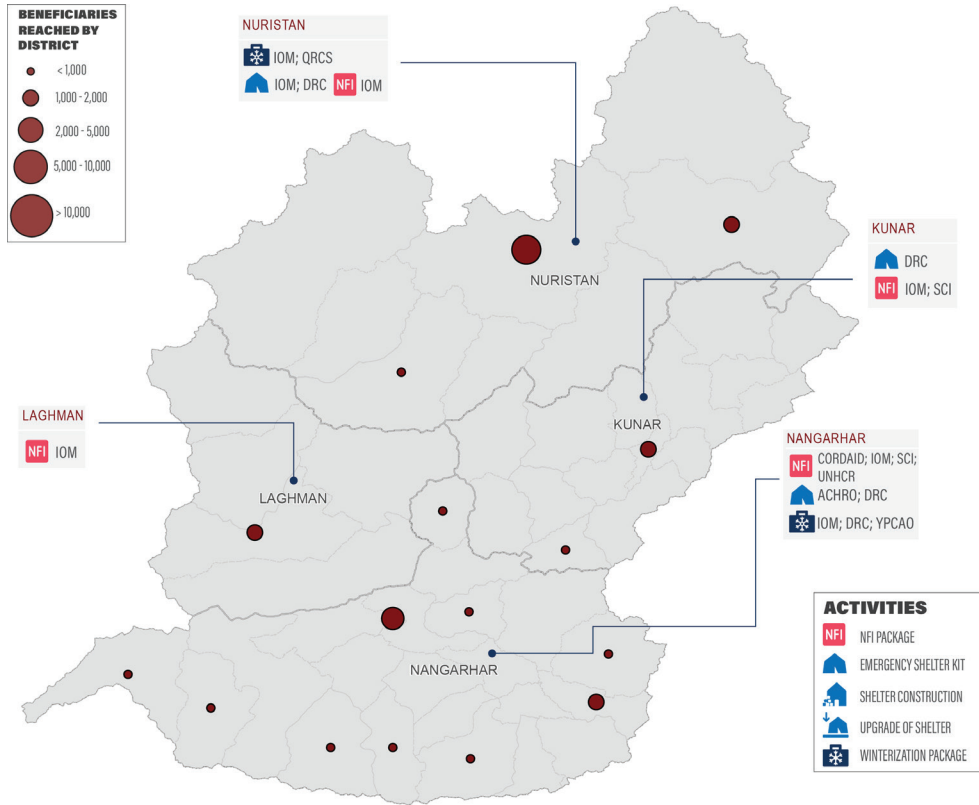
Response

- UNHCR and WSTA provided solar panels for lighting to 92 beneficiaries receiving shelter assistance.
- UNHCR and WSTA completed construction of 108 permanent shelters in Bamyan and Yakawlang districts, Bamyan, and an additional 18 permanent shelters in Daikundi province.

Gaps / Challenges

- The ban on female staff poses a significant challenge in the region, particularly in Daikundi province.
- There are concerns about delays in winterization assistance, as cold weather has already set in, yet support has not been delivered.
- Partners continue to report a lack of adequate resources, with specific gaps in transitional shelter support for flood-affected families.
- Partners report a lack of adequate resources to cover seasonal winter needs in priority districts in the region.
- Delays in signing the MoU remain a serious concern for timely assistance delivery.

Eastern



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

74,848
PLANNED REACH

95,528 (128%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
34,401	48,057	532	-	10,069

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

Nangarhar Province:

- Joint teams from IOM, WFP, DRC, and ANDMA assessed 98 disaster-affected families, deeming them in need of assistance.
- NRC and ANDMA assessed 173 families for cash-for-rent support, 9 families for one-room transitional shelters, and 60 families for major shelter upgrades. Additionally, they assessed 150 families for cash-for-rent, 128 families for major shelter upgrades, and 8 families for minor shelter upgrades.
- UN-Habitat launched a door-to-door household survey focused on identifying shelter repair needs among returnee families.

Kunar Province: A joint assessment team, including ARCS, WFP, DRC, and ANDMA, identified 20 families affected by natural disasters who require emergency assistance.

Laghman Province: A joint assessment team of IOM, WFP, SCI, and ANDMA assessed 19 families in need of humanitarian aid.

- A second team from SCI, WFP, and ANDMA identified 15 more families needing assistance, with the assessment ongoing.

Response

Nangarhar Province:

- ACTED provided the third installment of shelter assistance along with repair toolkits to 150 families.
- DRC offered technical support for 95 transitional shelters and 212 shelter repairs, while also assisting 16 families with minor shelter repairs and 9 families with major shelter repairs.
- DRC distributed the second installment of transitional shelter assistance to 18 beneficiaries with 30-square-meter shelters and 14 families with 40-square-meter shelters.
- IRC provided cash assistance for NFIs to 21 families affected by natural disasters.

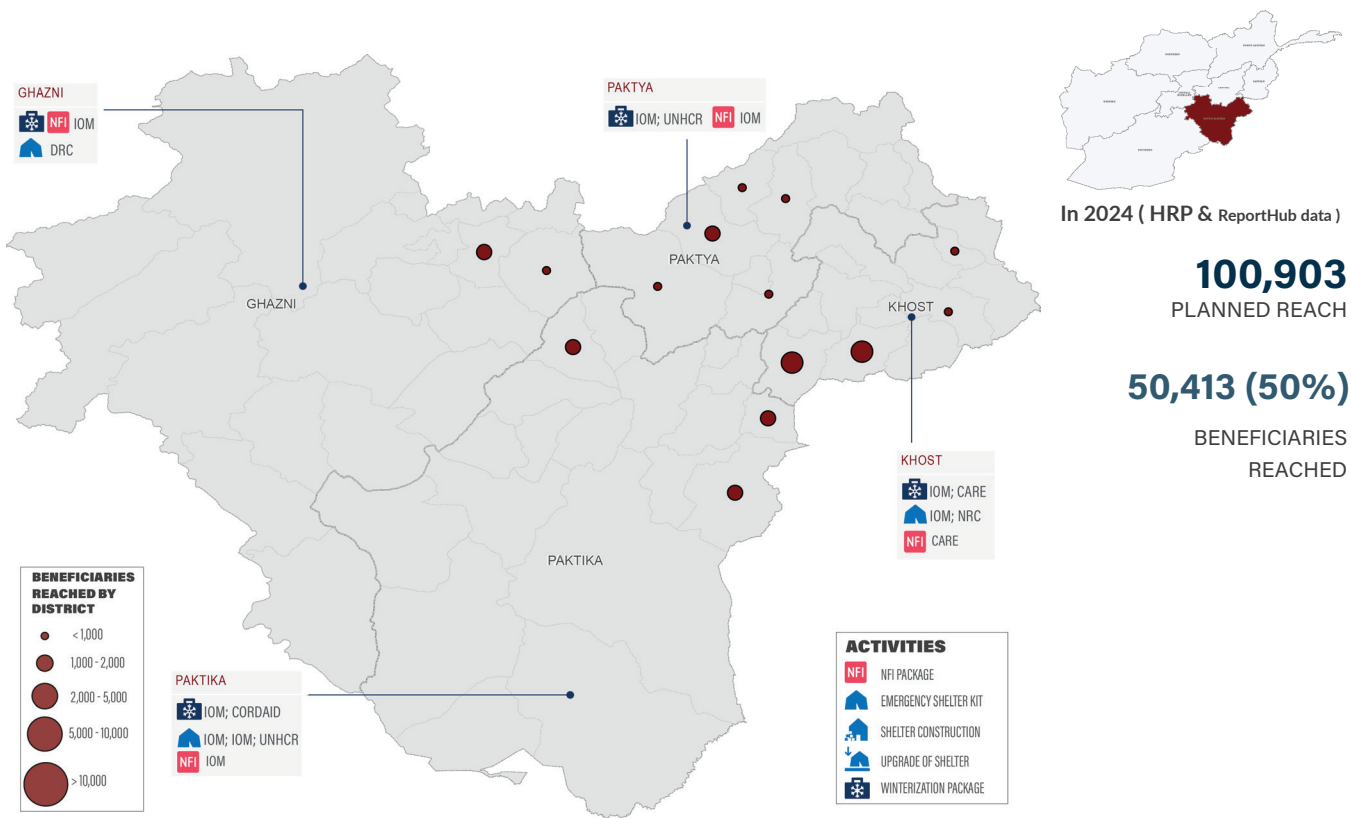
Kunar Province: DRC provided technical support for 16 transitional shelters, with construction currently in progress.

Laghman Province: IOM distributed NFI kits and emergency shelters to 108 families impacted by natural disasters.

Gaps / Challenges

- Delays in signing the MoU have had a significant negative impact on project timelines.
- Partners continue to report a lack of adequate resources to address residual shelter repairs and transitional shelter needs for families affected by heavy rains, floods, and returnees in the region.
- Limited distribution points in Kunar, Laghman, and Nuristan due to partner restrictions on using government facilities.
- DFA interference in the distribution of humanitarian aid in some areas.
- The ban on female staff presents a considerable challenge in the region, limiting female representation on assessment teams and restricting access to female beneficiaries.

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 inter-agency team, including IRC, WFP, UNICEF, and WSTA, identified 272 displaced families from Jajai Maidan district in Khost who had relocated to various villages and districts within Khost. These families were displaced due to armed clashes along the Durand Line between IEA and Pakistani forces.
- During the reporting period, IOM initiated a winterization assessment in the Southeastern region, targeting 924 families for standard winterization support across the area. The planned distribution includes 268 families in Paktya, 151 in Paktika, 437 in Ghazni, and 68 in Khost, focusing on natural disaster-affected families, returnees, and the most vulnerable host communities.

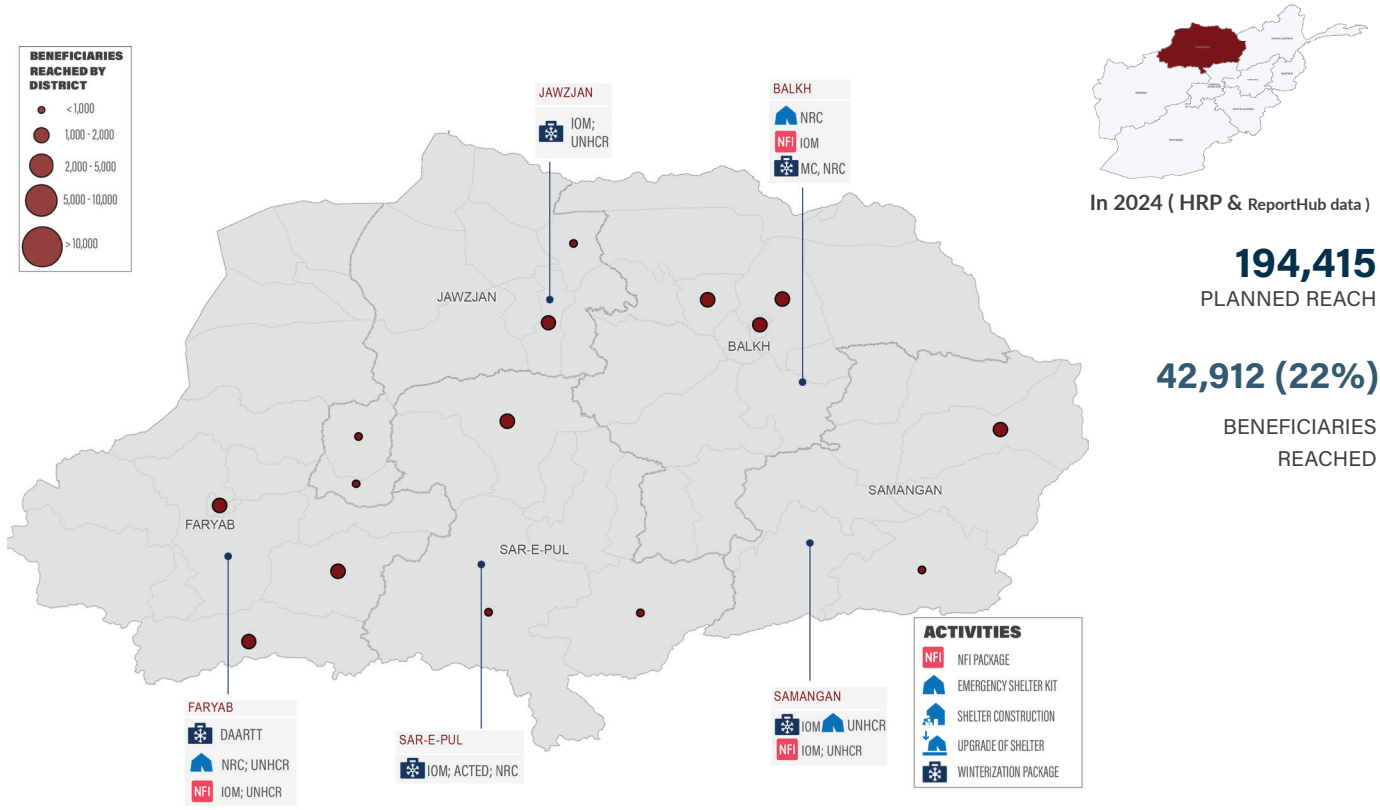
Response

- No response was reported during this period.

Gaps / Challenges

- The new PVPV policy further restrains the activities and operations of partners in the Southeastern region, restricting the participation of female in humanitarian program cycle.
- Partners report a lack of adequate resources to cover seasonal winter needs in priority districts in the region.

Northern



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

- No new assessments were conducted in September; however, winterization assessments are planned to begin in October. The need for permanent shelter remains a key gap in the northern region based on previous assessments.

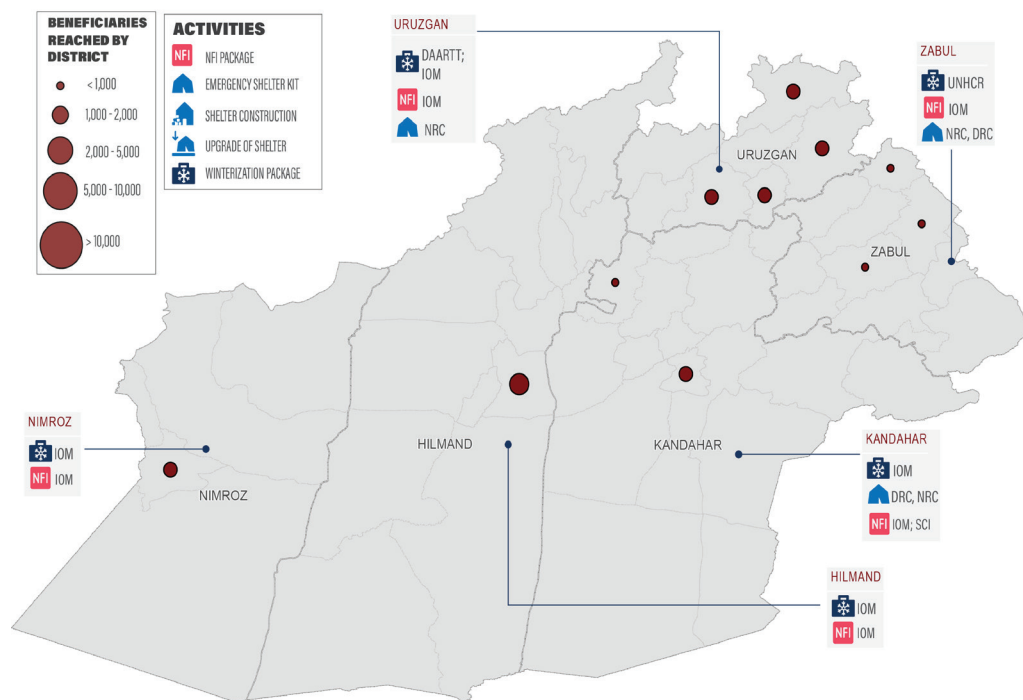
Response

- UNHCR, in partnership with ACHRO, provided technical support to 594 beneficiaries for shelter construction in the northern region. Construction progress across projects has reached 60%.

Gaps / Challenges

- There are significant gaps in the provision of transitional shelter in the region.

Southern



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

146,935
PLANNED REACH

39,624 (27%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
26,211	12,041	119	-	1,804

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- OHW identified 362 families in need of shelter repairs out of 802 families assessed in Kandahar city and Daman district under the AHF project.
- NRC conducted a rapid assessment for winter shelter and NFI needs in Khas Uruzgan district, Uruzgan Province, and assessed 42 families in need of minor shelter repairs in Qalat city, Zabul Province.

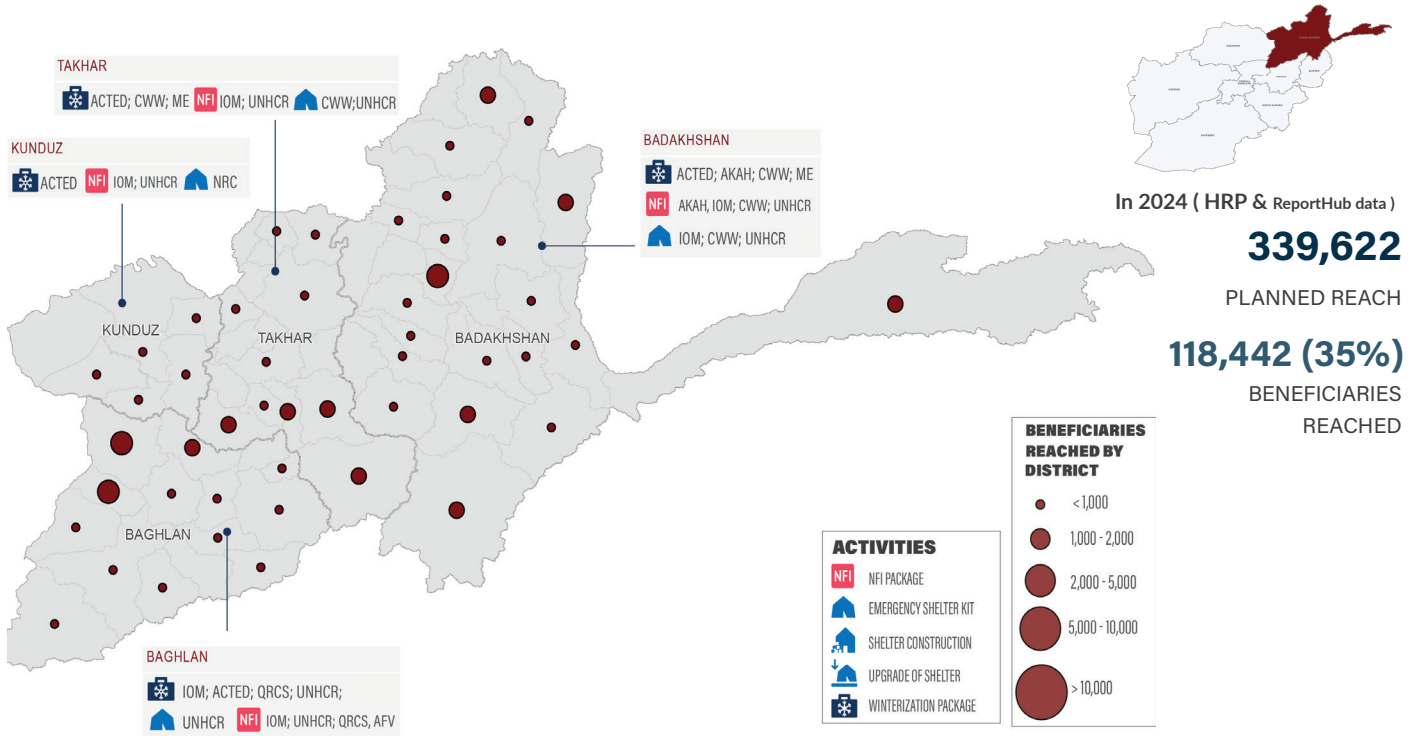
Response

- IRW provided the second installment of transitional shelter assistance to 56 families and the third installment to 11 families in Arghistan district, Kandahar Province. Additionally, 16 families received the second installment for shelter repairs in the same area.
- UNHCR, in partnership with ACHRO, completed the construction of 48 transitional shelters in Kandahar and Uruzgan provinces, with 164 more shelters currently under construction as planned.
- DRC disbursed the first installment for shelter repairs to 40 families and transitional shelter support to 27 families in Arghandab district. In Khak-e-Afghan district, Zabul Province, they provided the first installment for transitional shelter to 23 families and the second installment for shelter repairs to 70 families.
- IOM distributed NFI kits to 10 families affected by heavy rainfall in Arghandab and Nawbahar districts, Zabul Province, following a joint assessment.

Gaps / Challenges

- Cultural sensitivities have posed challenges to providing shelter assistance to women in the southern region.
- Partners continue to report a lack of adequate resources to address residual shelter needs for families affected by heavy rains, floods, and returnees in the region.

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

- IOM assessed 10 undocumented returnee families in Pule Khumri, Baghlan province, confirming their need for emergency shelter assistance

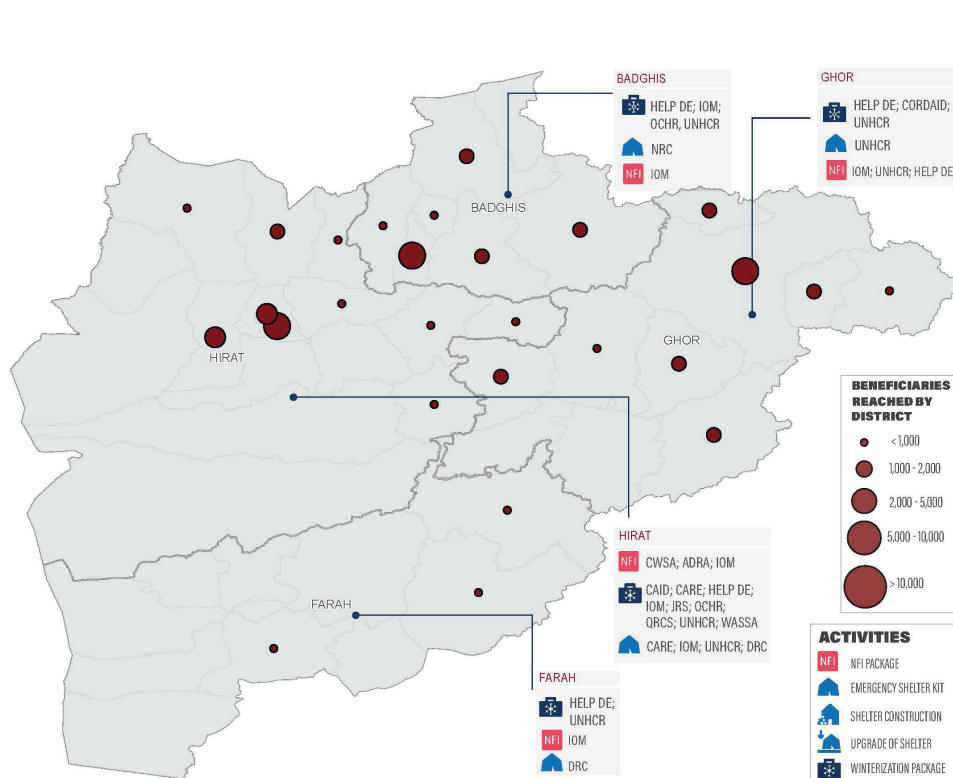
Response

- IOM provided repair toolkits to the 10 undocumented returnee families in Pule Khumri.

Gaps / Challenges

- Partners continue to report a lack of adequate resources to address residual shelter repairs and transitional shelter needs. for families affected by heavy rains and floods in the region.
- Partners report a lack of adequate resources to cover seasonal winter needs in priority districts in the region.

Western



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

545,465
PLANNED REACH

187,922 (34%)

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
127,818	42,437	13,392	12,903	4,465

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- IOM has commenced winterization needs assessments in four provinces in the Western Region, in line with ICCT winter prioritization. This assessment covers the provinces of Herat, Ghor, and Badghis, with 72% of the assessment completed.
- UNHCR conducted assessments for 291 families (IDPs, returnees, and host communities) across Western Region provinces—96 families in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi district, Herat, and 195 families in Feroz Koh, Ghor—to evaluate their humanitarian needs.

Response

- IOM provided family tents to 26 families in the Gamurak IDP settlement in Feroz Koh, Ghor province.
- Transitional shelter construction is underway in the earthquake-affected districts of Herat, supported by IOM, UNDP, ADRA, and ORCD.
- DRC is progressing with the construction of 65 shelter repairs/upgrades in Injil district.
- NRC continues shelter repair work in the Ghoramch and Bala Murghab districts of Badghis.

Gaps/Challenges

- No significant issues have been reported by partners.