

AFGHANISTAN: 2026/2027 SLSC WINTER RESPONSE



HH IN
NEED

61K



PLANNED
REACH

28K



PRIORITY
DISTRICTS

102



FUNDING REQUIRED
(US\$)

12.8M



FUNDING RECEIVED
(US\$)

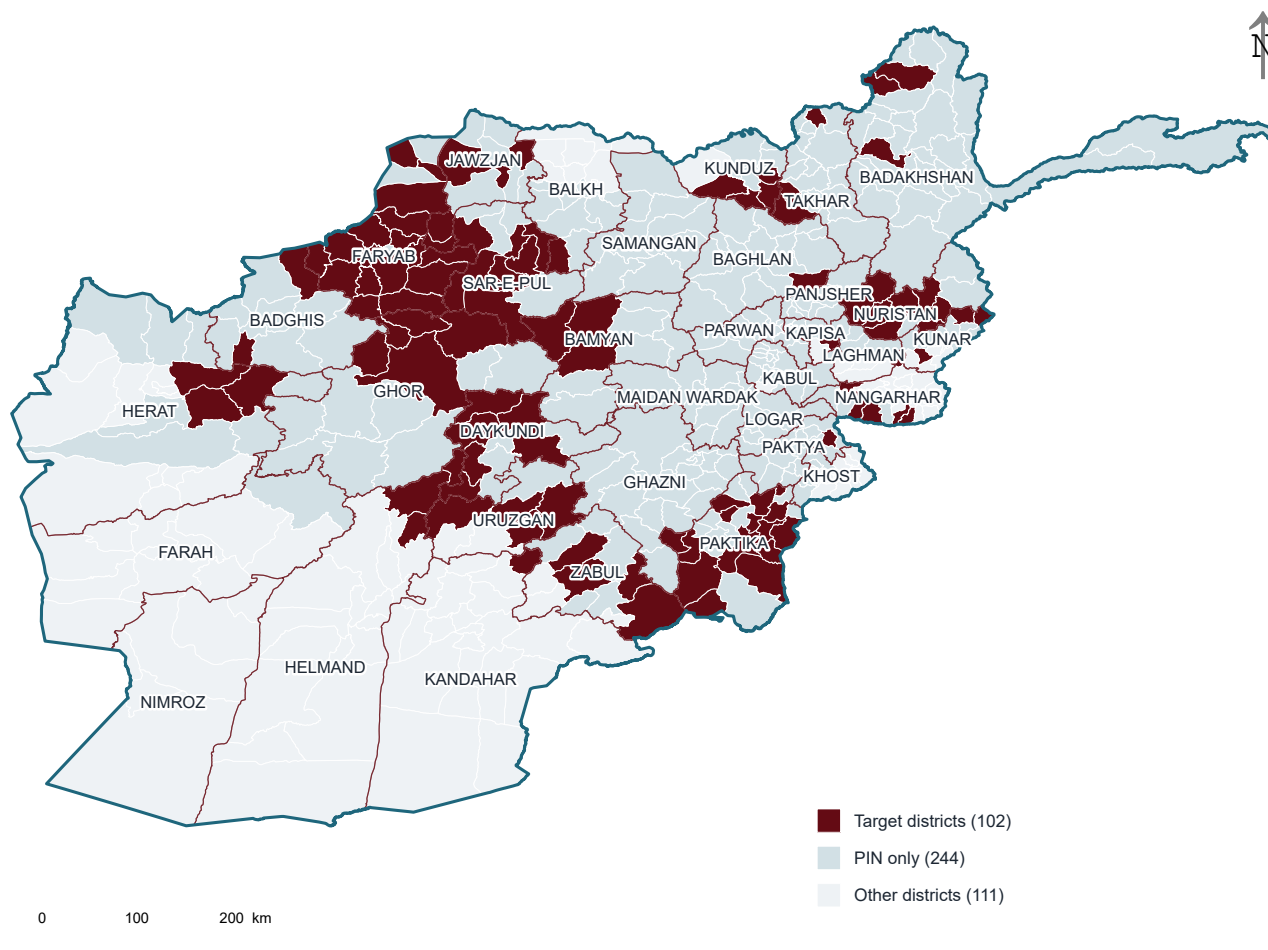
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FUNDING GAP

8.8M

2026/2027 WINTER PRIORITY DISTRICTS



RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AND UNIT COSTS

HEATING / FUEL
\$200 · three months

WINTER CLOTHING
\$74 per household

BLANKET MODULE
\$60.35 · 3 blankets + bag

The SLSC Cluster winter prioritization and response for 2026/2027 identifies locations facing seasonal risks during the October 2026 to March 2027 period.

Prioritization is based on a collective analysis of winter risks, district-level cluster priorities, response capacity and current MSRAF shelter-damage data, including locations affected by natural disasters.

Cluster-specific prioritization identifies 102 districts with temperatures of +5°C or below and intersectoral or SLSC severity of 4 or above as high-priority winter response locations.

Seasonal Risks

- The current MSRAF shelter-damage analysis identifies 241 districts with reported shelter damage, of which 183 have winter temperatures of +5°C or below.
- Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan continue to face shelter and housing needs in places of return. Many returnee families live in inadequate and undignified shelter conditions, struggle to access basic services and face the risk of secondary displacement.
- The current MSRAF analysis records 14,873 damaged or destroyed shelters. Affected families face precarious shelter conditions that offer little protection against the elements and lack privacy and dignity. These families require seasonal winter assistance.

Priority Geographic Locations

- Winterization assistance is prioritized based on vulnerability, housing conditions, access to heating and fuel, and the severity of winter conditions. High-priority locations have temperatures of +5°C or below and intersectoral or SLSC severity of 4 or above, including disaster-affected districts.
- The 102 high-priority districts include vulnerable households in high-altitude areas and households lacking adequate shelter, heating materials, winter clothing and blankets. They include households affected by natural disasters.

Cluster Priority Activities

- Heaters and fuel support: all shelter types, including existing structures, require a heating strategy during winter. In-kind or cash assistance for coal, wood or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) remains a core winterization activity. Each response will consider available heating options, fuel supply and the safety of shelter occupants. Three months of heating and fuel assistance is valued at \$200 per family. Heating support covers all 28,405 targeted families: approximately 525 in kind and 27,880 in cash.
- Distribution of winter clothing and blankets: assistance aims to preserve core body temperature and minimize exposure to rain, wind and heat loss. Appropriate winter clothing and blankets should be provided particularly for persons with specific needs, women, children, older people, people with chronic illness and those with limited mobility. A winter clothing kit is valued at \$74 per family of seven. The updated blanket module is \$60.35 per family, comprising three blankets (\$56.35) and one kit bag (\$4). Winter clothing assistance covers 10,000 families in kind and approximately 14,027 families through cash assistance. Blanket assistance covers 10,000 families in kind and approximately 10,641 families through cash assistance.

Targets and Financial Requirements

The Cluster seeks \$12.8 million to deliver winter-specific activities for 198,832 people across 102 high-priority districts for three months during the 2026/2027 cold season.

List of Priority Districts

