



Dispatching relief items to avalanche-affected families in Badakhshan on 08 February.  
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## Highlights

- 31** affected provinces
- 2,359** reported affected families
- 126** houses completely destroyed
- 380** houses severely damaged
- 87** houses partially damaged
- 134** individual deaths
- 63** individuals injured
- 652** affected families verified following assessments

## Situation Overview

Extreme weather conditions, including avalanches, floods, and heavy snowfall affected 31 provinces of Afghanistan on 03 February 2017. Badakhshan and Nooristan provinces were severely hit by two avalanches, resulting in casualties and destruction of houses.

An estimated 2,359 families were reportedly affected, with 134 deaths, and 63 persons sustaining injuries in various parts of the country.

The snow wreaked havoc on major roads in Afghanistan, delaying assessments and dispatching of relief assistance to affected families and rescuers, who were unable to reach snow-hit districts in the north, northeast, central, central highland, and eastern regions, with numerous roads cut off. The majority of the highways that were initially closed have since reopened; however, some roads linking to various districts are still closed, and efforts are underway by district authorities to reopen the roads.

## IOM RESPONSE

### Northeast Region

#### **Badakhshan:**

At least 53 families were affected by avalanches triggered by heavy snowfall in Maimai district on 03 February 2017, with 10 persons killed and 12 wounded. The bodies were recovered by a FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance rescue team aided by the local community, while the injured were transferred to a safe area. The district is not accessible as the roads are closed due to heavy snowfall. The government has allocated helicopters to dispatch relief items from IOM, the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), and other agencies, but after three attempts, the helicopters were not able to land due to bad weather conditions in the affected village. The last flight took place on 11 February, returning without being able to land. IOM, ANDMA and other agencies' relief items are on standby until weather conditions allow flights to resume.

In a separate incident, two houses were reportedly damaged due to an avalanche, and one person died while six others sustained injuries. The roads to the affected area are cut off, and an assessment team will be deployed as soon as the roads are reopened.

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## **Takhar**

Initial reports indicate that two houses were affected in Farkhar and Warsaj districts of Takhar province. No other casualties nor damage were reported.

## **Baghlan**

As the result of snowfall, six families were affected and two persons were killed in Dahane Ghor, Tala Wa Barfak and Khenjan districts. The areas cannot be accessed due to security concerns.

## **Kundoz**

Three houses were reportedly affected in the center of Kundoz. ANDMA will assess the area and distribute relief items

## **Central Region**

### **Kabul**

As per ANDMA, six families were affected in three districts of Kabul province. The road to Paghman has been reopened, and an assessment team will be deployed to assess the needs of the affected families.

### **Parwan**

Initial reports indicate that 324 houses were affected in Charikar, Bagram, Said Khail, Jabalsiraj, Siagerd, Kohi Safi, Surkhi Parsa, Shinwari and Salang districts. 16 people died and 10 sustained injuries in Sia Gerd and Surkh Parsa districts. A Provincial Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) meeting was held on 6 February to coordinate the assessment missions and provision of relief items. The road to Sia Gerd and Sorkh Parsa were reopened and the assessment teams have been deployed to verify needs. The assessments are expected to conclude by 14 February, followed by the distribution of relief items.

### **Kapisa**

216 families were affected by heavy snowfall in Hese Awal, Hese Dowom and Mahmood Raqi districts. The PDMC meeting, held on 06 February, resulted in the deployment of joint assessment teams to assess the needs of the affected families. To date, 71 affected families were determined to be in need of NFIs and food items. The assessment is expected to end on 14 February, and be followed by the distribution of relief items.

### **Panjshir**

As per initial information, no significant damage to homes was reported. However, there have been reports of damage to three houses in Paryan and Unaba districts. An assessment will be conducted as soon as access to the district resumes.

### **Logar**

66 families were reportedly affected by heavy snowfall in Pule Alam and Mohammad Agha districts, with four persons and 180 livestock killed. ANDMA and International Rescue Committee (IRC) have initiated assessments, which should be completed by 14 February. IOM will distribute NFI stocks according to the results of the assessments.

### **Wardak**

As per initial information, 10 families were affected and two persons killed in Said Abad district. The road to the district is closed; an assessment will be conducted once the roads are reopened.

## **North Region:**

### **Balkh**

As a result of heavy snowfall, 115 families were reportedly affected in Mazar, Zair and Kishinidi districts. IOM, together with ANDMA and other humanitarian partners, conducted assessments of the affected families in Mazar on 5 February. Six affected families were identified and assisted by IOM and People In Need (PIN).

The joint assessment team deployed to Kishindi district returned due to closure of the roads to the affected villages. The assessment in Kishindi will be initiated as soon as the roads are reopened.

### **Samangan**

No significant damage of houses was reported in Samangan, however one person was reportedly killed due to heavy snowfall in Dari-suf Bala district.

### **Jawzjan**

Six houses were reportedly affected in Sheberghan city and Darzab districts. The assessment is delayed due to security concerns.

### **Sar-e-Pul**

Initial reports indicate 24 families were affected and six individuals died in Sozma Qala and Sayad districts. Based on the District Governor's assessment, ANDMA dispatched food and NFIs to all 24 families.



Distribution of relief items to affected families in Ghazni on 9 February. © IOM 2017

## **Central Highland**

### **Bamyan**

As result of heavy snowfall and an avalanche on 04 and 05 February 2017, nine families were affected in various villages in Panjab and Yakawlang districts. All roads to the incident areas were closed to traffic; an assessment will be conducted once the roads are reopened.

### **Daikundi**

Initial reports indicated that nine families were affected and one person killed in Sang Takht Bandar, Khidir and Miramoor districts. The families lost their NFIs, food items and livestock. Due to the inaccessibility of the affected areas the assessments remain pending.

## **West Region**

### **Herat**

As per initial reports obtained from ANDMA, 188 families were affected and six persons killed in Injil, Obe, Chesh, Andraskan and Guzara districts. A team consisting of IOM, ANDMA, and IRC conducted an assessment on 05 February. The team found six families in need of NFIs and food items; IOM and ANDMA distributed the needed items. Six families affected by a flood in Banafsh village of Obe district were assessed by Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) volunteers and, due to security constraints, ARCS distributed NFIs and food items.

An assessment team composed of IOM, ANDMA, and WFP deployed to Chesht district on 12 February, where 150 houses were reportedly affected by a flood.

### **Ghor**

The initial report indicated that 59 families were affected in Saghar, Shahrak and Tulak districts. The roads to these districts are closed due to heavy snowfall, therefore assessment teams will be deployed once the roads are reopened. In addition, five persons were reported affected in Feroz Koh and Pasaband district; ANDMA will verify and distribute cash assistance to the families.

### **Badghis**

As per ANDMA, 46 families were affected, three persons died, and one was injured due to heavy snowfall in Qala-e-Naw and Ab Kamari districts. An assessment team dispatched to the area and found 6 families in need of assistance that were assisted by ANDMA and International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Badghis.

### **Farah**

Initial reports indicated nine families were affected in Farah city. ANDMA verified 19 families were affected and distributed food, while ARCS distributed NFIs.

## **East Region**

### **Nangarhar**

As result of snowfall and rainfall, 103 families were reportedly affected in 12 districts. Joint assessment teams consisting IOM, WFP, ANDMA, NR, SCI, DRC and ARCS were deployed on 07 February. 135 families were verified as affected, and IOM distributed NFIs to 44 affected families in Rodat district while the distribution in other districts will be carried out by partners.

### **Laghman**

78 families were reportedly affected in Qarghay, Mehtarlam, Alishang and Alingar districts. Joint assessment teams consisting of IOM, IMC, WFP, and ARCS assessed the area and identified 38 affected families in Mehtarlam, Alinagar, Qarghy districts; the assessment in Alishang district conducted by ANDMA was followed by distribution. IOM distributed NFIs to 15 affected families in Mehtarlam.

## **Nooristan**

According to initial reports, 112 families were affected, and 57 individuals died in Barge Matal, Parun, Mandol, Wama and Waygal districts, including 52 deaths in Bargi Matal district. Two Afghan National Army (ANA) helicopters delivered emergency supplies to the heavily-affected Bargi Matal district on 07 February, including medical supplies, NFIs and food items for 40 affected families. Winter warm clothing, blankets, solar lanterns and food items from IOM and WFP are on standby to be dispatched. Assessments in other districts remain pending due to the inaccessibility of the affected areas.

### **Kunar**

As a result of rain/snowfall on 05 February, 172 families were affected in 15 districts across the province. An Operation Coordination Team (OCT) meeting was held on 05 February, and joint assessment teams consisting of IOM, ANDMA, WFP, ARCS, IMC, NRC were deployed to incident areas, identifying 139 affected families. Assessments were conducted in 12 districts, and will be completed in the remaining three districts by 14 February. IOM distributed NFIs and emergency shelter to 34 families in Asad Abad, Wata Por, Asmar, Shegal and Marawara districts. The distribution in remaining districts will be concluded by 15 February.

## **South East Region**

### **Paktia**

Around 100 cm of snow fall were recorded in 22 districts of Paktia province. According to ANDMA and other sources, 160 families were reportedly affected, two killed and six children injured. The assessment will begin on 13 February following road reopening.

### **Khost**

As result of heavy rainfall, six houses were moderately damaged and three people died in Gorbaz district. ANDMA will cover the NFI and food needs of the affected families.

### **Ghazni**

As result of heavy snowfall, 15 families were reportedly affected, six persons died, and two sustained injuries in Ghazni centre, Jaghori and Malistan districts. An assessment team consisting of IOM, ANDMA, the Directorate of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (DoRRD), and the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) verified ten families in Ghazni centre that were assisted by IOM and ANDMA through the provision of NFIs and food items. The road to Jaghori and Malistan are closed, and assessments will be initiated once the roads are reopened.

### **Paktika**

As a result of heavy snowfall, 39 families were reportedly affected, four persons died, and 21 sustained injuries in Warmamai and Tarwu districts. Both districts are inaccessible, and a coordination meeting will be held this week to coordinate assessment and response.

## South Region

### Kandahar

31 families (undocumented returnees from Pakistan) were reportedly affected by flooding in Daman district. A joint assessment team led by IOM consisting of Humanitarian Action for the People of Afghanistan (HAPA), UNHCR, WFP, Save the Children (SCI) and ANDMA initiated the assessment on 05 February. 31 families living in Haji Camp were found to be affected and in need of tents and food items. IOM distributed 31 family tents on 07 February to the affected families, while WFP covered their food needs.

As per an initial report obtained from ANDMA on 06 February, approximately 70 families in Maiwand district and 20 families in Boldak district were affected by flooding. A joint assessment team was deployed to assess the affected population, and three affected families were identified in Kandahar city, 49 families in Maiwand district, and 10 families in Boldak district. IOM will distribute NFIs and emergency shelter while WFP will cover food needs. The distribution is planned for 14 February.

### Helmand

As per an initial report obtained from ANDMA, 385 families were affected due to heavy rainfall and harsh weather in various locations of Helmand province. ANDMA reported 168 affected families in Lashkar Gah city while the assessment team led by IOM found 15 affected families in need of relief items. The assessment in Bost villiage of Lashkar Gah is ongoing, and should be completed by 14 February, to be followed by the distribution of relief items on 15 February.

## Natural Disaster Incidents Summary \_ 03 - 12 February 2017

NO	Region	Province	District	Type of Incident	Reported Information			Actual Figures based on Assessments			
					# of affected families	# of Deaths	# of Injuries	# of affected families	Completely Destroyed	Severely Damaged	Partially Damaged
1	South	Kandahar	Kandahr city, Maiwand, Boldak	Flood/Snowfall/Rain	132	0	0	93	32	61	0
2		Helmand	Lashkar gah city	Heavy rain/snowfall	385	0	0	21	3	12	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>517</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>
1	West	Herat	Injil, Obe, Chesht, Adraskan, Guzara	Heavy rain/snowfall	188	6	0	12	0	12	0
2		Ghor	Firooz Koh, Pasaband, Saghar, Shahrak, Tulak	Heavy snowfall	59	5	1	0	0	0	0
3		Badghis	Qala-e-Now, Abkamari, Maqur	Heavy snowfall	46	3	1	6	0	2	4
4		Farah	Farah city	Flood	9	0	0	19	0	0	19
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>302</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>
1	Central Highland	Bamyan	Panjab, Yakawlang	Avalanche	9	3	2	9	9	0	0
2		Daykundi	Miramoor, Khidir, Sang Takht, Shahristan, Nili	Avalanche	9	1	0	9	9	0	0
3		Ghor	Lal wa Sar Jangle	Heavy snowfal	1	0	2	1	1	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1	Southeast	Paktya	Jaji Aryoub, Laja Mangal, Gardez, Chamkani, Dand Patan, Mirzaka, Said Karam, Jani Khail, Ahmad Khail, Zurmat, Zadran	Heavy snowfall	160	2	6	0	0	0	0
2		Khost	Mandozi, Gurbz	Heavy rainfall	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
3		Ghazni	center Ghazni, Jaghori, Malistan	Heavy snowfall	15	6	2	11	0	6	5
4		Paktika	Warmamai, Tarwu	Heavy snowfall	39	4	21	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>220</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
1	North	Balkh	Mazar, Zari, Kishindi	Heavy rain\snowfall	115	0	0	6	3	3	0
2		Samangan	Dari-suf Bala	Snowfall	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3		Jawzjan	Sheberghan city, Darzab	Snowfall	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
4		Faryab	Kohistanat	Snowfall	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5		Saripul	Sozma qala, Sayed	Snowfall	24	6	0	24	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>145</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
1	Northeast	Takhar	Farkhar, Warsaj	Snowfall	2	1	0	3	0	1	0
2		Konduz	Center	Snowfall	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3		Baghlan	Dahane Ghori, Tala wa Barfak, Khenjan	Snowfall	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
4		Badakhshan	Raghistan, Darwaz E Bala (Maymay)	Avalanche	55	11	18	55	17	10	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>66</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
1	East	Kunar	Asmar, Shegal, Asad Abad, Marawara, WataPor, Dangam, Nary, Ghazi Abad, Chawky, Nurgal, Sarkano, Dara Pech, Chapa Dara, Khas Kunar, Narang	Heavy rainfall	172	0	0	139	2	79	59
2		Nangarhar	Rodat, Surkhrod, Jalalabad City, Behsood, Khewa, Hesarak, Chaprehar, Ghani Khail, Pachir Agam, Achin, Sherzad, Khogyani, Deh Bala	Heavy rainfall	103	0	0	135	22	113	0
3		Laghman	Qarghy, Mehtarlam, Alishang, Alingar	Heavy rainfall	78	0	0	38	9	29	0
4		Nuristan	Parun, Mandol, Wama, Waygal, Bargi Matal	Snowfall, Avalanche	112	57	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>465</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>59</b>
1	Central	Kapisa	Hese Awal, Hese Dowom, Mahmood Raqi	Heavy snowfall	216	0	0	71	19	52	0
2		Parwan	Charikar, Bagram, Said Khail, Jabalsiraj, Siagerd, Kohi Safi, Surkhi Parsa, Shinwari, Salang	Heavy snow fall	324	16	10	0	0	0	0
3		Logar	Puli Alam, Mohammad Agha	Heavy snow fall	66	4	0	0	0	0	0
4		Wardak	Narkh	Heavy snow fall	10	2	0	0	0	0	0
5		Kabul	Paghman, Shakardara, Dehsabz	Heavy snow fall	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
6		Panjsher	Paryan, Unaba	Heavy snow fall	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>625</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>2,359</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>87</b>

Note: The assessments are on-going thus the figures are subject to change as the assessment results are available



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**IOM-Humanitarian Assistance Programme (HAP)**

**Stock Update Countrywide (February 2017)**

Region	Warehouse	Winter Kit	Family Revitalisation Kit	Emergency Shelter Kit	Tarpaulin	Blanket Module	Household Module	Winter Clothing Module	Solar Module	Family Tent
Central	Kabul	1	0	814	0	1,570	1,768	451	2,890	376
	Logar	0	0	272	0	21	17	4	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>376</b>
Central Highland	Bamyan Centre	0	0	650	0	684	61	365	432	148
	Daikundi-Nilli	0	0	291	33	1,061	417	640	514	0
	Lal Wa Sare Jungle	0	0	248	0	569	345	209	211	0
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>148</b>
Northeast	Badakshan-Faizabad	12	1	366	0	1,984	550	1,388	1,007	200
	BDK-Ishkashim-FOCUS	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	BDK-Wakhan-FOCUS	0	0	0	0	100	0	89	0	0
	BDK-Sheghnan-FOCUS	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0
	BDK-Shukai-FOCUS	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	BDK-Nussai-FOCUS	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	BDK-Maymai-FOCUS	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Badakshan-Ishkashim	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Takhar-Taloqan	0	0	56	0	77	305	0	182	0	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>810</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>200</b>
Southeast	Ghazni	0	0	100	0	79	59	90	89	10
	Paktia-Gardez	0	0	483	0	1,043	16	400	322	130
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>140</b>
West	Herat	21	1	375	2,781	1,422	935	529	698	219
	Ghor-Chaghcharan	0	55	0	0	22	0	22	0	0
	Farah	0	0	168	0	14	64	100	100	0
	Badgish	0	5	105	0	82	32	50	82	0
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>219</b>
East	Jalalabad	245	2	838	796	1,333	1,008	304	1,017	285
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>285</b>
North	Mazar	0	8	708	22	242	606	140	382	461
	Faryab	0	59	278	0	476	198	0	0	49
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>510</b>
South	Helmand	0	0	50		92	92	42	0	27
	Kandahar	0	0	212	67	1,101	688	371	317	222
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,077</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>5,964</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>11,969</b>	<b>7,069</b>	<b>5,152</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>2,100</b>

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