IOM AFGHANISTAN HIGHLIGHTS
REPORTING PERIOD 15 AUGUST – 28 NOVEMBER 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

REPORTED COMMUNITY PRIORITY NEEDS (RANKED)

1. Cash and food
2. Drinking water
3. Immediate healthcare

REPORTED COMMUNITY SHOCKS IN THE PAST MONTH

FOOD PRICE INCREASE
LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT
REDUCED INCOME

KEY POPULATION DATA

5.5 million
IDPs in Afghanistan

667,900
People displaced between 1 January – 28 November 2021 (source: OCHA)

1,170,501
Undocumented Afghan returnees from Iran and Pakistan were reported Between 1 January – 28 November 2021

151,456
154,791
People reached through IOM assistance since 15 August 2021

FOOD PRICE INCREASE
LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT
REDUCED INCOME

FUNDING OVERVIEW

1,600,000
People targeted

107,345,000 USD
Total Funding required

DG’S VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN

IOM’s Director General, Antonio Vitorino, visited the Afghan capital of Kabul on 3-4 November 2021 where he issued a stark warning that ongoing conflict, grinding poverty and climate-related emergencies have pushed Afghanistan to the brink of collapse. While the DG remained deeply impressed by the work being done by humanitarian actors, and the resilience demonstrated by the Afghan people in the face of immense challenges, he also expressed a serious concern for the future of the country. DG Vitorino conveyed a commitment by the Organization to stay and deliver in full solidarity with the Afghan people, and called for the sustained attention and generosity of the global community to avoid further disaster.

Assessing the needs of communities through surveys in Kabul province, November 2021 © IOM Afghanistan

Assessing the results of community-led surveys in Kabul province, November 2021 © IOM Afghanistan

* Total number of people reached since 15 August 2021
** Total number of beneficiaries reported under CAP
*** Funding confirmed under CAP for Afghanistan, to date there have been a number of donor funding pledges, which are yet to be confirmed.
**PROGAMME OUTREACH**

**EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (ES/NFI)**

During the month of November, IOM continued assessments for winterization needs to inform distributions throughout the winter months. Since the start of the assessment, Door-to-door assessments of over 32,500 families across 31 provinces were conducted. IOM assisted 4,529 people through distribution of NFIs and emergency shelter support, in the form of shelter tool kits, tents, and tarpaulins and distributions of NFI support in the form of household items such as kitchen sets, blankets, and solar lamps to families displaced by conflict.

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

In November, six small scale disaster risk mitigation infrastructure projects such as the works of a gabion wall, a masonry protection wall and acauseway were completed, in Nangarhar and Herat provinces. In these two provinces, an estimated 59,322 people will directly benefit from the infrastructure. 361 community members were trained on early warning and equipped with supportive materials in disaster prone communities as part of Community Based Disaster Risk Management. Technical assessments were conducted in thirteen flood prone locations in Kandahar province to identify disaster prone locations.

**PROTECTION**

During the month of November, a total of 4,332 undocumented returnees were screened for protection concerns, and 609 undocumented returnees with specific needs received protection assistance. IOM has been able to take on 366 new protection cases and closed 56 cases in eleven provinces. Additionally, protection monitoring, under the form of community consultations actively involved 645 people in these provinces.

**HEALTH**

In November 2021, IOM operated 19 Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) and 10 COVID-19 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) in 11 provinces. 30,492 people were reached with lifesaving health services, including reproductive health services to 3,730 female beneficiaries. RRTs screened 190,180 people for COVID-19 and together with the MHTs they reached 177,911 with promotive health messaging on COVID-19 prevention measures and sensitization on other diseases. A total of 14,216 vaccines for COVID-19 were administered during the reporting period, and 1,278 people were provided with PCR tests. IOM continues to provide community-based counselling sessions. The MHPSS interventions were provided by IOM psychosocial support (PSS) counsellors attached to the MHTs; whereby a total of 2,181 individuals received counselling sessions. Additionally, IOM carried out regular community sensitization to address stigma increase awareness of warning signs of mental health conditions and provide information on available MHPSS services.

**CROSS BORDER RETURN AND REINTEGRATION**

IOM and partners have continued to provide vulnerable undocumented Afghans with immediate humanitarian post-arrival assistance at the major border crossings with Pakistan and Iran. In November, a total of 11,729 people in 4 provinces received post-arrival assistance including temporary accommodation, hot meals, and onward transportation assistance. Food packages were distributed to 10,403 people and 9,136 people received cash for transportation.

**DTM**

IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) teams activated the Emergency Event Tracking (EET) tool in Afghanistan to monitor the displacement of individuals, as well as their level of access to services and assistance following episodes of drought and rapid political changes. DTM teams assessed 9,608 communities in 355 districts across all 34 provinces.

**REINTEGRATION AND RESILIENCE**

Since 15 August, IOM has implemented area-based interventions to promote community resilience and assist returning Afghans in 8 provinces. In November, fifteen community development projects remain ongoing. These projects provided 214 people from the target communities with short-term employment opportunities. 255 people were enrolled in Technical & Vocational Education Training, 238 people participated and 60 people graduated from apprenticeships, and 3 Small-Medium Enterprise that employ 11 people received support, of which one SME was finalized and created four jobs.

**CCCM**

In November, IOM, in close collaboration with UNHCR and OCHA, supported the ongoing establishment of a CCCM Working Group. Additionally, IOM has deployed an international CCCM expert to support the coordination of the CCCM working group.

**WASH**

During the month of November, IOM’s WASH team started the implementation of activities, in Kabul, Nangarhar and Herat provinces. WASH community mobilizers have reached 210 individuals in the three provinces. IOM conducted technical assessments in 9 sites, assessing different water sources, such as hand pumps, open wells and small water schemes and conducted interviews in Kabul and Nangarhar provinces to build an evidence-based strategy for future WASH interventions.