

# Floods Update 12 May 2010

The following is an update on the floods situation in Afghanistan since OCHA's last update on 9 May:

### **GoA briefing:**

On 11 May, Vice President Khalili chaired a briefing at ANDMA, where he stated that almost 20 provinces have been hit by flooding, 8 of them severely; 120 people have died; and 10,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed. In addition to human casualties, damage to infrastructure and livelihoods has been high. Road clearance, rehabilitation of agricultural land, and air access were identified as priorities. In addition to dispatching teams to the affected areas to assess needs and provide compensation, the government has allocated 3 million Afs to each flood-affected province as well as 2 million Afs each to all other provinces for preparedness. As of 11 May, WFP reported that they were providing food assistance to 5,800 flood-affected families and that assessment reports continue to be received.

#### Northern region:

The following information has been received on flood response in the North:

Province	Districts	Source	Damages identified	Response/gaps
Balkh	Balkh, Chahar Bolak, Chahar Kint, Chimtal, Kishindih, Khulm, Marmul, Nahri Shahi	ANDMA	<ul> <li>7 people dead, 15 injured</li> <li>240 houses destroyed, 114 partially damaged</li> <li>2,060 jeribs of agricultural land damaged</li> <li>Infrastructure damage</li> </ul>	• ARCS, IOM, UNICEF, and WFP assisted 57 flood-affected families in Mazar.
Faryab	Gurziwan, Pashtun Kot, Khoja Sabz Posh, Dawlatabad, Mainmana city, Shirin Taqab, Qaisar	ANDMA	• 2,082 houses destroyed, 678 houses partially damaged	<ul> <li>150 tents, 2,126 blankets, 749 kitchen sets, 64 plastic sheets, food assistance to be provided (UNICEF, IOM, WFP, Save the Children UK)</li> <li>Gap in shelter for 1,932 families; blankets; kitchen sets; plastic sheets; clothing; gas cylinders</li> <li>IOM is working to procure additional NFIs including plastic sheets; StC procuring children's clothes and hygiene kits</li> </ul>
Jawzjan	Fayzabad	ARCS, ANDMA, Tearfund assessment	<ul> <li>11 villages inaccessible by road because of high water level</li> <li>1,093 flood-affected families identified so far (assessment still ongoing)</li> <li>Access to school blocked</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ANDMA provided 4,500 gabion boxes, 10,000 sandbags</li> <li>DoPH has established clinic' chlorine has been distributed</li> <li>IOM planning to start NFI distribution on 12 May.</li> <li>3-4 school tents needed</li> </ul>
	Khamyab and Qosh Tepa	ANDMA	<ul><li>1 person dead</li><li>4 villages affected by flooding</li></ul>	
Samangan	Aibak city, Dara-i-Sufi Bala, Dara-i-Sufi Payin, Ruyi Du Ab, Khoram Wa Sarbagh, Hazrati Sultan	District governors	<ul> <li>Main access roads closed; assessment teams cannot reach affected areas</li> <li>DGs report 11,941 jeribs of agricultural land damaged, 1,000 livestock killed, wells contaminated</li> <li>ANDMA estimates 3,028 families affected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UNOPS opening roads; estimated total time is six days</li> <li>Needs expected to include shelter, food, NFIs</li> </ul>
Sari Pul	Balkab (worst affected), Sayyad, Gosfandi, Kohistanant, Sozma Qala	ANDMA	<ul> <li>8 people dead, 8 people injured</li> <li>253 houses destroyed, 321 houses partially damaged</li> <li>195 livestock dead</li> <li>3,660 jeribs agricultural land damaged</li> <li>Roads and water points damaged</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UNOPS opening roads</li> <li>Relief distribution to be based on inter-agency assessments</li> </ul>

### Northeastern region:

The following information has been received on flood response in the Northeast:

Province	Districts	Source	Damages identified	Response/gaps
Baghlan	Dehsalah, Puli Khumri, Baghlani Jadid, Khost, Firing, Bano	ANDMA (joined on assessments by ARCS, FOCUS, CAE, DoA, PIN, Mercy Corps, DoE, DoPH, and district authorities)	<ul> <li>12 people dead and 8 injured</li> <li>954 houses destroyed and 1,125 partially damaged identified to date.</li> <li>It may take up to a month for assessments to be completed; no assessment possible to date in Burka and Jelga districts due to road blockages.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) recommends a minimum package of assistance be prepared of food/NFIs for 5,000 families and shelter for 2,000 families, pending final assessment results.</li> <li>Commitments to date include: ARCS: 16 NFI kits and 116 tents; CARE: 221 NFI kits and 80 tents, Mercy Corps: quilts and 80 tents; U.S. military/PRT: 25 tents, food, bottled water.</li> </ul>
Kunduz	Dashti Archi (most affected), Chahar Dara, Khan Abad, Kunduz Center, Ali Abad, Imam Sahib, Qala-i-Zal	PG, ARCS, DoRR, DoWM, ANDMA, DoA assessment	<ul> <li>1 person dead, 3 people injured</li> <li>183 houses destroyed, 282 houses partially damaged</li> <li>1000 livestock killed</li> <li>27,042 jeribs of farmland and 120 jeribs of orchards damaged</li> <li>Infrastructure damage (irrigation canals, intakes, roads etc)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>183 families need tents and 465 families need food and NFIs.</li> <li>ARCS to provide NFIs 154 families and tents to 59 families.</li> <li>Excavators, gabions, sandbags needed to protect rice farms</li> </ul>
Takhar	Dashti Qala, Chah Ab, Rushtaq, Farkhar, Yangi Wala, Khwaja Bahawoddin	ANDMA (joined on assessments by DoRRD, DoWM, BRAC, CONCERN, Mission East, AKDN, DDMCs, PG office)	<ul> <li>3 people dead and 3 injured</li> <li>1379 families affected in 30+ villages</li> <li>831 houses destroyed and 360 partially damaged</li> <li>1100 jeribs of agricultural lands damaged, 1479 livestock dead</li> <li>Infrastructure damage</li> <li>Darqad and Chal distracts have yet to be assessed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ARCS/ANDMA provided NFIs to 130 families</li> <li>PDMC to meet 13 May to mobilize additional resources</li> </ul>
Badakhshan	Darayem, Teshkan, Kishm, Argo, Yawan, Yaftal-e-Payan, Kohistan, Raghistan, Shahri Buzurg	ANDMA (joined on assessments by DDMC, DoA)	<ul> <li>314 houses destroyed and 1004 partially damaged</li> <li>1431 livestock dead, 2347 jeribs of cultivated land damaged</li> <li>Infrastructure damage</li> </ul>	No response to date; PG has requested agencies to provide assistance

Assessment findings have been shared at the regional level and OCHA has requested humanitarian agencies in the regions to provide updated information on their relief stocks and contributions to the humanitarian response.

### **Central Highlands:**

#### Bamyan province:

Further to the assessment data included in the 9 May flood update, a team including representatives from ANDMA, OCHA, DRRD, ARCS, and Helvetas has identified 884 flood-affected families needing humanitarian assistance in the affected districts (Bamyan center, Kahmard, Panjab, Waras, Saighan, Yakawlang, and Shiber). IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR, ARCS, and DRRD have allocated NFIs and WFP has been requested to provide food assistance.

#### Dai Kundi province:

No assessment data has been received from Dai Kundi to date.

#### Western region:

The following information has been received on flood response in the West:

Province	Districts	Source	Damages identified	Response/gaps
Ghor	Lal, Cheghcharan, Charsada, Dowleina, Shahrak, Towlak, Pasaband, Taiwara, Saghar	ANDMA (joined on assessments by PG office, MoRRD,	<ul> <li>592 houses destroyed and 1782 damaged</li> <li>The NGO IAM reported a total of 5 deaths, 1 house destroyed, and extensive damage to seeded irrigated land in the Safed Cheshma valley, Nao Qabarstan,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PDMC has committed the following : 275 tents, 2100 blankets, 135 clothing kits (IOM), 400 Dish kits, 450 plastic buckets, 220 Medical Kits, 100 plastic sheets, 100 diesel stoves, 71 water</li> </ul>

		ARCS, CRS, CHA, DoA)	Talkhak, and parts of Sare-jangal in Lal. IAM has distributed wheelbarrows and rakes for land clearance.	<ul> <li>container, 129 jerry cans, 2230 winter jackets, 20 tarpaulins, 50 steam pot (50), 100 25 Kgs rice bags, tea 200 kgs, oil 350 kgs</li> <li>PDMC has identified gap of: 700 tents, 1400 blankets, 420 kitchen kits, 420 clothing kits, 420 buckets, 840 tarpaulins</li> <li>PG has submitted request to WFP for food assistance</li> </ul>
Herat	Obe, Chesht e Sharif, Pashton Zarghon, Shindan		Assessments ongoing	
Badghis	Bala Murghab		Assessments ongoing	•

# **Central region:**

On 10 May, the following reports of flooding were received:

- <u>Logar province:</u> The PDMC reports flooding in Khoshi and Mohammad Agha districts; an assessment team has been dispatched.
- <u>Wardak province</u>: The PDMC reports that two people were injured and crops of 267 families destroyed by floods in Chak, Nirh, and Behood districts. The PRT has provided food, clothing, and blankets to the PDMC.
- <u>Parwan province</u>: The PDMC reports a total of 35 houses, 1,000 jeribs of agricultural land, and roads and canals damaged in Sayiagard, Shiakhali, Surkhparsa, and Shinwari districts. ARCS and DoRRD will assist the affected families and DoPW will open the roads.
- <u>Panjshir province</u>: The PDMC reports 79 families affected by floods in Dara district, 11 in Rukha district, and 13 in Barzak district.

### Eastern region:

- An inter-agency assessment conducted in zone 1 of Jalalabad city after flooding on 6 May reported 10 houses completely destroyed and 21 partially damaged. WFP and IOM are mobilizing the necessary food and NFIs for the affected families and there are no gaps reported.
- Flooding is also reported to have destroyed some crops in Kunar province; the HRT is investigating further.

# **Civil-military coordination:**

On 10 May, OCHA met with ANDMA and ISAF to discuss the flood response. It was agreed that the government has the lead in the flood response; that requests for assistance should be channelled through PDMCs; that requests for assistance from ISAF should be channelled through ANDMA Kabul and that MOD/ANA resources would be used before ISAF resources whenever possible (ISAF agreed to inform RCs of this procedure); that there would be full information-sharing with ANDMA and partners; and that at a later time there will be a meeting at ANDMA to discuss lessons learned and capacity building for ANDMA and NEOC.

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