

AFGHANISTAN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #4, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013

MARCH 29, 2013

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

502,628

Total number of Afghans internally displaced by conflict
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – February 28, 2013

94,299

Afghans internally displaced by conflict in 2012
UNHCR – December 31, 2012

9,851

People newly registered as internally displaced in February
UNHCR – February 28, 2013

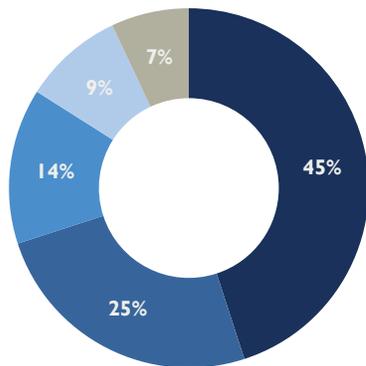
2.5 million

Registered Afghans displaced to neighboring countries
UNHCR/International Organization for Migration (IOM) – December 2012

32,490

People living in 55 Kabul Informal Settlements (KIS)
U.N. – January 15, 2013

USAID/OFDA¹ FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2013



- Logistics & Relief Commodities
- Humanitarian Coordination & Information Management
- Nutrition
- Natural & Technological Risks
- Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The humanitarian community concludes winterization activities in Afghanistan
- Humanitarian agencies continue to provide assistance to populations affected by heavy rains, flooding, snow, and avalanches
- The U.S. Government (USG) commits an additional \$40 million to support humanitarian activities in Afghanistan

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO AFGHANISTAN IN FY 2013

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| USAID/OFDA | \$14,259,380 |
| USAID/FFP ² | \$40,079,000 |
| STATE/PRM ³ | \$24,320,000 |

\$78,658,380

TOTAL USAID AND STATE ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As of March 27, weather-related incidents, including heavy rains, floods, snow, and avalanches, had affected more than 4,000 families in 23 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces in 2013, according to USAID/OFDA partner IOM. The Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), with support from IOM and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), is leading response efforts, including deploying rapid assessment teams to affected areas and providing needs-based assistance.
- After several months of below-average rainfall, the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) anticipates that spring precipitation in April will be regular, well distributed, and near normal levels. FEWS NET notes that adequate and even rainfall in the coming months will particularly benefit areas dependent on rain-fed crops, reducing the potential for food insecurity.
- In March, the USG committed an additional \$40 million to address the humanitarian needs of vulnerable Afghan populations affected by conflict and natural disasters, bringing total FY 2013 USG humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan to nearly \$79 million.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM). Funding figures include assistance provided to populations within Afghanistan and Afghan refugees in the region.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- With the winter season coming to a close, humanitarian organizations have concluded winterization efforts, including the distribution of fuel and winter food assistance, in the Kabul Informal Settlements (KIS) and other informal urban sites.
 - With funding from USAID/FFP and other donors, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) distributed nearly 930 metric tons (MT) of food commodities to nearly 63,500 people, 41.4 MT of high-energy biscuits to approximately 13,800 children, and 0.7 MT of ready-to-use supplementary food to nearly 400 children in KIS and other informal settlements during the 2012/2013 winter season. WFP also provided supplemental food packages for pregnant and lactating women and children under the age of five.
 - KIS Task Force members are conducting a post-distribution monitoring and evaluation exercise in late March and early April to determine the impacts of winter assistance and inform planning for the 2013/2014 winter season. The task force plans to begin preparing for the 2013/2014 winter in September 2013.
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NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- Humanitarian partners in all provinces of Afghanistan are finalizing contingency plans for spring floods and possible drought. Preparations include identifying districts with the highest flood risk based on historical data and estimating projected caseloads and associated requirements for emergency relief supply stocks.
 - As of March 20, the USAID/OFDA-supported, IOM-implemented Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) had assisted more than 3,000 families affected by weather-related emergencies in 2013. HAP assistance—provided by IOM, ANDMA, and partners—has included food commodities and emergency relief supplies, including temporary shelter materials, winter clothing, and essential household items.
 - USAID/OFDA recently provided nearly \$6 million to IOM to continue HAP activities in Afghanistan. USAID/OFDA funding to IOM also supports flood mitigation projects in at-risk communities, the pre-positioning of emergency shelter materials and relief commodities in areas prone to natural disasters, and training for ANDMA personnel on assessing, identifying, and responding to humanitarian needs.
 - Through Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US), the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), International Medical Corps (IMC), and the International Rescue Committee (IRC), USAID/OFDA continues to support community-based disaster risk reduction activities for populations that routinely experience natural disasters.
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FOOD SECURITY AND EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- Most Afghan communities, particularly those residing in lower elevation areas of the country, are emerging from the lean season and experiencing improved dietary diversity and increased access to markets and seasonal labor opportunities, according to FEWS NET.
 - The majority of Afghan households are expected to be more food secure in 2013 than in 2012; however, populations residing in extreme northern and eastern Badakhshan Province in the country's northeast will likely continue to experience some food insecurity in the near term, FEWS NET reports. In addition, Afghan populations displaced by conflict and natural disasters will continue to require external assistance to strengthen food security conditions.
 - USAID/FFP recently provided an additional 14,650 MT of Title II emergency food assistance—valued at approximately \$20 million—to WFP to support its Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) in Afghanistan. USAID/FFP's contribution includes bulk wheat, yellow peas, and vegetable oil. To date in FY 2013, USAID/FFP has provided more than \$40 million to support the PRRO, which addresses the acute food security and nutrition needs of the most vulnerable populations in Afghanistan, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and populations affected by natural disasters. WFP aims to provide food assistance to 2.4 million vulnerable people in 2013 through the PRRO.
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HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- In line with USAID's objective to improve data collection and information sharing in Afghanistan, USAID/OFDA recently provided more than \$2 million to Information Management and Mine Action Programs (iMMAP). USAID/OFDA-supported activities will continue to enhance the information management capacity of humanitarian agencies, the ANDMA, and other Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) authorities to facilitate

timely reporting and improve baseline data, monitoring, and forecasting capabilities. USAID/OFDA has supported iMMAP in Afghanistan since 2010 as part of a multi-year commitment to improving humanitarian coordination and information management.

- To date in FY 2013, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$3.6 million to support humanitarian coordination and information management in Afghanistan. USAID/OFDA-funded activities benefit more than 200 humanitarian organizations in Afghanistan, the ANDMA and other GIROA ministries, and eight humanitarian clusters, the coordinating bodies for humanitarian activities in the country.

OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- State/PRM recently provided \$12.4 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Afghanistan for humanitarian assistance and protection activities, including assisting civilians affected by the conflict, restoring family links, and aiding wounded and disabled people and other vulnerable populations.
- Through the 2013 Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP) for Afghanistan, U.N. agencies and NGOs have requested approximately \$471 million to address the humanitarian needs of populations affected by the ongoing complex emergency and natural disasters in the country. To date in 2013, donors have committed \$5.2 million to the CHAP. Donors have provided a total of \$459 million in humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan in 2013, the majority of which is not included in the CHAP.

CONTEXT

- Since 2002, conflict and frequent natural disasters have displaced populations and generated significant humanitarian needs throughout Afghanistan. Conflict has displaced nearly 503,000 people, and recurring natural disasters, including drought, floods, landslides, earthquakes, and avalanches, affect between 250,000 and 400,000 Afghans each year, according to the U.N.
- In 2011/2012, unusually harsh winter weather conditions resulted in the death of at least 28 children in KIS, which are populated by highly vulnerable IDPs, returned refugees, and economic migrants. For the 2012/2013 winter season, the GIROA and international humanitarian community distributed fuel, food, and cold-weather relief commodities and improved coordination efforts to ensure increased emergency response capacity.
- USAID/OFDA supports a three-pronged approach to improving humanitarian response efforts in Afghanistan: supporting rapid response capacity for acute needs following natural disasters and conflict; improving humanitarian indicators and building household economic resilience; and enhancing humanitarian coordination, data collection, and analysis.
- On October 27, 2012, U.S. Deputy Ambassador James B. Cunningham renewed the disaster declaration for the complex emergency in Afghanistan for FY 2013.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN PROVIDED IN FY 2013¹

| IMPLEMENTING PARTNER | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | AMOUNT |
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| USAID/OFDA² | | | |
| U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) | Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management | Countrywide | \$300,000 |
| iMMAP | Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management | Countrywide | \$2,049,681 |
| IOM | Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Natural and Technological Risks | Countrywide | \$5,908,689 |

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| U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) | Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management | Countrywide | \$1,000,000 |
| U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) | Nutrition, WASH | Countrywide | \$3,000,000 |
| U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) | Humanitarian Air Service | Countrywide | \$2,000,000 |
| | Administrative Support | | \$1,010 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE | | | \$14,259,380 |

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| USAID/FFP³ | | | |
| WFP | 14,790 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance | Countrywide | \$20,079,000 |
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| TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE | | | \$40,079,000 |

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| STATE/PRM | | | |
| UNHCR | Humanitarian Assistance and Protection | Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan | \$11,920,000 |
| ICRC | Humanitarian Assistance and Protection | Countrywide | \$12,400,000 |
| TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE | | | \$24,320,000 |

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| TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN FY 2013 | | | \$78,658,380 |
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¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.
² USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 29, 2013.
³ Estimated value of food assistance.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in Afghanistan can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/responding-times-crisis/where-we-work>