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The situation

With the onset of spring, Afghanistan has been experiencing floods in the northern regions caused by melting snow and heavy rains.

Nine people were killed, 46 houses totally destroyed and 78 houses partially destroyed when a flood took place in Doshi district of Baghlan province on 28 April. A total of 700 livestock in four villages (Gharghara, Seya Khar, Qara Maz and Khost Fereng) in Doshi district perished during the flood. In Qara Ahmad village, two people died, 38 houses destroyed, 20 hectares of agricultural land damaged and 200 livestock perished during a flood on the same day. It was reported that the flood which affected Qara Ahmad village started from the Seya Qoul valley and passed through the highway and into the village. The highway was blocked for three hours before being re-opened. A government run emergency response unit (ERU) team went to the affected villages in the province to treat patients.

On 30 April, a flood occurred in Khawal village of Kohestanant district of Sar-i-Pul province, where ten houses were totally destroyed, 50 livestock died, eight hectares of agricultural land destroyed and one water mill damaged. There were no reported human deaths or injuries during this flood.

Eight people were killed and 25 injured when a flood occurred in Gurziwan district of Faryab province on 30 April. In addition to the human casualties and injuries, 196 houses were totally destroyed, 146 houses damaged and 500 livestock perished. An estimated 1,000 families in 11 villages in this district were affected by the flood.

Red Cross Red Crescent action

The Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) branch in Baghlan province has sent out an ERU team to provide the affected population with medical treatment while in Sar-i-Pul province, the ARCS ERU team is conducting surveys and checking on the conditions of the people affected by the floods.

The ARCS branch has so far dispatched 45 tents and 91 plastic sheets to the affected families in Baghlan province and 11 tents and 45 blankets to affected families in Sur-i-Pol province. The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation Department has dispatched 500 tents and 1,000 blankets to the affected people in Faryab province. Surveys were conducted by the ARCS Faryab branch on the 4th of May. Following coordination meetings with various aid agencies (including ARCS), relief supplies (food and non-food items) will be dispatched to the affected people of Faryab province within the next few days.

The World Food Programme and UNICEF will be providing further relief supplies (food and other items) to the affected people of the three provinces.

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