

# Information bulletin



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## Afghanistan: Floods

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Afghan Red Crescent volunteers in Jawzjan province trying to assist the flood affected people. Photo: Afghan Red Crescent Society.

## The Situation

The northern cities and districts of Afghanistan experienced heavy rainfalls since late March. Continual rains in the northern regions of the country have caused numerous casualties and damages. Approximately 20 people were killed and six injured. In total, 54,588 people were affected. In the districts of Baghlan province, 38 water dams and 464 hectares of agricultural land and gardens were destroyed, and a huge number of livestock were killed. In Samangan province, 48 hectares of farmland and in Jawzjan province, 13,000 hectares of land were destroyed. Additionally, 27 km of road in Jelga district, 15 km in Borka and 35 km in Tai Hazara districts have been destroyed. A total of 25 water mills and eight mosques were also reportedly destroyed. The table below categorizes the affected people in the different provinces of the northern region.

Number of affected people:

Region		Partially affected	Totally affected	Date of disaster
Northern provinces	Badakhshan	0	4,134	1-10 May
	Baghlan	386	1,098	2-3 May
	Sari Pul	12	48	Early May
	Samangan	150	354	1-10 May
	Faryab	32	228	1-10 May
	Balkh	2,934	5,874	26 April
	Kunduz	62	168	First week of May
	Takhar	0	174	First week of May
	Jawzjan	1,152	4,500	First week of May
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,728</b>	<b>16,578</b>	

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Based on a joint assessment carried out by the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS), the Afghan National Disaster Management Authorities (ANDMA) and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation Development (MRRD) in the flood affected areas in the northern region, the emergency humanitarian assistance consisted of the distribution of food and non-food items for the affected people.



The Afghan Red Crescent Society volunteers distributing relief items to the flood affected people in Badakhshan province. Photo: Afghan Red Crescent Society.

The ARCS, with the support of the International Federation, have played an active role in responding to the situation. The ARCS assessment teams, as well as the emergency mobile unit teams, were deployed to the affected areas.

Following the ARCS's assessment of the recent flood affected provinces and districts in the northern region, the final result of the survey carried out by ANDMA, MRRD, the police department and the National Security Department shows the contribution and commitment of the relief actors to assist the affected people. The table below shows the distribution of non-food items taken place so far in the northern region. For the recently flood-affected families, the items below were contributed by the ARCS.

### Northern region:

		Tents	Blankets	Kitchen sets	Jerry cans	Plastic sheets	Gas balloon	Buckets	Tarpaulin	Jacket	Clothes	Stove
<b>ARCS</b>	Badakhshan	142	700	200	300	210	0	100	0	0	0	0
	Samangan	11	115	24	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Faryab	5	0	0	0	86	0	4	0	84	120	0
	Balkh	0	3,132	196	188	202	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghlan	0	420	140	280	140	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jawzjan	10	22	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>4,389</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>11</b>

The below table indicates the International Federation relief items replenished in the ARCS's warehouses.

IFRC	Province	Unit	Tent	Blankets	Kitchen sets	Plastic sheet	Jerry cans	Remarks
	Badakhshan	pcs	50	600	100	200	100	
	Takhar	pcs	50	600	100	200	100	
	Baghlan	pcs	50	600	100	200	100	
	Samangan	pcs	50	600	100	200	100	
	Juzjan	pcs	50	600	100	200	100	
	Sari Pul	pcs	50	600	100	200	100	

The ARCS also contributed following food items to the affected people in Samangan province of the northern region.

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Rice	57 bags (25 kg)
Cooking oil	32 cans (5 kg)
Clothes	64 pieces
Wheat	25 bags (50kg)
Flour	1 bag (50 kg)

### Other relief organization's contribution

The following items were contributed by the MRRD.

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Flour	41 bags (50kg)
Tents	30 pc

### Relief actors' coordination assistance

The following relief actors have shown their commitment to distribute food and non-food items to the affected people. In the joint relief actors' meeting, it was agreed that the committed contributions shall be distributed by the ARCS only.

1. **MRRD**
  - 68 tents
  - 350 bags of flour
  - Plastic sheets
  - Jerry cans, plastic buckets and blankets
  - Water tank
2. **World Food Programme**
  - Food items (peas, cooking oil, wheat and salt) for 1,619 families (estimated each family consists of six (6) members)
3. **World Health Organization**
  - 20 emergency kits
  - 10 kits of essential drugs
  - Glucose and ringer
4. **UN High Commissioner for Refugees**
  - 500 tents
5. **International Organization for Migration**
  - 500 emergency kits (consisting of quilts, women's and children's garments)
6. **Action Aid**
  - Long-term agricultural projects support

7. **Agricultural Department**
- To rebuild the damaged agricultural lands for the local farmers to restart work

## How we work

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### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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