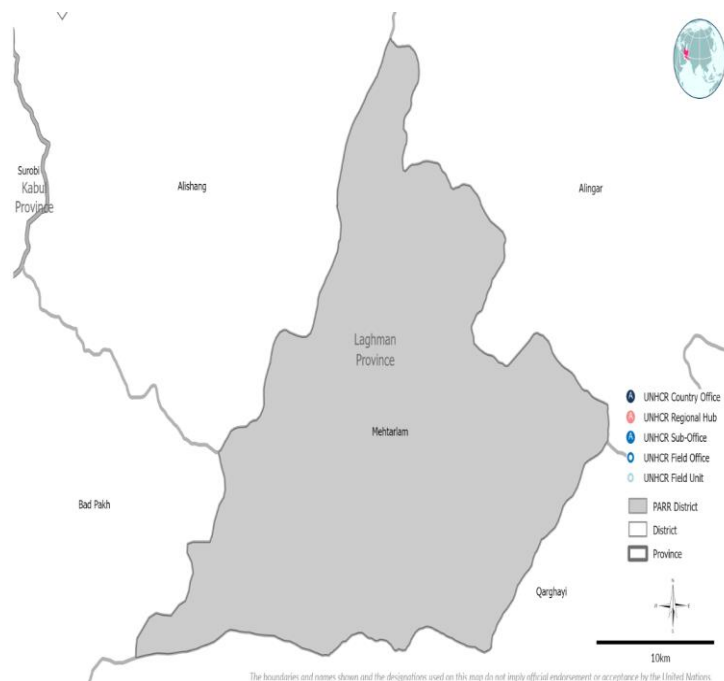






Beneficiaries	Total Population	IDPs	IDP Returnees	Refugee Returnees	Host Community
14,500 Female 14,000 Male	95,900 Female 99,800 Male	18,000 Female 18,600 Male	1,600 Female 1,700 Male	23,400 Female 23,500 Male	37,700 Female 36,200 Male
<b>28,500</b>	<b>195,700</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>46,900</b>	<b>73,900</b>

Mehterlam is the capital city of Laghman Province and is the only large urban settlement area in the province. It is located in the valley of Alishung and Alingar rivers, 47 Km Northwest of the city of Jalalabad. The district has vast irrigated land with its people mainly working in agriculture. It has 51 villages, and the main towns include Chardihi, Tagri, Haydar Khani, Umarzi, Pashi, Alishung, Daiziarat, Shamangul, Taj Kari and Basram. Mihtarlam have been a high return districts across the region. 5,416 undocumented returnees and 1,386 documented returnees returned to Mihtarlam district from October 2023 up to August 2024. Majority of the population mostly depend on agriculture, livestock and poultry for their livelihoods and fulfil their basic needs, but at the same time, people do not have necessary skills and capital to increase the production by utilizing proper techniques/expertise. A small part of the population is also engaged in small scale business activities i.e., shops, general business while others are busy working in green houses. The district has no industrial units which can provide employment and business opportunities to the local inhabitants. Main roads are comparatively good but other link roads are not properly paved and infrastructure is poor.



## Projects already implemented by UNHCR (January 2022- June 2024)

BENEFICIARIES	ACTIVITIES
 <b>3,400</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2022, UNHCR constructed a community centre in Sultan Ghazi Baba township of Mihtarlam district through the cash-for-work modality with a plan to utilize the centre for training of 30 visually impaired female individuals</li> <li>In 2023, UNHCR provided Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS) in different villages of Mihtarlam</li> </ul>
 <b>8,700</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2022, UNHCR provided Cash-for-Reintegration to 100 returned IDP families (741 individuals – 378 males and 363 females)</li> <li>In 2022, UNHCR provided Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) grant to 545 vulnerable families (3,815 individuals)</li> <li>In 2022, UNHCR provided cash for Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) to 188 cases</li> <li>In 2022, UNHCR provided cash for seasonal support to 158 families (1,106 individuals)</li> </ul>
 <b>9,500</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2023, UNHCR implemented skills training on shoe and bag making for 51 females to find employment opportunities and/or start their own small businesses.</li> <li>In 2022, UNHCR provided Small Medium Enterprise (SME) and entrepreneurship support to 247 individuals to start their own businesses</li> <li>In 2022, UNHCR provided the cash for work assistance to 1,166 vulnerable people</li> </ul>

	<b>800</b>	■ In 2022, UNHCR provided shelter assistance to 91 vulnerable families (800 individuals) in Mihterlam district
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	<b>1,500</b>	■ In 2022, UNHCR distributed solar panel packages to 251 families (1,500 individuals)
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Beneficiaries of multi-purpose cash receiving their cash in Laghman @UNHCR







A beneficiary of solar package receiving his solar assistance in Laghman @UNHCR








A beneficiary of Cash for Work assistance receiving cash @UNHCR





## UNHCR activities (planned/ongoing in 2024)

TARGET 6640	ACTIVITIES
 <b>4,400</b>	■ In 2024, UNHCR is providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS) individually and in groups to the People we Serve (PwS)
 <b>900</b>	■ In 2024, UNHCR is providing assistance to the Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) ■ In 2024, UNHCR is providing cash to refugee returnee to 32 families (137 individuals)
 <b>1,200</b>	■ In 2024, UNHCR is implementing vocational training of bag and shoe making for 50 individuals ■ In 2024, UNHCR is implementing 150 permanent shelters to returnees and IDPs
 <b>1,200</b>	■ In 2024, UNHCR is constructing a two-story school building of Badi Abad Girls' High School with 14 classrooms to be equipped with all facilities including the provision of furniture

## Partnerships

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IOM is providing awareness raising sessions on Risk Reduction Disaster program in multiple villages of Mehtarlam</li> <li>■ DRC is implementing mine action project in the district</li> <li>■ UN-Habitat is facilitating the establishment of 20 local committees to compile multi sector needs</li> </ul>
	■ Organization for Coordination of Humanitarian Relief (OCHR) is implementing agriculture, women economic empowerment, health, education, and WASH interventions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IRC provided cash assistance to 87 flood affected families (322 Individuals)</li> <li>■ IRC provided Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) to 112 flood affected families</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ UNDP is planning to assist shelter beneficiaries with solarization and water supply program</li> <li>■ UN-Habitat assisted 200 families with cash-for-major repair of shelters and 200 families with winterization assistance</li> </ul>
	■ ACTED assisted people with provision of hygiene kit and clean water

## Remaining Gaps

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Access to livelihoods and employment opportunities are limited</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Access to clean drinking water and other basic services is needed</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Poor infrastructure – internal roads need to be paved</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Limited/no access to electricity – due to the recent floods and storms, many families lost their solar panels or got damaged</li> </ul>

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