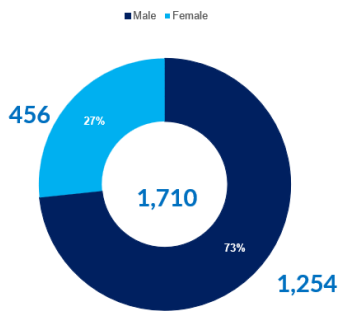


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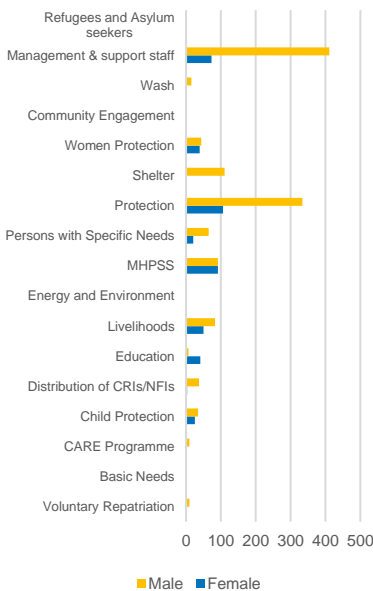


A partner staff provides psychosocial counselling to an earthquake affected family in Zindajan district, Herat. © UNHCR/Faramarz Barzin

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Partners Factsheet

Number of Partners Staff in Different Fields



Why Partners?

UNHCR is working with the international and national partners, including International and National NGOs, and civil society to ensure coordinated and complementary programming in Afghanistan. These partnerships are key for addressing the complex challenges of protracted and varied displacement experiences faced by populations across the country, including an estimated 3.22 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), 1.57 million IDP returnees, over 62,000 refugees that have returned to Afghanistan since 2021, and around 35,000 refugees. Moreover, partners are actively engaged in the delivery of longer-term basic needs services and improving resilience outcomes through the implementation of area based-approaches in the Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration (PARRs). UNHCR delivers humanitarian and basic needs support to vulnerable communities both via direct implementation and through funded partnerships. These partnerships are fundamental to aid delivery, aiming to increase the reach of UNHCR's programmes, building on complementarities, and leveraging a wide range of technical expertise to maximize impact.

Partner Staff

UNHCR retains firm commitment to principled aid delivery, including ensuring that women are engaged in the design and response to needs of women. Integration of women as responders is critical to ensure that humanitarian action effectively reaches women and girls, underpinning UNHCR's commitment to gender representative teams, including among partners. The engagement of women in humanitarian action is thereby closely monitored by UNHCR, including the impact of the bans on women, combined with advocacy, to ensure oversight and promotion of inclusive aid delivery. In 2024, 29.6 percent of partner staff are women, complemented further by UNHCR female community outreach volunteers, working to safeguard commitments to inclusion and principled aid delivery that reaches women and girls.

Localization

Localization is the process through which a diverse range of aid actors work to ensure that local and national actors are engaged in the planning, delivery, and accountability of humanitarian action, strengthening capacities to swiftly meet humanitarian needs in an effective and principled manner. UNHCR's approach to aid delivery in Afghanistan sets localization at the forefront, working closely with local and national actors for the delivery of both emergency assistance and longer-term basic needs services. Close engagement with local actors ensures harnessing of their deep-set experience working with communities and knowledge of needs, challenges, and opportunities on the ground. In 2024, UNHCR is working with 13 national implementing partners, out of a total of 17 partners, symbolizing significant investment in local actors and commitment to their role in the delivery of effective and principled aid. The integration of local partners in all phases of response underpins sustainable outcomes and resilience, and presents a concrete opportunity for strengthened humanitarian leadership, effective delivery on the front lines of response, and accountability.

UNHCR's national implementing partners are critical for the response undertaken in Afghanistan, expanding geographical reach, and often acting as first responders during natural disasters and other emergencies. Moreover, the active role played by national partners in the delivery of area-based programmes for improved services, resilience-building, and durable solutions in UNHCR's 80 Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration (PARRs) ensures integration of local expertise in all phases of programming for sustainable outcomes. In 2024, UNHCR's national partners are delivering aid in nine sectors, covering 34 provinces of the country.

Who Are Our Partners?



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17

Total implementing partners

13

National implementing partners

4

International implementing partners

34

Provinces covered



A community outreach volunteer in a helpdesk run by UNHCR partner, WSTA, in Qala-e-Ahmad Khan, PD16, Kabul. © UNHCR

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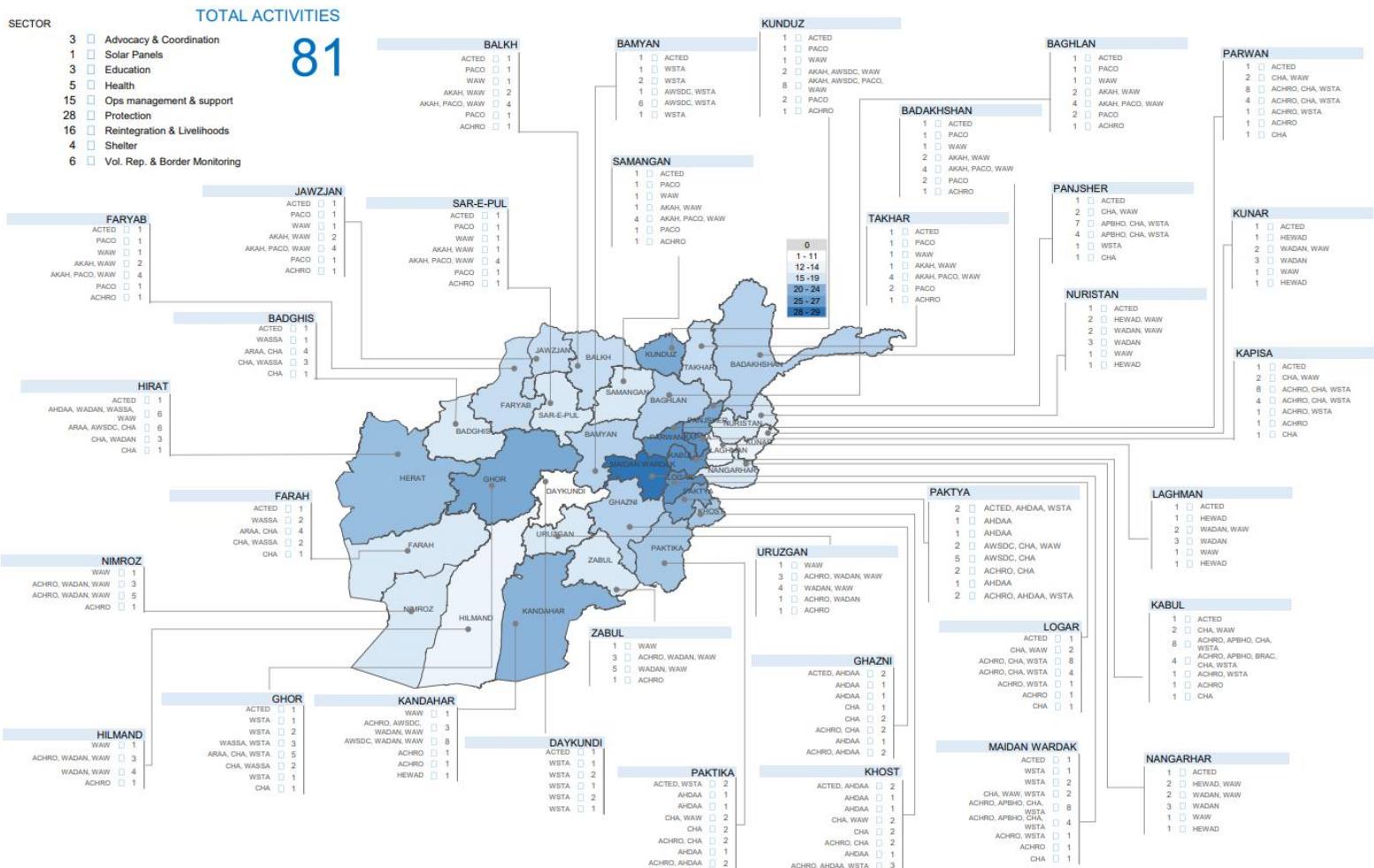
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Partners Areas of Work



Partners Activities by Sector



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