

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

JULY 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 July, **4,144** registered refugees voluntarily returned to Afghanistan, out of which 2,994 returned from Pakistan, 1,089 from Iran and 61 from other countries.

222,859 individuals have been displaced by conflict in 2019 and profiled by OCHA as internally displaced persons (IDPs) in need of protection and assistance.

UNHCR is continuing to enhance its approach to **risk management** to strengthen management systems and the integrity of its programmes. The Senior Risk Management and Compliance Advisor has been conducting risk management workshops for UNHCR teams and partners across Afghanistan.

A joint UNHCR-WFP mission to Afghanistan took place as part of a project aimed at identifying and mitigating risks of abuse by private sector service providers in their delivery of **cash assistance** to vulnerable populations. The mission included a conference with donors, the Central Bank, Financial Services Providers and members of the Cash Working Group.

KEY FIGURES

BENEFICIARIES

871,989 # of persons of concern reached by UNHCR in 2019

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| IDPs | 283,374 |
| Refugee Returnees | 267,039 |
| IDP Returnees | 248,789 |
| Host Communities | 55,872 |
| Refugees | 16,915 |

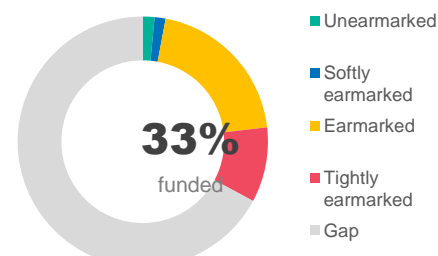
PARTNERS

25 # of partners implementing key UNHCR activities in 2019

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| NGO | 21 |
| INGO | 2 |
| Government | 1 |
| UN | 1 |

DONORS

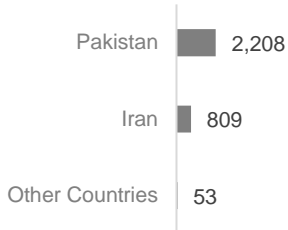
121.7M Funding required for 2019 (17 Aug 2019)



POPULATION DATA

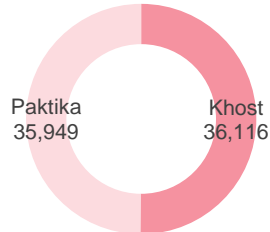
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of registered refugee returnees (UNHCR)



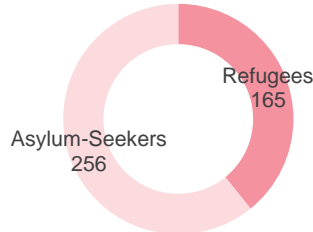
72,065

of Pakistani refugees in Khost and Paktika in 2019 (UNHCR)



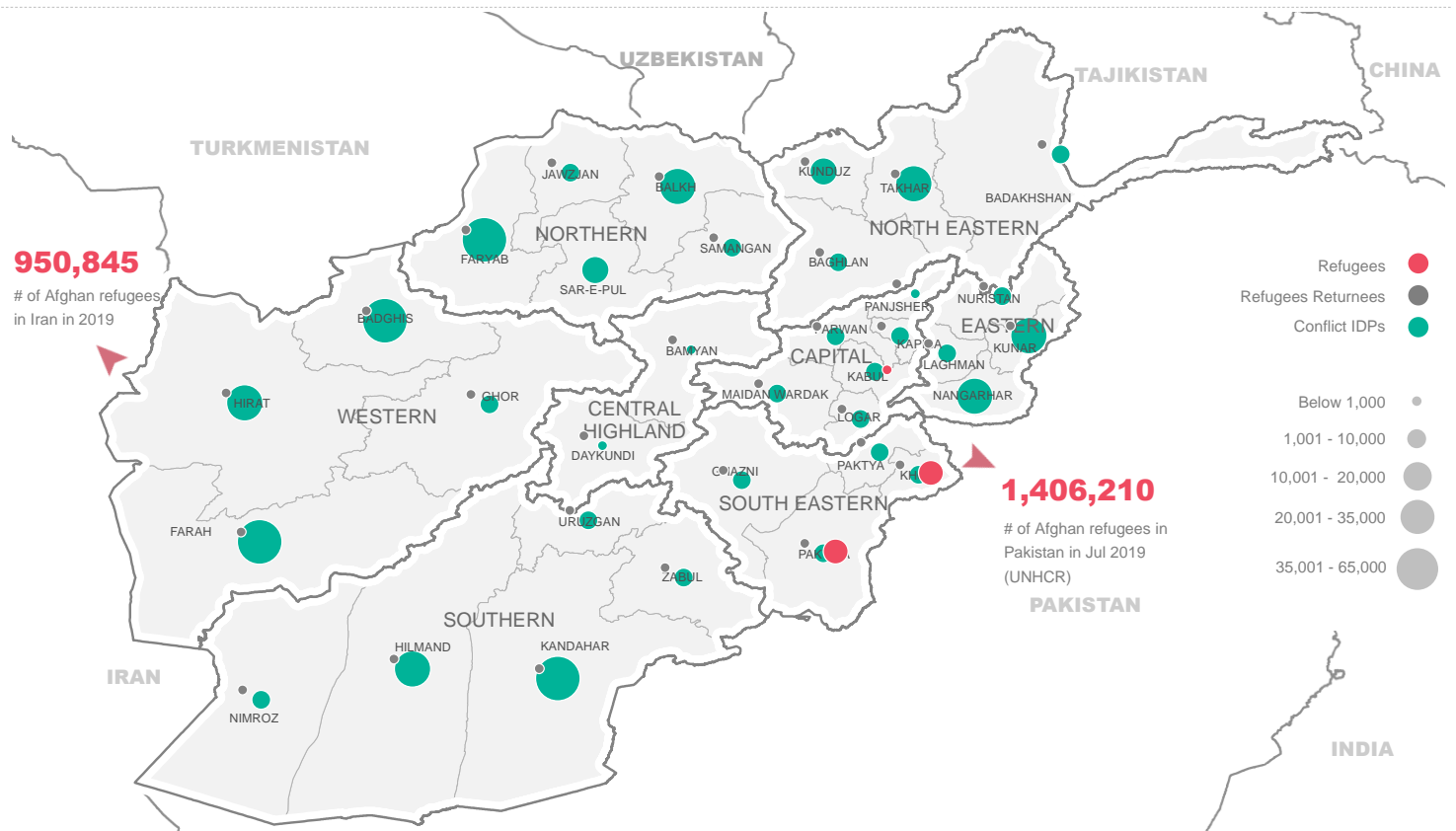
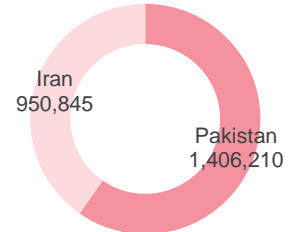
421

of urban refugees and asylum seekers in 2019 (UNHCR)



2,357,055

of Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran in 2019 (UNHCR)



OTHER POPULATION OF CONCERN IN 2019 (SECONDARY SOURCES)

272,496

of undocumented Afghan returnees in July 2019 (IOM)

219,205

of newly displaced IDPs due to conflict in July 2019 (OCHA)

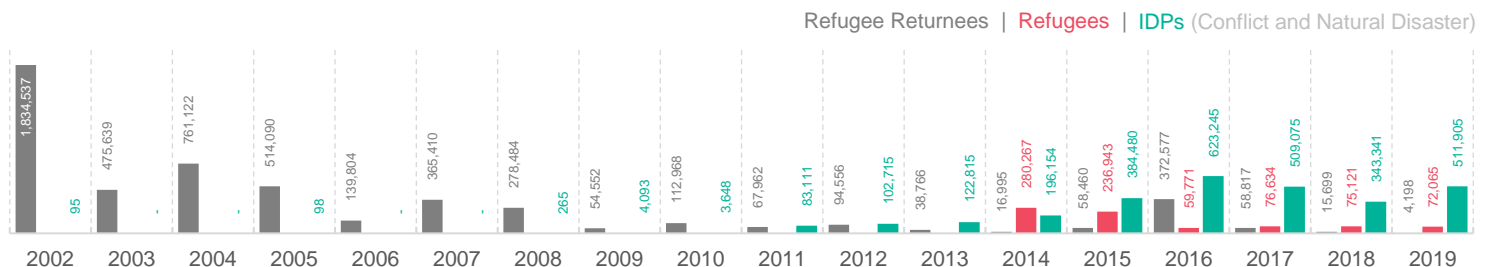
292,700

of newly displaced IDPs due to natural disasters in July 2019 (OCHA)

35.7 M

Total population in Afghanistan (Flowminder and UNFPA 2018)

POPULATION TRENDS (2002 – 2019)

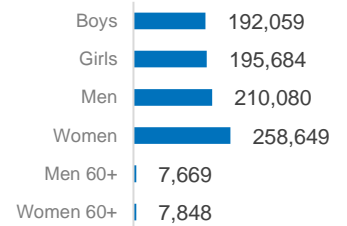
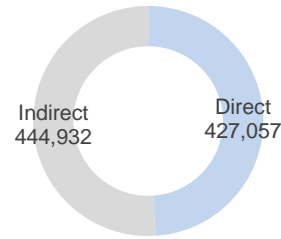
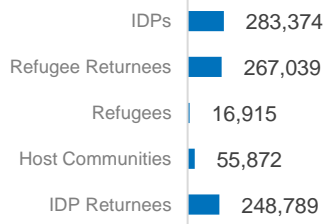


KEY ACTIVITIES

871,989



of persons of concern directly and indirectly reached by UNHCR in 2019



DISCLAIMER: The number of persons of concern shown above includes individuals who received multiple forms of assistance and does not represent the unique number of individuals assisted.

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

4,198

of refugee returnees who received cash grants in close coordination with MoRR. UNHCR and its partners manage four encashment centers in Herat, Jalalabad, Kabul and Kandahar with services including basic healthcare, malnutrition screening, mine risk education, child friendly spaces, back to school information, legal counselling, SIM card distribution, SGBV awareness raising, and transit accommodation.

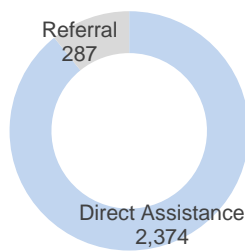
USD 867,197

Has been provided to 4,198 refugee returnees to support their immediate humanitarian needs as well as transportation costs.

PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

2,661

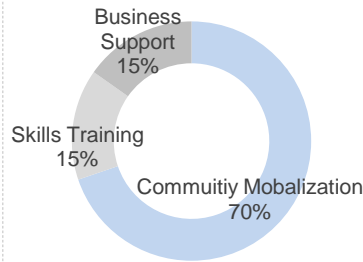
persons with acute vulnerabilities and protection risks receiving cash or in-kind assistance and/or referral to specialized services, such as medical assistance, employment, skills development, shelter, food and education.



COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

746,038

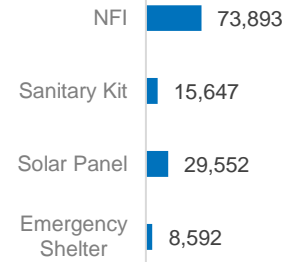
UNHCR engages with communities to identify and address their needs through skills training, business support and community mobilization to mitigate protection risks, strengthen resilience, facilitate reintegration, and promote peaceful coexistence with host communities.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

127,684

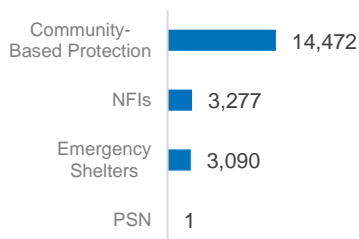
of beneficiaries assisted, in coordination with the Government, through non-food items, sanitary kits, emergency shelter and solar panels. (note that some beneficiaries received multiple assistance on NFI, Sanitary Kit, and Shelter.)



REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

20,840

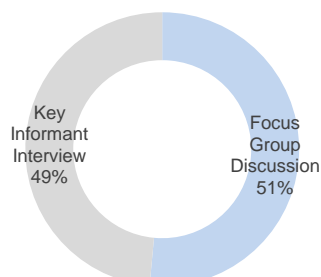
of refugees assisted with birth registration, NFI distribution, emergency shelter, winterization, and camp management and coordination in Gulistan Refugee Camp



PROTECTION MONITORING, REFERRAL AND RESPONSE

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of protection monitoring missions to systematically and regularly collect, verify and analyze information to assess the protection situation of IDPs, returnees and host communities in order to plan and implement more effective responses.



POLICY SUPPORT AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

UNHCR is part of the Tripartite and Quadripartite mechanisms established with the Governments of the Islamic Republics of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran to plan, coordinate and undertake repatriation of Afghan refugees within the framework of the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR).


HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE NEXUS

UNHCR works to strengthen linkages between humanitarian initiatives and development programmes through partnership with the Government, development actors and the private sector, including in coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team, the Displacement and Return Executive Committee, and the Afghanistan National Peace and Development Framework and other government initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable reintegration and harmonizing response to the needs of refugees, returnees, IDPs and members of host communities.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION



452,996

 # of beneficiaries reached by the Protection Cluster

■ Reached ■ Gap




2.4 M  People in need

1.3 M  People targeted

44.7 M  Funding required



446,737

 # of beneficiaries reached by the Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster

■ Reached ■ Gap




1 M  People in need

0.8 M  People targeted

48.3 M  Funding required



20,840

 # of beneficiaries reached through Inter-Agency Refugee Coordination

■ Reached ■ Gap



50 K  People in need

50 K  People targeted

8.8 M  Funding required

UNHCR appreciates the partnership and financial contributions of both unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds from donors, as well as for those who have contributed regionally and directly to Afghanistan and the Afghan situation:

Australia | Canada | CERF | Denmark | European Union | Finland | France | Germany | Ireland | Private Donors of Italy | Japan | Private Donors of Japan | Kuwait | Norway | Netherlands | Republic of Korea | Private Donors of the Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Private Donors of Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom | UN Programme on HIV/AIDs | United States of America

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