

OPERATIONAL UPDATE NOVEMBER 2019



Community members start building their homes supported by UNHCR's Cash for Shelter project in Kadhistan, a priority area in Herat province. UNHCR/ /S.Atef

HIGHLIGHTS

As of 30 November, **7,985** registered refugees voluntarily returned to Afghanistan, out of which 6,048 returned from Pakistan, 1,863 from Iran and 74 from other countries.

402,400 individuals have been displaced by conflict in 2019 and profiled by OCHA as internally displaced persons (IDPs) in need of protection and assistance.

Preparations were made for the launch of the **SSAR Support Platform** on the side-lines of the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva in December. The SSAR Support Platform seeks to i) enhance international solidarity and burden-sharing for the Afghan situation; ii) facilitate additional investments and expanded partnerships for coherent humanitarian and development responses; iii) ensure sustained visibility for the Afghan situation.

UNHCR's **Cash for Shelter** project was rolled out this month with training for partners and communities conducted in Herat, Kandahar and Jalalabad. The project aims to provide a sustainable shelter solution while having ownership of the construction process which this cash-based intervention provides. Increasing the use of cash is also in line with UNHCR's commitment to the Grand Bargain. By the end of 2019, 575 families will have received support to build their new homes.

KEY FIGURES

BENEFICIARIES

873,122 # of persons of concern reached by UNHCR in 2019

IDPs	359,871
Refugee Returnees	210,917
Host Communities	187,158
Other Population	95,871
Refugees	19,305

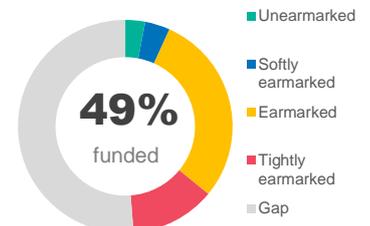
PARTNERS

25 # of partners implementing key UNHCR activities in 2019

NGO	22
INGO	1
Government	1
UN	1

DONORS

121.7M Funding required for 2019 (9 Dec 2019)



POPULATION DATA

7,985

of registered refugee returnees (UNHCR)

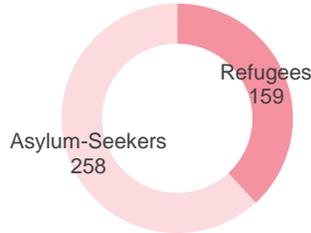
Pakistan 6,048

Iran 1,863

Other Countries | 74

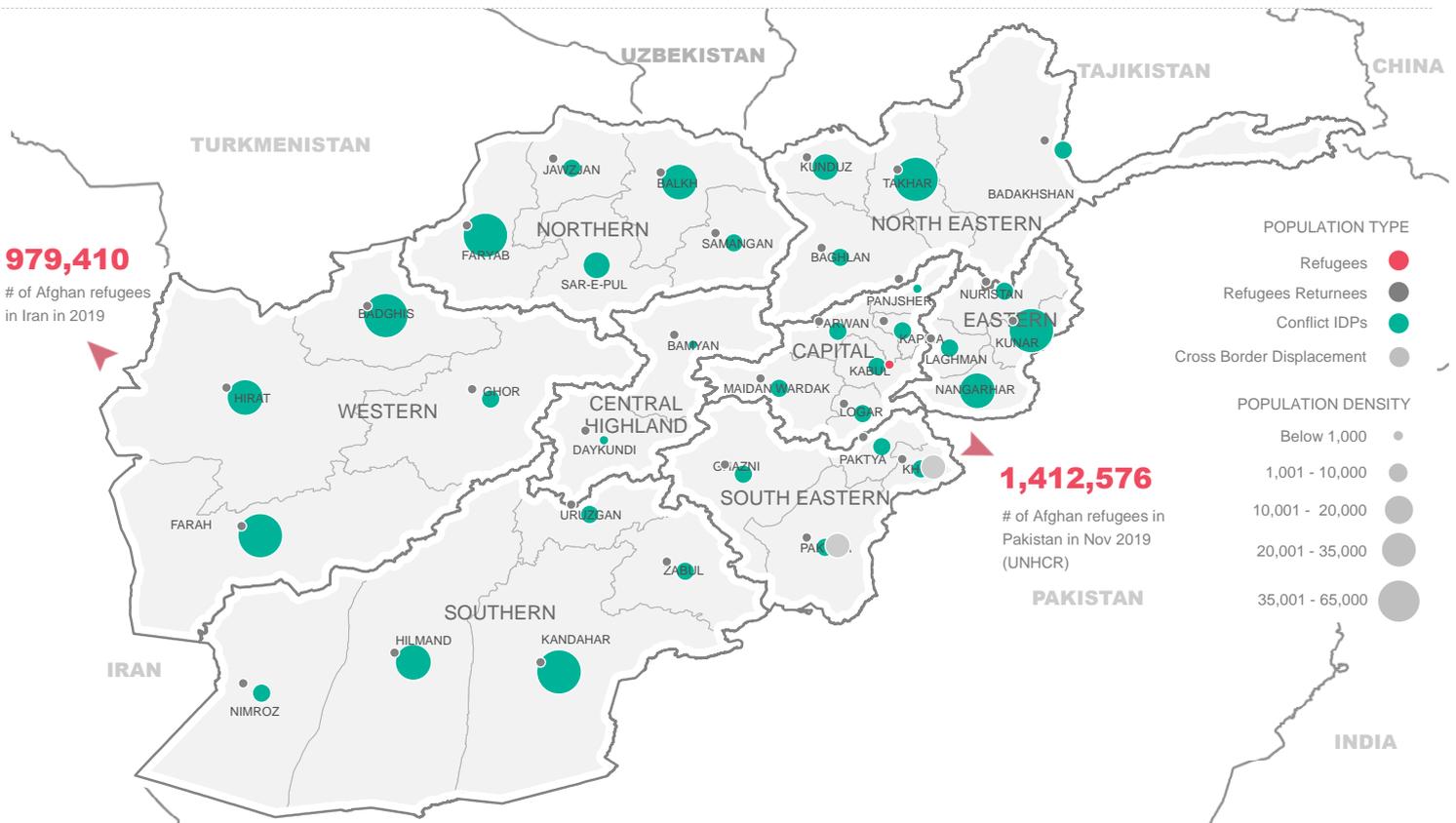
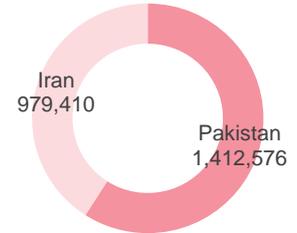
417

of urban refugees and asylum seekers in 2019 (UNHCR)



2,391,986

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



OTHER POPULATION OF CONCERN IN 2019 (SECONDARY SOURCES)

461,239

of undocumented Afghan returnees in November 2019 (IOM)

402,400

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

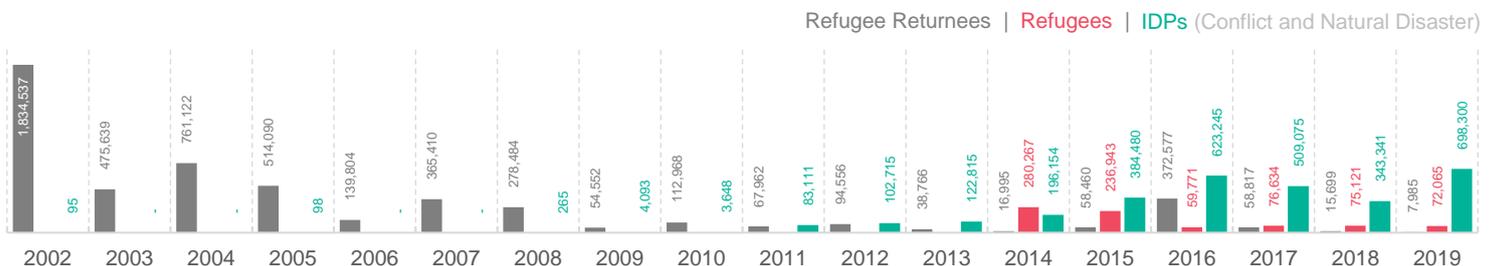
295,900

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

35.7 M

Total population in Afghanistan (Flowminder and UNFPA 2018)

POPULATION TRENDS (2002 – 2019)

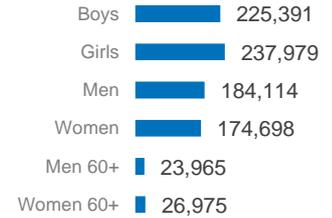
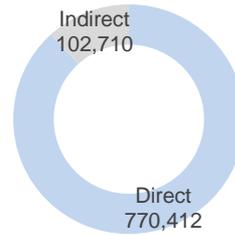
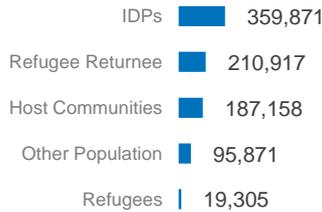


KEY ACTIVITIES

873,122



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

7,985

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.

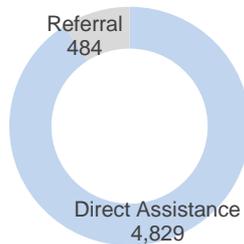
USD 1,656,329

Has been provided to 7,985 refugee returnees to support their immediate humanitarian needs as well as transportation costs.

PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

5,313

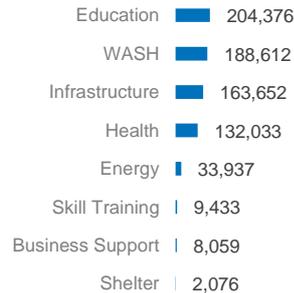
persons with acute vulnerabilities and protection risks receiving cash or in-kind assistance and/or referral to specialized services, such as medical assistance, employment, skills development, shelter, food and education.



COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

742,178

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

133,762

of beneficiaries assisted, in coordination with the Government, through non-food items, sanitary kits, and emergency shelter.

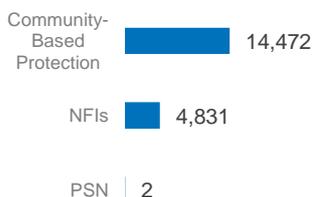


Beneficiaries are receiving multiple assistance (NFI, Sanitary Kits, and tents)

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

19,305*

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

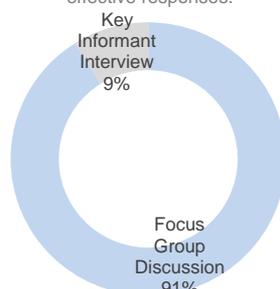


*Refugee figure reduced due to double counting of assistance received through NFI

PROTECTION MONITORING, REFERRAL AND RESPONSE

1,617

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



808,128

 # 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

597,002

 # 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

19,305

 # 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:



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