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OPERATIONAL UPDATE

June 2020

Mohammad Daud and his family are IDPs in Kandahar province. Through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme, they built their own home. UNHCR/F.Wahidy

HIGHLIGHTS

So far in 2020, **377** individuals returned to Afghanistan, out of which 327 returned from Iran, 16 from Pakistan and 34 from other countries.

93,968 individuals have been displaced by conflict in 2020 and profiled by OCHA as internally displaced persons (IDPs) in need of protection and assistance.

Since March 2020, UNHCR has been supporting the Government's efforts in the **prevention of and response to COVID-19** in Afghanistan, in coordination with UN agencies and humanitarian actors. **UNHCR's COVID-19 response** includes: providing personal protection equipment and hygiene kits to government officials and UNHCR partner staff working on the frontline, conducting awareness raising campaigns on COVID-19 prevention measures in high risk areas and Priority Areas of Return And Reintegration (PARRs), providing tents and Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) to health facilities and registration spaces for new returnees from Iran and Pakistan, providing staff and equipment to strengthen monitoring at the points of entry to Afghanistan, renovating reception facilities, distributing soap to refugees in urban locations and in the Gulan settlement and constructing water tanks and hand washing stations. UNHCR also continues to lead the protection and ES/NFI clusters which are playing a key role in COVID-19.

KEY FIGURES

BENEFICIARIES

148,852 # of persons of concern reached by UNHCR in 2020

Refugee Returnees	61,534
Conflict- induced IDPs	62,253
Host Communities	25,047
Other Population	18

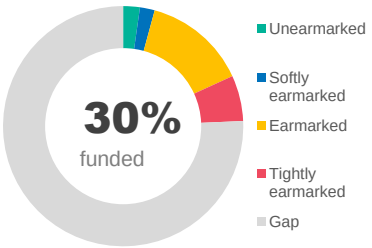
PARTNERS

27 # of partners implementing key UNHCR activities in 2020

NGO	22
Government	2
INGO	2
UN	1

DONORS

123.2M Funding required for 2020 (June 2020)



POPULATION DATA

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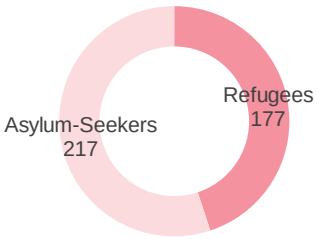
# of registered refugee returnees (UNHCR)

Iran	327
Pakistan	16
Other Countries	34

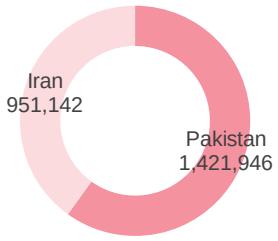
394

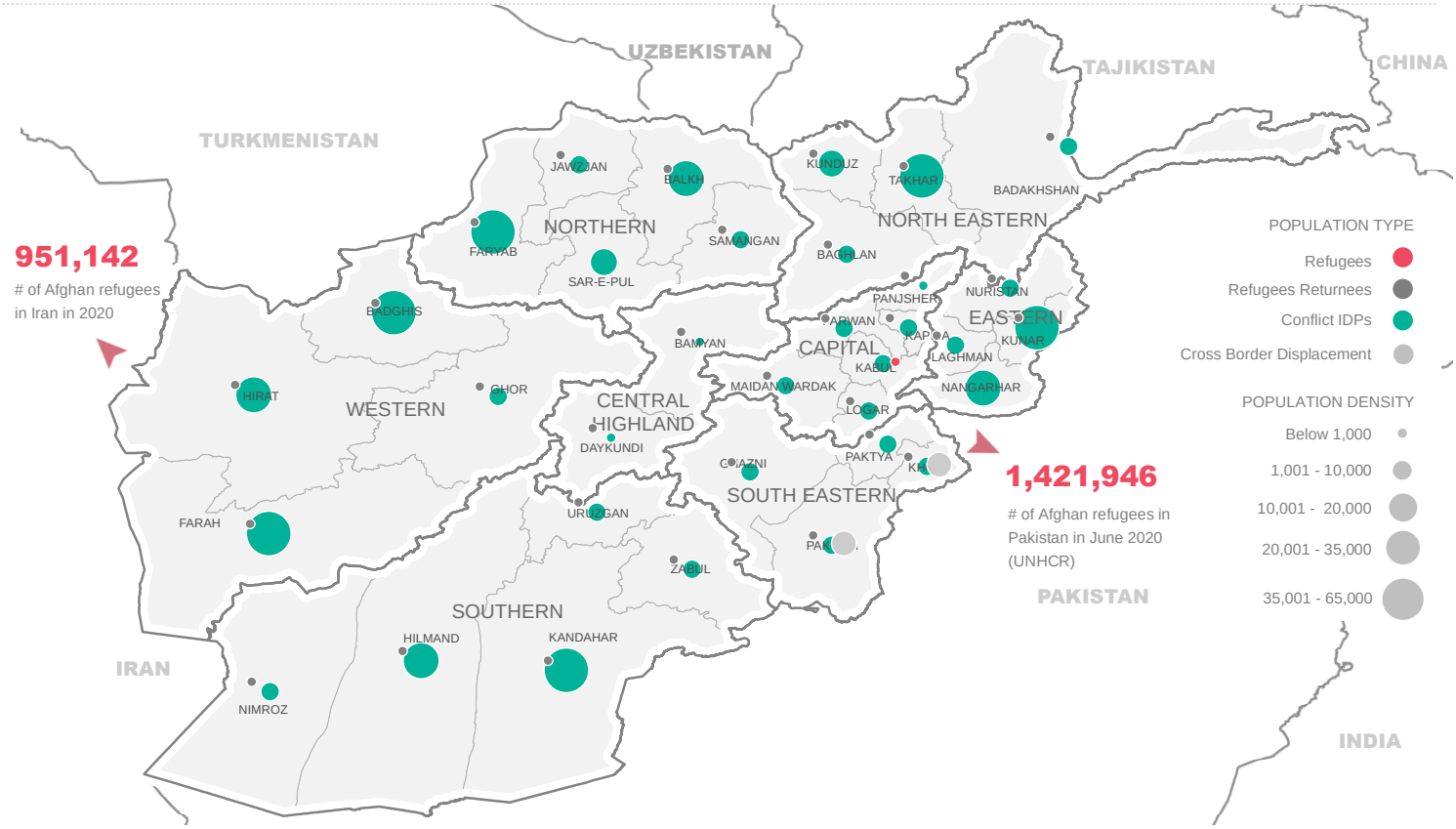
# of urban refugees and asylum seekers in 2020 (UNHCR)



2,373,088

# of Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran in 2020 (UNHCR)





OTHER POPULATION OF CONCERN IN 2020 *(SECONDARY SOURCES)*

351,744

# of undocumented Afghan returnees in June 2020 (IOM)

93,968

# of newly displaced IDPs due to conflict in June 2020 (OCHA)

2,307

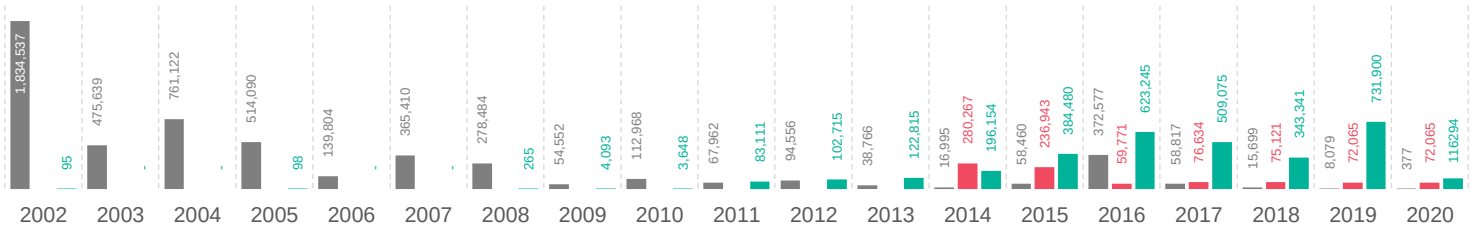
# of newly displaced IDPs due to natural disasters in June 2020 (OCHA)

35.7 M

Total population in Afghanistan (Flowminder and UNFPA 2018)

POPULATION TRENDS (2002 – 2020)

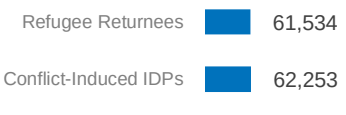
Refugee Returnees | Refugees | IDPs (Conflict and Natural Disaster)

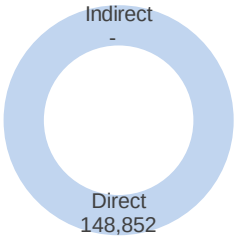


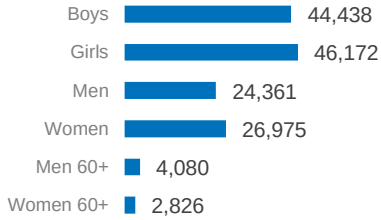
KEY ACTIVITIES

148,852

# of persons of concern directly and indirectly reached by UNHCR in 2020







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

377

# 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.

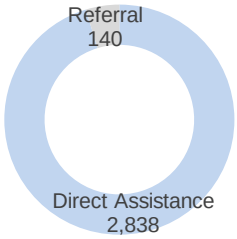
USD 78,562

Has been provided to 377 refugee returnees to support their immediate humanitarian needs as well as transportation costs.

PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

2,976

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

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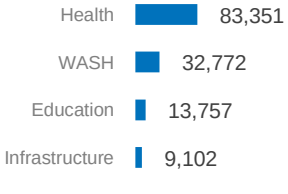
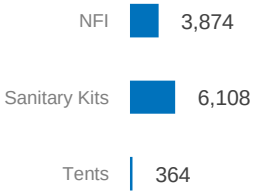
UNHCR engages with communities to identify and address their needs through skills training, business support and community mobilization to mitigate protection risks, strengthen resilience, facilitate reintegration, and promote peaceful coexistence with host communities.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

17,500

# 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

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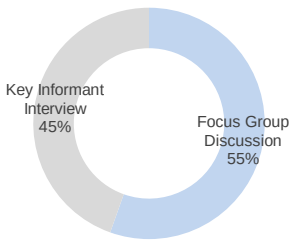
# of refugees assisted with birth registration, NFI distribution, emergency shelter, winterization, and camp management and coordination in Gulan Refugee Camp

PROTECTION MONITORING, REFERRAL AND RESPONSE

817

# 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-DEVEVELOPMENT-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

protectioncluster AFGHANISTAN

1,192,250

# of beneficiaries reached by the Protection Cluster

Reached	Gap
51%	49%

6.99 M People in need

1.79 M People targeted

59.9 M Funding required

Shelter Cluster Afghanistan

ShelterCluster.org

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

438,575

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

Reached	Gap
31%	69%

3.69 M People in need

1.05 M People targeted

85.5 M Funding required

UNHCR is grateful for contributions by:

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