



Polio workers deliver COVID -19 door-to-door awareness in Nangarhar



**3.7M**  
AFFECTED<sup>1</sup>



**116,302**  
DISPLACED<sup>2</sup>



**421,339**  
RETURNEES<sup>3</sup>



**727**  
MEDICAL KITS



**106**  
OUTBREAKS<sup>4</sup>

## KEY FIGURES

394	WHO STAFF IN THE COUNTRY
60	HEALTH CLUSTER PARTNERS
2.1M	OUTREACH (POPULATION REACHED)
<b>HEALTH FACILITIES</b>	
2,865	TOTAL NUMBER OF HEALTH FACILITIES
28	TOTAL NUMBER OF HEALTH FACILITIES AFFECTED
14	HEALTH WORKERS, PATIENTS AND OTHERS KILLED
17	HEALTH WORKERS AND PATIENTS INJURED/DETAINED
10	HEALTH FACILITIES RE-OPENED
<b>DISEASES<sup>4</sup></b>	
342,5942	ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION CASES
112,5981	ACUTE DIARRHEA CASES
270	MEASLES CASES DURING OUTBREAK
53	CCHF DURING OUTBREAK
51	MUMPS DURING OUTBREAK
58	DOG BITS DURING OUTBREAK

## SITUATION UPDATE

- A total of 4,550 people from five regions fled their homes due to conflict in July, increasing the total number of IDPs to 116,302 in 2020
- Around 421,339 people returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan and Iran between January-July 2020. Of this, 419,376 returned from Iran and 1,963 individuals returned from Pakistan
- Around 44,638 people were affected by natural disasters throughout the country (31 killed, 22 injured, 3,026 houses damaged and 883 houses destroyed) between January-July 2020
- In July, one health facility reopened, two health facilities closed down, five attacks on health facilities were reported, four health care workers were detained, and no health care worker was killed. Overall, since January 2020 a total of 22 attacks on health care have been reported, resulting in the closure of 30 health facilities, deaths of 2 health personnel and injuries sustained by three health staff and one patient.
- A total of 101,201 trauma cases were reported between January-July 2020. Of this 77,973 cases were OPD and 23,228 cases were IPD
- A total of 18 outbreaks, mainly linked to CCHF and measles were reported in July. Some 30,8263 cases of ARI and 247,783 cases of ADD were also reported in July. So far, a total of 106 outbreaks have been reported since January 2020
- WHO and Health Cluster implementing partners reached 115,450 beneficiaries (89,994 male and 25,456 female) between January-July 2020. Health Cluster partners provided lifesaving services to 3,180 beneficiaries in July 2020
- Four trauma kits (A+B), 82 IEHK basic kits, one IEHK supplementary, and two cholera kits were distributed to 93,200 beneficiaries, in July 2020
- According to the Afghanistan Humanitarian Needs Overview 2020, the number of people seeking trauma care across the country is expected to increase by a 28%

<sup>1</sup> Afghanistan Humanitarian Needs Overview 2020, Humanitarian Programme Cycle, December 2019

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/afghanistan/idp>

<sup>3</sup> <https://afghanistan.iom.int/pakistan-returns>

<sup>4</sup> MoPH Surveillance Data

## Public Health Concerns

- The security threat on Mazar- Shiberghan - Faryab highway could potentially impact timely assessment and response in Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pul and Faryab provinces
- There is a potential of disease outbreak among populations, which do not have access to health facilities or are in areas where health facilities have closed down
- Continued attacks on health care and deteriorating security situation are affecting efficient health service delivery in different regions
- Communities not strictly observing preventative measures, Eid-ul-Adha celebrations and opening of schools could increase COVID-19 cases across Afghanistan
- On-going CCHF outbreak across provinces and ban on EPI services in Paktia and Paktika provinces could have public health implications
- Risk of the vaccine preventable disease outbreaks and MCI especially in Urozgan and Helmand

## Health Needs, Priorities and Gaps

- Significant WASH needs reported at some health facilities in Nangarhar, Kunar and Nuristan
- Need to consistently deliver routine immunization to tackle polio remains a key priority
- Occasional shortage of medicine and supplies for the routine treatment of patients at OPDs in health facilities across various provinces
- Limited monitoring visits for on-going health projects and lack of interventions in various provinces, specifically in hard to reach areas
- Shortage of equipment is keeping the Herat Agriculture Lab from becoming functional
- Lack of budget for health care service provision to the refugees at the Gulan Refugee Camp in Khost province
- Lack of health care services for the North Waziristan refugees in Bermal district of Paktika province
- Hard to reach districts and vulnerable populations need access to Primary Health Care (PHC) and trauma care services

## WHO Action

- WHO in close collaboration with the MoPH and the Polio Eradication Initiative delivered COVID-19 awareness through the distribution of 380,000 flyers and placement of 500,000 posters
- 25,000 COVID-19 awareness brochures and 7,000 posters were distributed to provinces in the south east region
- Regular monitoring of Herat Regional Reference Laboratory was conducted
- WHO participated in COVID-19 Provincial Technical Sub-committee Meetings
- WHO organized and conducted a COVID-19 IPC, Case Management and ICU training in Kandahar for the south region health staff
- Six COVID-19 facilities provide in-patient services for moderate, severe and critical cases of COVID-19
- WHO in collaboration with the MoPH conducted a TOT on critical case management of COVID-19 for 15 MDs from the designated COVID-19 hospitals of Jawzjan, Balkh, Samangan, Sari Pul and Faryab provinces. The training was held at the Balkh Regional Hospital
- WHO in collaboration with the MoPH conducted a training for 17 anesthesiologists and MDs working at the regional and provincial hospitals and supporting designated COVID-19 hospitals of Jawzjan, Balkh, Samangan, Sari Pul and Faryab provinces. The training was held at the Balkh Regional Hospital
- Health and nutrition services were provided to IDPs by eight mobile teams in Herat province and two mobile team in Badghis province

## Health Cluster

- Health Cluster under the leadership of WHO has provided services to 61.1K beneficiaries since its presence. There are currently 11 projects implemented by 9 partners under the Health Cluster in Afghanistan

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