

Situation update

The number of returnees to Afghanistan has increased substantially since July. The current trend predicts an influx of between 600 000 and 1 million returnees and internally displaced people by the end of 2016.

This adds to the over 5 million people in Afghanistan who require humanitarian assistance. The majority (57%) of the emergency affected population are children, while 23% are women. In this context the remaining three months of the year will require a well-coordinated and multi-faceted advocacy and operational response by the humanitarian community to avert a potential humanitarian crisis as winter approaches and many go without proper accommodation or shelter.

These figures far surpass the planning figures for the 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan and have the potential to overwhelm the already fragile health system within Afghanistan.

The flash appeal for this humanitarian emergency will be based on the estimated 600 000 people in need by the end of 2016.

[Read the donor brief and funding request](#)

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