

AFGHANISTAN FLOOD RESPONSE 2014
FARYAB, SAR-I-PUL, JAWZJAN, BALKH PROVINCES
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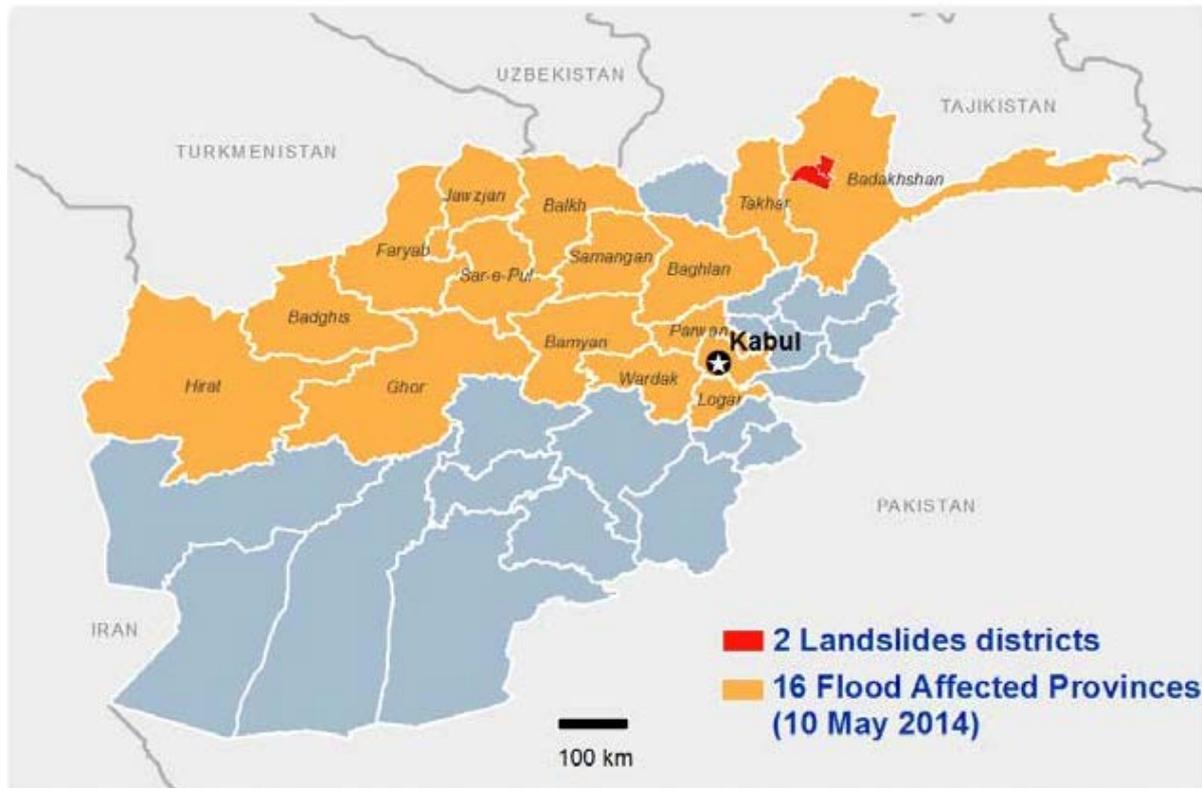
OVERVIEW

Since the evening of 24th and 25th April, flash floods triggered by heavy rains and melting ice in northern Afghanistan killed at least 176 people. The number affected by floods in Afghanistan has risen to more than 120,000 people in 16 provinces (86 districts). 72% of the flood-affected population is residents of 4 provinces, namely Jawzjan, Faryab, Sar I Pul and Balkh, which are operational areas for Save the Children.

Some of the most recent flooding has been due to a rise in water level in rivers such as Faizabad and Aqcha. In Khulm district, flooding on May 9th has cut off access on the highway connecting the northern and southern provinces. It also disrupted electricity telecommunications. The road destruction could impact flow of aid to the affected areas, as many of the newly affected areas have yet to be assessed. Four dead bodies were recovered in the area, and evacuation by helicopter was conducted on May 9th and 10th. Some 66 families in Faizabad district were also surrounded by floods on May 10th, requiring a helicopter to rescue them. Quland Uzbekila village in Sholgara district was also reported to be affected by floods, but Save the Children was unable to participate in the assessment due to security restrictions.

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Overall, thousands of houses have been destroyed with many more sustaining at least partial damage. Additionally, 1,000 animals were reported killed, and around 20,000 hectares of agriculture/horticulture, 22 mills, 25 water storage, 34 shops, 130 wells, 194 canals and 3 bridges were destroyed as a result of the floods.



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(Map taken from OCHA Sitrep #6)

Reports indicate that the flood will have significant impact on access to basic services, such as clinics, schools and markets. Many children in these areas are already live in poverty and are vulnerable. The impact of this flood could significantly worsen their situation. With losses in food stores, crops and livestock, it could lead to a spike in malnutrition in an area with already high malnutrition rates. This could have a permanent impact on a child's mental and physical development, further decreasing their chances of breaking the poverty cycle.

PDMCs are regularly conducting coordination meetings in all provinces and joint assessment team has been established. But still no detail assessment had done by any humanitarian organization in Darzab and Qushtapa districts of Jawzjan and other districts in Sar I Pul and Faryab provinces. On May 10th, the joint team consisting of INGOs and the government assessed the flood-affected villages of Faizabad district which found that 526 families have been affected.

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SAVE THE CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Overall, Save the Children estimates that nearly 78,000 people, including 47,000 children, have been affected in our operational areas, namely Faryab, Sar-I-Pul, Jawzjan and Balkh.

Save the Children has been working on a multi-agency rapid assessment that identifies the major needs of families that have been affected or displaced by the disaster. From our assessment results, most of affected families displaced are living in IDP camps, community structures such as schools or with host communities. They are in need of tarpaulin, household and hygiene items and blankets; and damaged schools in affected areas will require rehabilitation and repairs too.

Due to the close proximity of warehouses from the affected areas, Save the Children were one of the first aid agencies on the ground, delivering bread, drinking water and blankets within the first 24 hours of the disaster. Following that, other life-saving essential items were also provided to families in the provinces of Faryab, Sar-i-Pul, Jawzjan and Balkh; these include tarpaulin, household items, hygiene kits and Patoos (light blankets). Overall, nearly 40,000 people have been reached since 25th April 2014.

Save the Children is further planning to respond with Livelihood Cash for Work programs that aim to clean out affected schools, canals health and other public facilities. In addition Save the Children working to provide temporary learning centers and child friendly spaces in both Jawzjan and Sar I Pul provinces.

Over the last 3 days Save the Children has set up 78 emergency latrines in the camp for displaced –flood affected population of Khowajadokoh.

Save the Children plans continue delivering a multi-sectoral package to affected children and families that includes (as needed):

- **Shelter and NFIs:** Distribution of blankets, tarps, shelter tools, household kits, clothes (shoes and socks) using our existing warehouse material funded by OFDA,
- **WASH:** Hygiene education and distribution of hygiene kits
- **Livelihoods:** Cash for work for most vulnerable to clean the affected houses and affected agricultural lands, cleaning of roads to have access to basic services such as school and health clinics, and local markets.
- **Education in Emergencies:** Distribution of school kits and where possible set up TLC's
- **Child Protection in Emergencies:** Reunification of separated children and referral to services such as health, education, legal and psychosocial.
- All thematic units in country office are working on proposals for Cash for Work, Education and Protection for IDP children in the camps.

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Within a four-month period, Save the Children aims to reach 35,000 people, including 21,000 children.

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Reached to date
# of people receiving shelter and NFIs	# of people receiving tents	525
	# of people receiving blankets	2119
	# of people receiving Shelter Tools kit	6640
	# of people receiving Household kit	9541
	# of people receiving Tarpaulin (Plastic Sheeting)	5549
	# of people receiving Patoos	1499
	# of people receiving Hygiene kit	11557
# of people receiving Shoes, Socks and Pants+ Jacket	1960	
# of people receiving drinking water	# of people receiving drinking water	10325
# of Emergency Temporary Latrines are installing	# of people using latrines	6500
# of Hand-Washing Stations are installing	# of people using hand-washing stations	6500
# of people receiving bread	# of people receiving Bread loaves	3400

KEY ADVOCACY MESSAGES

- About 47,000 children have been affected in the flash floods that hit northern Afghanistan, destroying homes, agricultural land, markets, schools and other infrastructure.
- Children and families living in these areas are already poor and extremely vulnerable. Thousands have lost their homes and assets with no means of coping with such economic shocks.
- Affected children families need urgent support. Without functioning homes, latrines and clean drinking water, the level of hygiene in these areas can deteriorate causing the spread of diseases. Without sufficient nutritious food, it could result in a spike in the number of malnourished children in an area where malnutrition rates are already higher than the national average.

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SAVE THE CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN

Save the Children has been working in Afghanistan since 1976. The children's aid agency responds to all major humanitarian crises in the country, natural or man-made. In 2013 alone, Save the Children responded to 36 small-scale disasters that affected Afghanistan, reaching over 1.13 million beneficiaries within that time. We currently implement programs in 15 of 34 provinces, either directly or through partners, reaching more than five million children in 2013.

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