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Regional Monthly Update

01 - 31 October 2024

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Between January and October 2024, the Shelter Cluster, along with over 27 partners, provided vital emergency shelter and NFI assistance to more than 754,448 individuals affected by heavy winter conditions, heavy rains, and flash floods across the country. This included emergency shelter assistance for nearly 23,198 individuals, basic household items for over 197,176 individuals, and support for repairs and transitional shelter for more than 47,819 individuals while reaching more than 24,236 women-headed households.



An urgent funding requirement of USD 34 million is needed to ensure partners can deliver critical winter assistance, including fuel, heaters, and blankets, to support vulnerable populations during the winter season. These resources are essential for providing seasonal assistance in 209 high-priority districts, including 46 flood-affected districts and 27 districts with a significant number of returnees.



Due to insufficient funding, over 600,000 individuals in high-priority districts will be without essential heating assistance and seasonal winter NFIs. Among those affected are recent returnees and thousands of vulnerable families still living in inadequate or damaged shelters following the recent flash floods and heavy rains. This situation poses serious risks for vulnerable groups, including women, girls, young children under five, and the elderly, increasing the likelihood of respiratory infections, hypothermia, and potential fatalities.



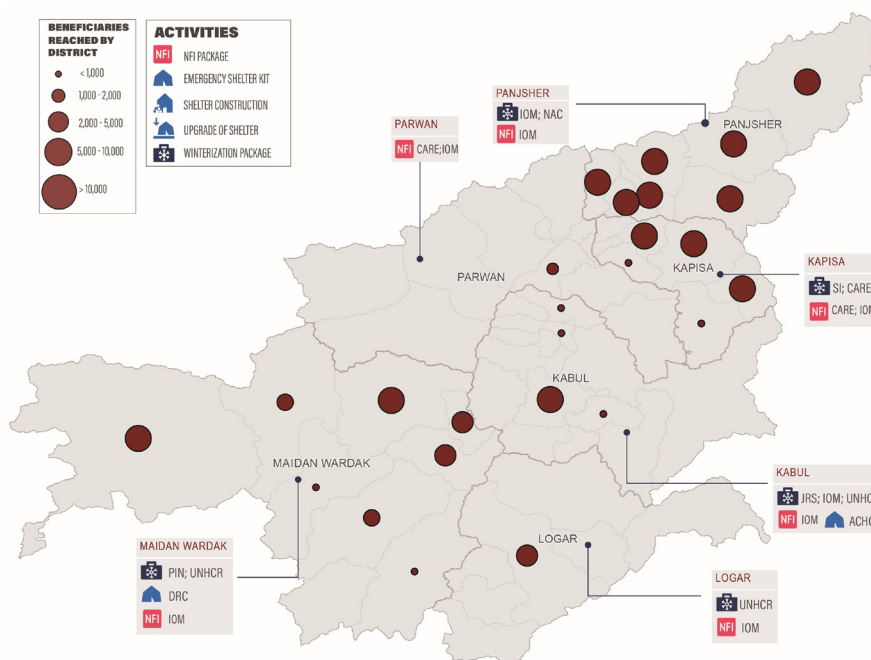
Shelter Cluster partners are actively advocating for a waiver on MOUs to enable the commencement of field activities while the formal processes are being finalized. This measure would expedite the delivery of assistance and prevent delays that can pose significant risks for persons with specific needs and other vulnerable groups as severe winter conditions set in.



**AFGHANISTAN
SHELTER CLUSTER**

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

Capital



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

243,136

PLANNED REACH

152,252 (63%)BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
151,946	4,657	737	-	320
Number of new individuals reached during the current month				

Needs Analysis

- IOM has verified 421 households in Kabul province as eligible for their winterization program.
- UNHCR/WSTA has initiated the assessment process for winterization assistance in Nerkh and Jalrez districts of Maidan Wardak province and Kharwar district of Logar province.

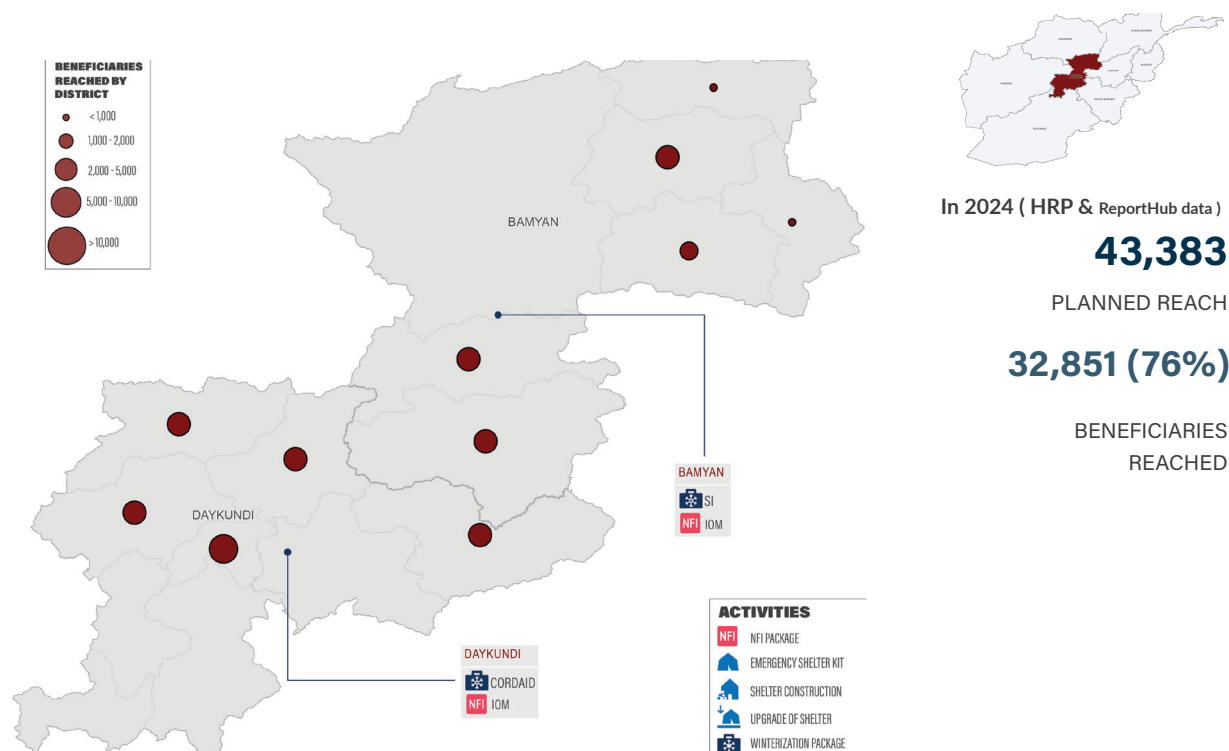
Response

- DRC: Delivered the second installment of transitional shelter assistance to 12 households in Jalrez and Sayed Abad districts, Maidan Wardak province.
- PIN: Provided multipurpose cash assistance to 468 families in Sayed Abad district, Maidan Wardak province.

Gaps / Challenges

- Insufficient resources to address shelter assistance needs in Logar and Maidan Wardak provinces. Many families affected by natural disasters in 2024 have not received adequate shelter repairs or transitional shelter support.

Central Highland



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

43,383

PLANNED REACH

32,851 (76%)BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
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30,645

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Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- Islamic Relief (IR) has started a needs assessment for winterization assistance in Waras district, Bamyan province, aiming to support 300 households.
- IOM is conducting assessments for winterization assistance in various districts of Daikundi province, targeting 31 households in Sharistan, 95 in Sange Takhat, 43 in Patoo, 46 in Khedir, and 19 in Nili.
- UNHCR/WSTA has begun assessments for winterization assistance in the Central Highlands, targeting 1,246 households (431 in various districts of Daikundi and 815 in various districts of Bamyan).
- UNHCR/WSTA is also assessing the need for major and minor shelter repairs in Bamyan and Daikundi provinces, aiming to assist 300 households.

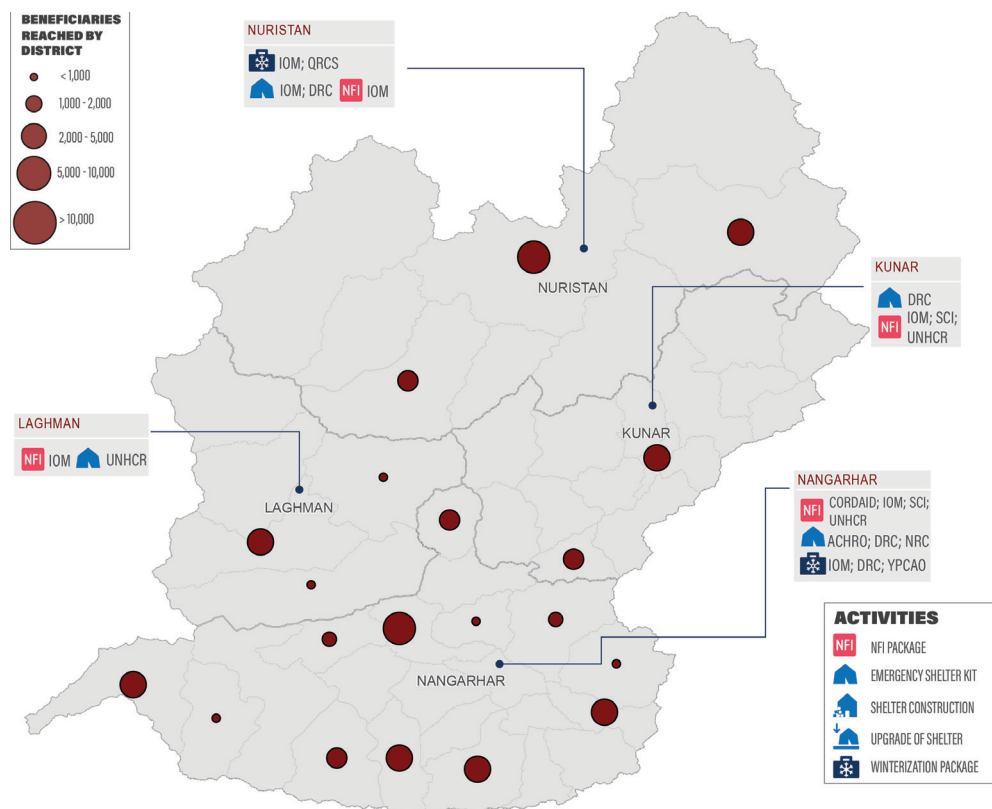
Response

- UNHCR/WSTA has distributed solar panel packages and Bukhari stoves to 193 households among their shelter beneficiaries.
- UNHCR completed the construction of 193 permanent shelters in the Central Highlands region.

Gaps / Challenges

- Restrictions on female humanitarian staff participation, particularly in Daikundi province, remain an obstacle.
- Partners report request by the Department of Economy (DoEC) to participate in recruitment and procurement processes.
- Limited partner resources and the absence of partners in some affected areas hinder adequate responses.
- Challenges with timely processing of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have significantly delayed the implementation of timely seasonal activities in the region.

Eastern



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

74,848
PLANNED REACH

102,928 (138%)

BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
34,580	52,384	532	1,094	11,989
Number of new individuals reached during the current month				

Needs Analysis

Nangarhar Province:

- A joint assessment identified 374 families in need of shelter repairs.
- IOM began its winterization program, verifying 563 families, with assessments still ongoing.
- UN-Habitat surveyed 3,810 households for shelter repairs, including land use mapping and market surveys.

Kunar Province:

- A joint assessment by IOM, WFP, DRC, and ANDMA identified 56 families affected by rainfall and flooding in need of NFIs and other humanitarian support.
- IOM started its winterization program, assessing 633 families eligible for assistance.

Laghman Province:

- A joint assessment by SCI, WFP, and ANDMA determined 23 families affected by heavy rainfall and flooding eligible for NFIs and other aid.
- IOM began its winterization assessment in the province.

Nuristan Province:

- IOM assessed 334 households eligible for winterization assistance.

Response

Nangarhar Province:

- DRC provided technical support to 95 families for the construction of transitional shelters and to 212 families for ongoing home repairs.
- DRC disbursed second installments to 11 families currently constructing transitional shelters.

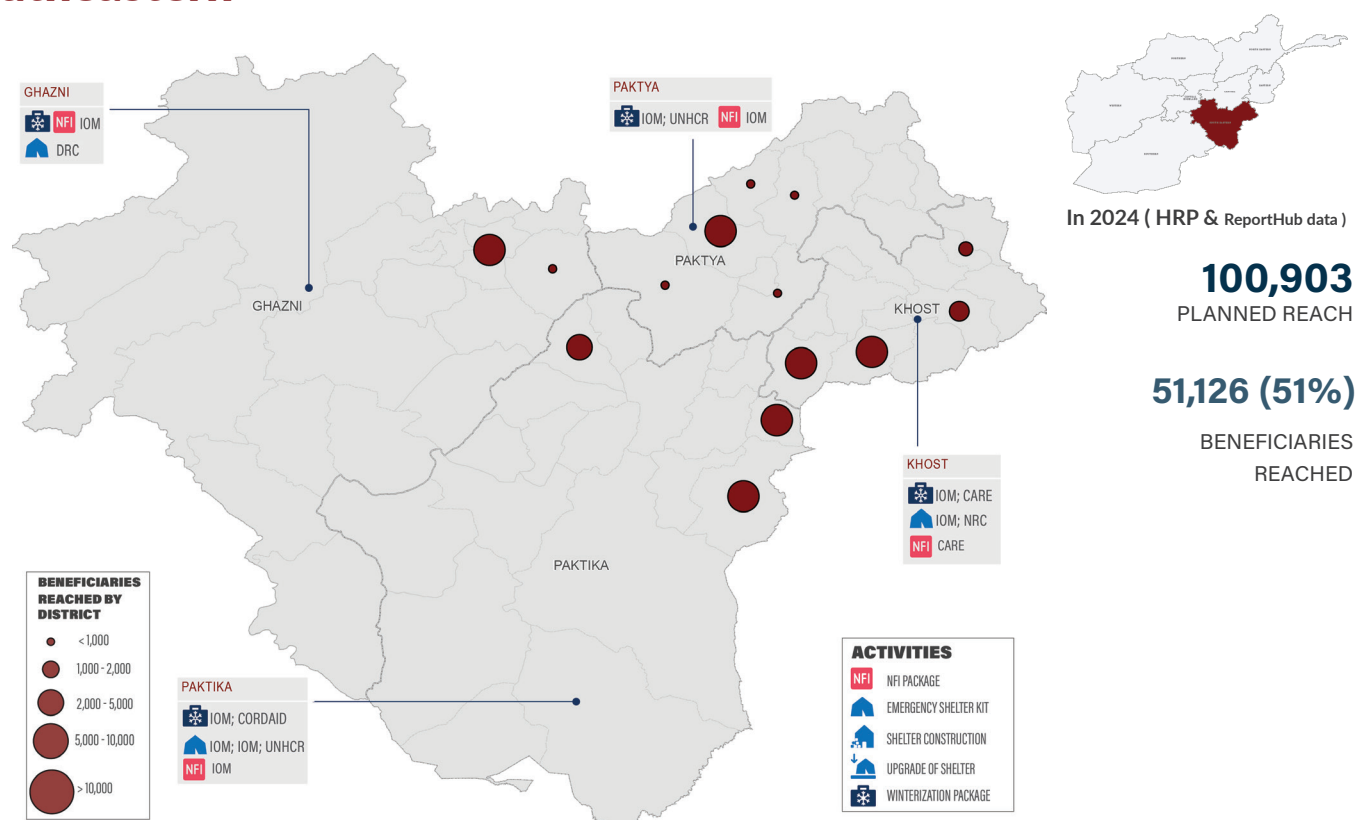
Kunar Province: DRC provided technical support to 16 families currently in process of constructing transitional shelters.

Laghman Province: IOM distributed NFIs and emergency shelters to 108 families affected by natural disasters.

Gaps / Challenges

- Some Cluster partners have halted winterization assistance to returnees in Nangarhar province due to MOU issues with line departments.
- Some interference reported by partners disrupting the provision of assistance to vulnerable populations.
- Partners report a lack of adequate resources to cover shelter repairs and transitional shelter needs for returnees and vulnerable people affected by recent floods and heavy rains.
- Restrictions on female staff participation in humanitarian activities continue to hinder effective aid delivery.

Southeastern



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
38,648	1,862	3,358	-	1,191

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

A joint assessment team, comprising representatives from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), and World Food Programme (WFP), conducted a thorough evaluation in Dand Pathan. The assessment identified eight households whose shelters and non-food items (NFIs) were severely damaged by windstorms on September 28, 2024. The Joint Assessment Team (JAT) recommended providing emergency relief items and shelter upgrades to address the needs of these families.

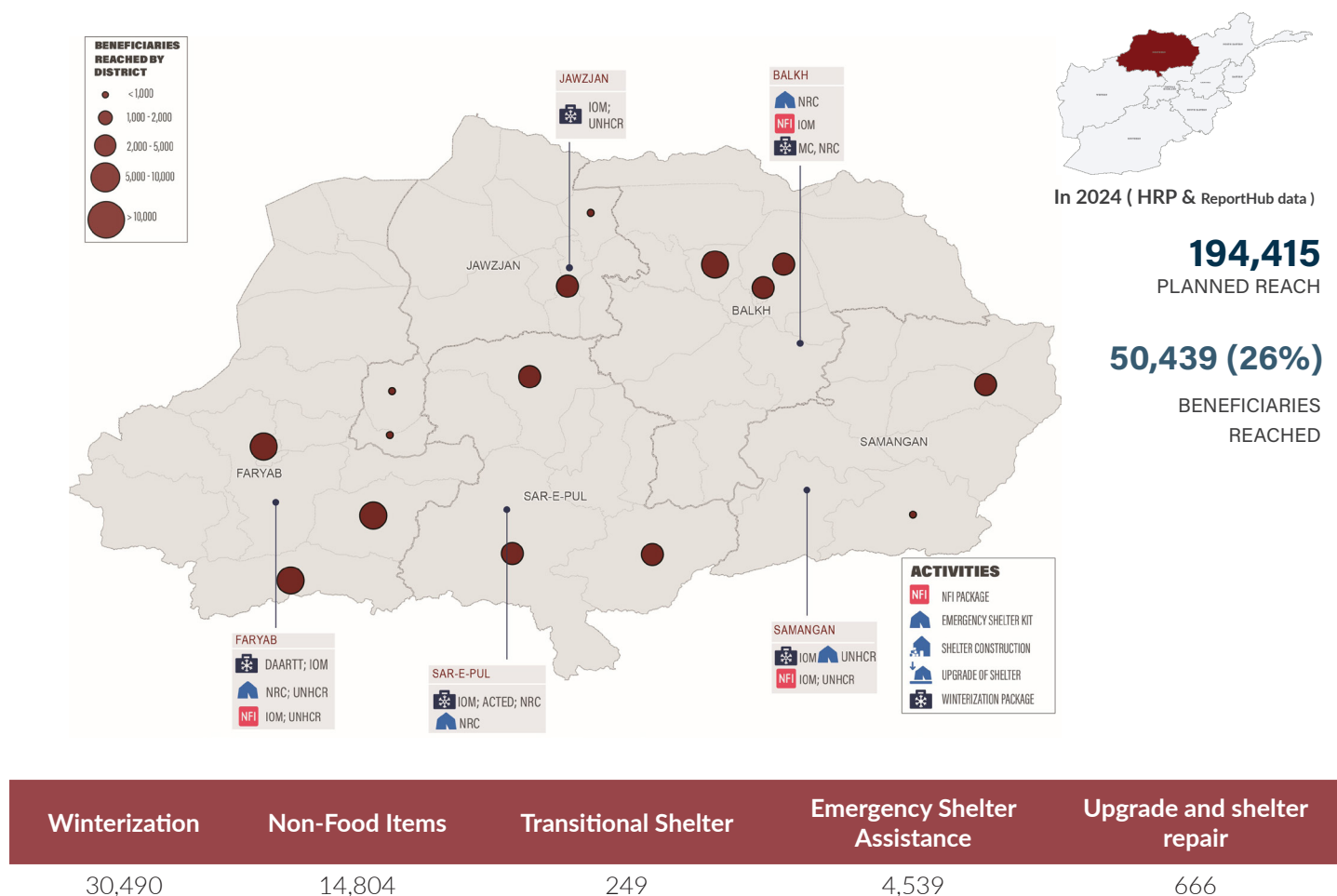
Response

- UNHCR: Distributed the third installment of shelter assistance to 491 earthquake-affected families in Giyan district, Paktika.
- IOM: Delivered non-food items (NFIs) to the eight households impacted by the severe windstorm in Dand-o-Patan district, Paktya province.
- DRC: Provided the second and third installments of shelter assistance to 96 flood-affected households in Deh Yak, Qarabagh, and Ghazni, supporting 51 households with transitional shelter (T-shelter) construction and 45 with shelter repairs.
- DRC: Delivered the second and third installments of assistance to 115 households in Sharan, Paktika province, supporting 58 households with T-shelter construction and 57 with shelter repair.

Gaps / Challenges

- Ongoing need for shelter repairs for houses severely damaged by windstorms in Dand Pathan district.
- Limited capacity and insufficient resources to meet winterization assistance needs in the region.
- Continued restrictions on female staff participation in humanitarian activities remain a significant operational challenge.

Northern



Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- Winterization assessments are ongoing at the regional level. IOM has completed its assessment across all provinces, while DARRT, ACTED, OHW, and other partners are continuing their evaluations. All partners are expected to finalize their assessments by the end of November.

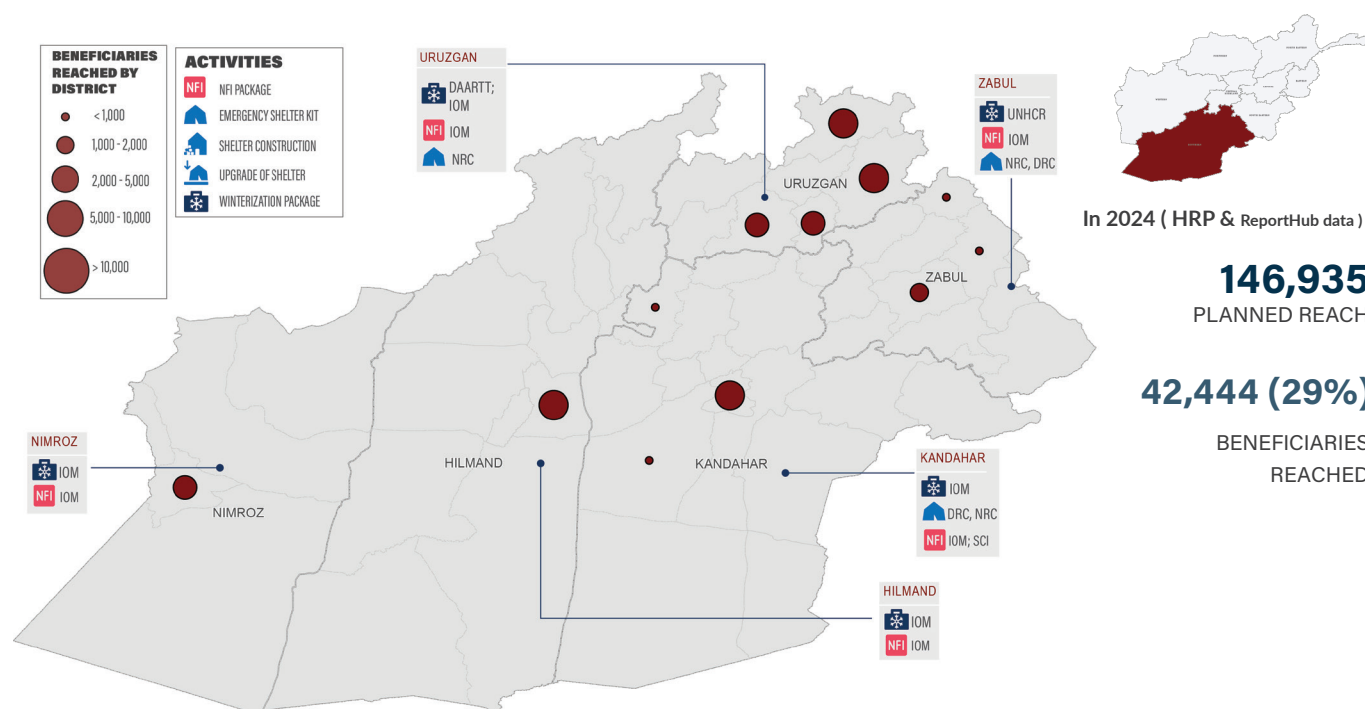
Response

- IOM has begun distributing winterization assistance in Faryab province, targeting natural disaster-affected families. A total of 984 families across various districts in Faryab will receive assistance.
- UNHCR's shelter construction in the northern region is progressing, with 216 shelters completed out of the planned 594 shelters.

Gaps / Challenges

- A significant gap remains in meeting the winterization needs across the northern region.

Southern



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
26,211	12,049	119	-	1,804

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- OHW has verified 288 families in Kandahar city and Daman district for shelter repair assistance under the AHF project.
- DRC has verified 41 families for shelter repair assistance in Nesh district, Kandahar province.

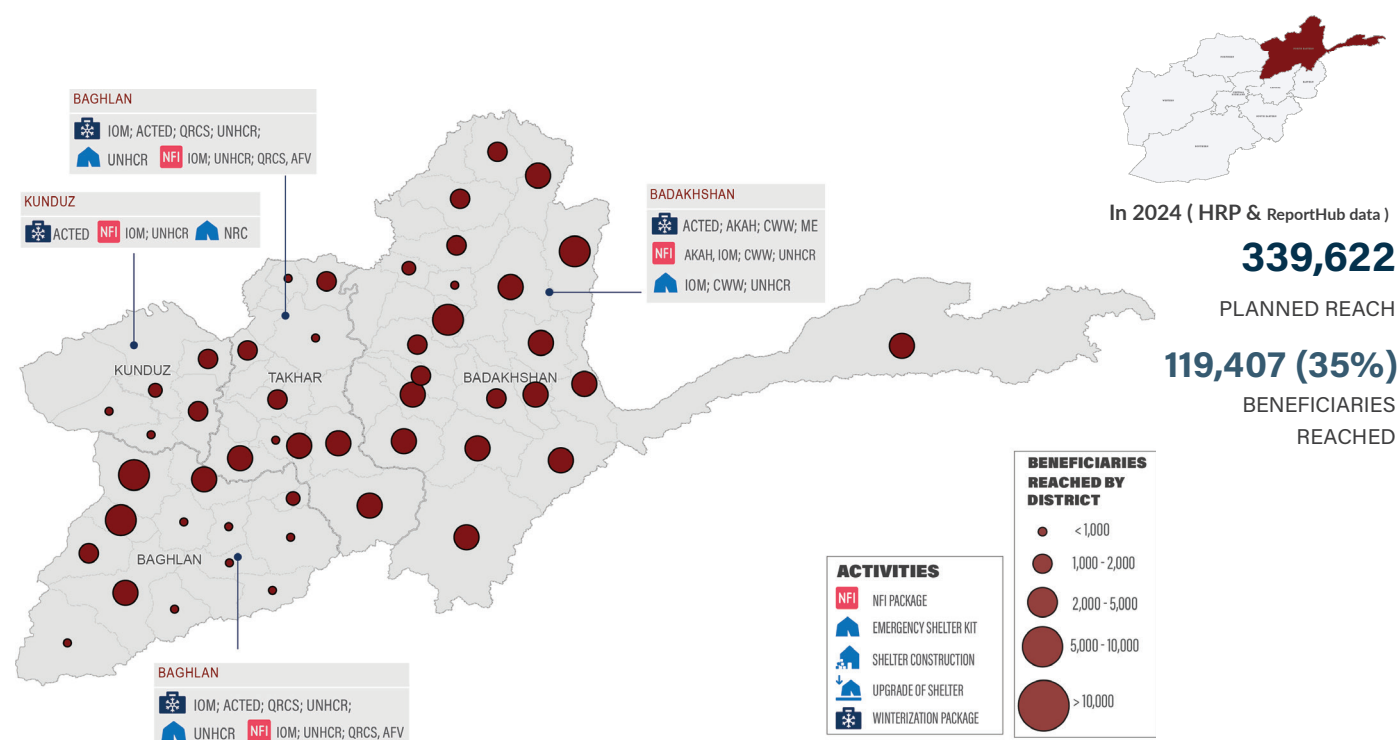
Response

- OHW: Provided cash assistance for shelter repairs to 233 families in Daman district, Kandahar province, under the AHF project.
- IRW: Delivered the second installment of transitional shelter assistance to 42 families and the third installment to 26 families in Arghistan district, Kandahar province. Additionally, IRW provided the first installment for shelter repairs to 4 families and the second installment to 6 families in the same district.
- UNHCR: Through its partner ACHRO, completed the construction of 106 transitional shelters in Kandahar and Uruzgan provinces, with the construction of an additional 96 shelters progressing as planned.
- DRC: Distributed the second installment of shelter repair assistance to 15 households and transitional shelter assistance to 27 households in Khak Afghan district, Zabul province.
- NRC: Provided the first installment of shelter upgrades to 149 households in Qalat city, Zabul province.

Gaps / Challenges

- Partners face significant challenges in obtaining land ownership documents, which affects the construction of permanent shelters in urban areas of Kandahar.
- Insufficient funding to meet shelter needs in the region.
- Natural disasters in 2024 have severely damaged 436 houses and destroyed 473, leaving no resources available to respond to these urgent shelter needs.

Northeastern



Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
48,621	65,329	-	4,462	10,698

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- A joint assessment team identified 3 families affected by flash flooding in Argo and Faizabad districts of Badakhshan.

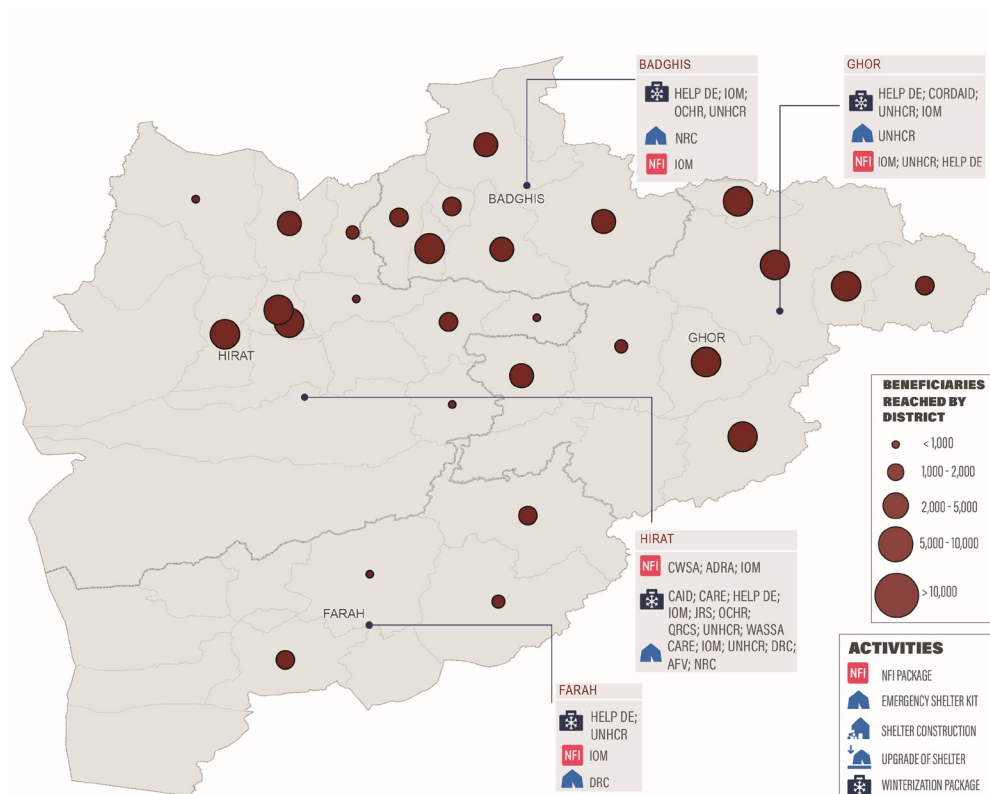
Response

- IOM provided non-food items (NFIs) and tents to the affected families in Argo and Faizabad districts of Badakhshan.

Gaps / Challenges

- In Yawan district, 316 families affected by landslides are in urgent need of winterization assistance. Many are living in dire conditions, either in tents or partially damaged houses, as winter approaches.

Western



In 2024 (HRP & ReportHub data)

545,465
PLANNED REACH

203,001 (37%)
BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

Winterization	Non-Food Items	Transitional Shelter	Emergency Shelter Assistance	Upgrade and shelter repair
141,892	42,437	13,931	12,903	4,465

Number of new individuals reached during the current month

Needs Analysis

- IOM's assessment identified 3,206 households in need of winterization assistance across the western region, including natural disaster-affected populations, IDPs, returnees, PSNs, and host communities. This includes 1,300 families in Ghor, 800 in Herat, 806 in Badghis, and 300 in Farah.
- UNHCR, identified 493 families in need of support, including 65 in Guzara district, 55 in Herat city, and 373 in Feroz Koh, Ghor.
- NRC conducted a shelter technical assessment in Kushk district and selected 55 families for shelter upgrades.

Response

- IOM provided winterization assistance to 1,298 households in Ghor and 798 households in Herat province.
- DRC distributed the first installment of shelter upgrades to 64 households in Herat province.

Gaps/Challenges

- Securing MoUs remains a significant challenge for partners, especially given the short-term nature of seasonal winter assistance programs.
- Restrictions on female staff participation in humanitarian activities continues to constrain the smooth identification and delivery of assistance of women and girls in need.