



1. Khost & Paktika Situation Update

Food has emerged as an urgent and immediate need in Khost and Paktika provinces. Many displaced families are low-income and left their homes suddenly, crossing into Afghanistan with few possessions, while the resources of host communities are limited. As families entered Khost province, WFP was on the ground distributing one-month food rations to 900 families in Matun and Gurboz districts beginning on 18 June. With additional distributions ongoing for 700 households, WFP's food basket consists of High Energy Biscuits, wheat flour, pulses (legumes), vegetable oil and salt.

WFP is partnering with Mhair Educational Human Rights Organisation (MEHRO) and Organisation for Research and Community Development (ORCD) to distribute additional food to households in Khost and Paktika provinces. Based on UNHCR population assessments, WFP will plan food distributions to ensure the needs of vulnerable people are met in areas with high displacement. It is becoming clear that the situation will likely be protracted and greater food and nutrition assistance will be required for the families displaced due to the conflict.

Results from the Paktika joint assessment mission with APA/UNHCR and DoRR indicated that there are 3,000 families displaced in Barmal district (revised up from 1,450) and 600 families in Urgun district. The analysis of the assessment findings and discussions with provincial authorities will be shared with operation partner for further consultation effective delivery of humanitarian assistance.

2.1 Protection Concerns

On the Pakistan side, all Government primary and middle schools in Bannu are occupied by displaced families from NWA. Due to the availability of water, sanitation and electricity, displaced families accommodated in schools have expressed their preference to stay in the schools. UNHCR Pakistan will discuss this issue with authorities and explore options for the displaced accommodated in school buildings as the school year will start in two months and there is concern to ensure displaced families have adequate accommodation and support as well as access to education.

On the Afghanistan side, there are limited services for women, particularly in the Gulan camp in Khost. Female doctors and a proper clinic are required to ensure women can access healthcare. Women in the camp also expressed that latrines for women in the camp and sanitary kits are needed. Agencies on the ground are coordinating to respond to these concerns, while similar issues are expected in Paktika. UNHCR is responding to these concerns by hiring additional female staff while UNHCR's partner TLO already has two female staff to work in Gulan camp on registration issues.

2.2 Humanitarian Response - since 18 June 2014

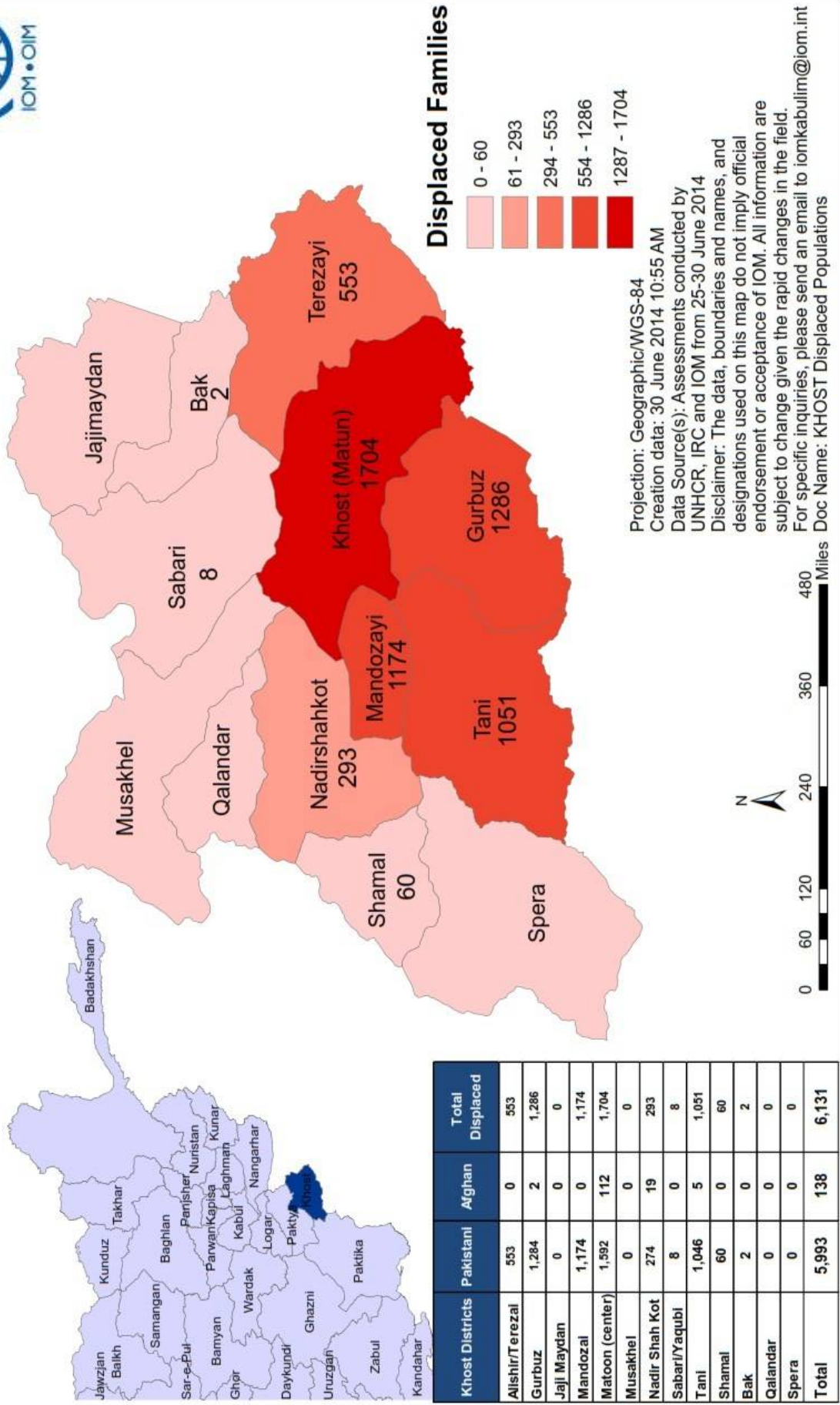
- WFP partners distributed one-month food rations to 900 families
- UNICEF, WHO & IMC vaccinated 24,364 children under 10 against polio in Khost
- WHO & IMC vaccinated 8,410 children under 10 against polio & 5,601 against measles in Paktika
- UNICEF has pre-positioned vaccines
- WHO has pre-positioned enough life-saving medications for 25,000 patients
- MSF is providing emergency latrines to Gulan
- HealthNet set-up 3 mobile clinics and is distributing mosquito nets
- IRC is distributing 879 NFIs, 600 tents, 331 emergency latrines and 331 hygiene kits and has an additional 1,200 tents pre-positioned
- UNHCR and partners provided NFIs to 1,295 families, with an additional 800 prepositioned
- UNHCR distributed 1,045 tents to families and is prepositioning an additional 800 tents
- IOM will be distributing NFIs today and is sending assessment teams to Paktika
- UNMAS/MACCA is conducting mine risk education and assessing Gulan camp area
- UNFPA is distributing 850 dignity kits

This situation update provides a snapshot of the inter-agency regional humanitarian response in full coordination with host Governments and partners across the region.

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