



# AFGHANISTAN – WINTER EMERGENCY

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Media reports indicate that severe cold in recent months has killed 24 children in two informal settlements in Kabul Province, Afghanistan.<sup>1</sup> The deaths follow extreme cold associated with the most severe winter in Afghanistan in the last 15 years. Approximately 30,000 displaced persons from Helmand and Kunduz provinces, as well as Afghan returnees from Iran and Pakistan, reside in more than 40 settlements in 10 districts of Kabul, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). In addition, severe cold temperatures and avalanches associated with heavy snowfall had resulted in 43 deaths in Badakhshan Province in northeastern Afghanistan, as of January 23.
- The Kabul Informal Settlement (KIS) Task Force comprising humanitarian agencies and non-governmental organizations was formed following a February 2 OCHA-led assessment of humanitarian needs of KIS residents resulting from severe cold weather. OCHA continues to monitor the situation in the informal settlements but has not issued an urgent request for international assistance, noting capacity to meet needs through existing funds.
- As of February 9, the OCHA-led KIS Task Force had distributed initial emergency supplies including blankets, tarpaulins, clothing, stoves, and fuel to 100 percent of the informal settlements.
- As of part of the ongoing humanitarian response, KIS Task Force member the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is providing blankets to approximately 20,000 KIS residents. In addition, UNHCR, which receives support from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM), is transporting supplies from Jalalabad and Herat to Kabul, as well as exploring options to procure additional supplies in Afghanistan or transport supplies from other countries if needed.
- USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), through Save the Children U.S. (SC/US), will distribute cold weather-related emergency relief supplies to KIS residents to fill any remaining gaps. In addition, USAID/OFDA partner the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has pre-positioned emergency winter supplies for up to 500 KIS families and is prepared to transport additional supplies to Kabul from warehouses in other provinces.
- In FY 2012, the U.S. Government (USG) has provided more than \$44 million in humanitarian funding to support Afghans affected by conflict and natural disasters. Of the total, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$10 million to support humanitarian activities in Afghanistan. In addition, USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) has provided \$27.3 million in emergency food assistance, including \$20 million to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) for the purchase of nearly 15,300 metric tons (MT) of food commodities. In FY 2012, the State/PRM has provided approximately \$7 million for humanitarian assistance, livelihoods support, gender-based violence prevention, and protection interventions for Afghans, including refugees who have returned to Afghanistan and Afghan refugees residing in Iran and Pakistan.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
Population of KIS	~30,000	OCHA – February 2012
IDPs <sup>2</sup> in Afghanistan	~480,300 <sup>3</sup>	U.N. – December 2011
Refugees in Neighboring Countries	~2.7 million	UNHCR – May 2011
Returnees to Afghanistan since 2002	5.7 million	U.N. – December 2011

<sup>1</sup> Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan officials dispute the reported number of deaths and claim to have only confirmed six deaths.

<sup>2</sup> Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

<sup>3</sup> This figure includes 450,000 individuals estimated to be displaced by conflict and 30,300 individuals estimated to be displaced by natural disasters.

<b>HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2012<sup>4</sup></b>	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Afghanistan	\$9,942,393
USAID/FFP Assistance to Afghanistan	\$27,300,000
State/PRM Assistance to Afghanistan and Afghans in the Region	\$6,997,887
<b>Total USAID and State Assistance</b>	<b>\$44,240,280</b>

<b>HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2011</b>	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Afghanistan	\$30,524,309
USAID/FFP Assistance to Afghanistan	\$167,700,000
State/PRM Assistance to Afghanistan and Afghans in the Region	\$71,963,534
<b>Total USAID and State Assistance</b>	<b>\$270,187,843</b>

### Winterization Efforts

- To meet humanitarian needs during the 2011/2012 winter season, U.N. and other humanitarian agencies had pre-positioned food commodities in 16 provinces, emergency relief commodities in 25 provinces, medicine in 32 provinces, and heavy machinery in 1 province as of November 15, 2011.
- With support from USAID/OFDA, IOM had pre-positioned more than 20,500 family revitalization kits, nearly 14,900 emergency shelter kits, and approximately 13,300 winterization kits throughout Afghanistan, particularly in remote areas that frequently become inaccessible during the winter season, as of late November.
- As of the end of November, WFP had pre-positioned nearly 10,000 MT of food commodities to ensure a continued food supply to vulnerable communities in remote areas during the 2011/2012 winter season.

### Logistics and Relief Commodities

- Severe winter weather, including extremely cold temperatures and heavy snowfall has resulted in increased requirements for emergency relief commodities in many parts of the country. According to IOM, natural hazards associated with winter affected approximately 9,700 families in Afghanistan's northern, western, and central provinces during January. In response, IOM assisted more than 2,800 families displaced or otherwise affected by natural hazards by providing approximately 1,600 family revitalization kits, 2,100 winter kits, and 760 emergency shelter kits.
- In January, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$7.5 million to IOM to deliver emergency relief supplies to populations affected or displaced by conflict and natural disasters in Afghanistan in 2012. The new funding builds upon USAID/OFDA's long-standing support for stockpiling relief supplies in strategic locations throughout Afghanistan to address the needs of disaster-affected populations, particularly in areas difficult to reach during the winter.
- Humanitarian partners are distributing USAID/OFDA commodities during the 2011/2012 winter season. USAID/OFDA provided a total of \$30.5 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, of which nearly \$11 million was allocated for activities including procuring and stockpiling relief items, such as winterization kits, to allow rapid and appropriate response to extreme cold, avalanches, and many other disasters.
- State/PRM provided nearly \$72 million in FY 2011 to assist returned Afghan refugees and those still residing in Iran and Pakistan. With this support, UNHCR distributed urgently needed winter supplies, including blankets, plastic sheets, warm clothes, and fuel, to more than 200,000 displaced Afghans in December to help people stay warm and dry through the winter, as night-time temperatures dipped below freezing across the country.

### USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN PROVIDED IN FY 2012<sup>1</sup>

<b>Implementing Partner</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$7,498,000
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,998,075
Tearfund	Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Jowzjan Province	\$394,687
	Administrative Support		\$51,631

<sup>4</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$9,942,393</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	15,270 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$20,000,000
Implementing Partners	Locally and Regionally Procured Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$7,300,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$27,300,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNHCR	Humanitarian Assistance and Protection	Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran	\$6,437,000
Implementing Partners	Humanitarian Assistance	Countrywide	\$560,887
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$6,997,887</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN FY 2012</b>			<b>\$44,240,280</b>

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN PROVIDED IN FY 2011

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Herat, Bamyan, Ghor	\$200,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Natural And Technological Risks	Konar, Nuristan	\$1,500,000
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,708,045
IOM	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$4,999,733
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Natural And Technological Risks, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Khost, Herat, Laghman, Loghar, Paktiya, Nangarhar	\$8,572,948
SC/US	Logistics and Relief Commodities, Natural and Technological Risks, Protection	Balkh, Jowzjan, Sar-e Pul, Bamyan, Uruzgan, Kandahar, Faryab, Kabul	\$2,141,208
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
U.N. Human Settlements Program (UNHABITAT)	Protection	Kabul	\$300,000
UNHCR	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Nutrition and WASH	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
World Health Organization (WHO)	Health, Nutrition	Countrywide	\$1,900,000
	Support		\$202,375
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$30,524,309</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP, CRS	109,150 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance, regional and local commodities, and food vouchers	Countrywide	\$167,700,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$167,700,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Humanitarian Assistance and Protection	Countrywide	\$4,600,000
UNHCR	Humanitarian Assistance and Protection	Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran	\$50,200,000
Implementing Partners	Humanitarian Assistance	Afghanistan, Pakistan	\$17,163,534
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$71,963,534</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$270,187,843</b>

<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN</b>	
<b>COMMITTED FY 2011 ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN</b>	<b>\$44,240,280</b>
<b>COMMITTED FY 2012 ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN</b>	<b>\$270,187,843</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN FY 2011 AND FY 2012</b>	<b>\$314,428,123</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.  
<sup>2</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 9, 2012.  
<sup>3</sup> Estimated value of food assistance

**PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in Afghanistan can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:  
The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or +1.202.821.1999.  
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)