

Afghanistan Regional FSAC Cluster Update_ July 2015

North Region

Key update on food security situation:

- The harvest is predicted normal in most of the districts except some districts affected by recent flash flood.
- Clashes in Kohistanat district of Saripul province resulted in displacement of hundreds families. The conflict affected IDPs settled in Center of Saripul and Sayad district. Humanitarian agencies are coordinating on the assessment process to respond to the basic needs.

Key update on response:

- 1497MT mixed food was distributed to 37,841 recipients under different activities.
- 49.5MT mixed food was distributed to 2009 beneficiaries natural and man-made disasters.

Key update on recent natural disaster/shocks that affected your region:

Natural Disasters update:

Kaldar & Shortepa district of Balkh province

- A joint team consisted of DoRR, ACF, OHW and WFP conducted assessment in 27 July 2015 in Kaldar and Shortepa districts of Balkh province.
- 132 farmers have lost their agricultural land in JOI WAKIL, CHOBBASH, PAS ARIGH, ISLAM OLYA and JUNGL ARIGH villages at the result of Amu Darya flooding. Total 450 Jeribs of Agricultural land has been destroyed by Amu Darya over flow. The water level in Amu Darya increased to 1.5-2 m which resulted in overflow and severe flooding.

A water canal in SHAIKH village that provides agricultural water for 7 villages of Shortepa district (approx. 10,000 people) is about to be damaged by river flooding (only 1 meter away from current flooding water table). ANDMA provided 10,000 empty sand bags to local communities in Shortepa district to reduce the flood risk. This includes some high risk areas including the main irrigation water canal. The communities have used the sand bags but additional support is needed. Since there is no houses damaged, the assessment team recommended Food for Work project to mitigate further risks.

- 66 houses were damaged in Kaldar district and the assessment team recommended to provide food assistance, NFIs and shelters for the affected communities. OCHA is coordinating humanitarian agencies to assist the affected families.
- In total 500 jeribs agricultural land has been damaged by current flood in Pas TOQAI, AREGH ALEQ, TAZA AREGH and KHOWJA KAKOLDAR villages of Kaldar district.



Overflowing of Aamo River in Khamab & Qarqin districts resulting destructions of hundreds houses & agricultural lands.

Qarqin and Khamab districts of Jawzjan province:

Amu Darya overflow has started in early July, resulting in riverbank erosion and large-scale flooding. Reportedly, water levels have risen by 1.5 m. Roads, houses, agricultural land, orchards, community assets, and agricultural land are flooded and many families have been displaced.

Fast stretches of land are flooded, resulting in huge damages and losses of income marginalized and creating food insecurity.

The Amu Darya flooding is the worst in years and if it continues, there is a high risk that the two districts of Qarqin and Khamyab will be total washed away. Flooding is ongoing since two weeks and will continue in the coming weeks.

Initial report: 551 families affected. Out of which 205 families are category A and 346 are category B.

The joint assessment team ANDMA, WFP, SC and IOM deployed in 29 July to Qarqin district but returned back due to ongoing clashes in the area. WFP is assessing the situation and will be deploying the team as soon as the area is secured.

ARCS and ActionAid will conduct the assessment in 2nd August 2015 in Khamab district and the findings will be shared later.

1560 jeribs of agricultural land, 600 jeribs pasture and 585 jerib of forest have destroyed by Amu Darya overflow which resulted in severe flooding in AQ MASJED, NAWABAD WATANY, QWELY and CHOPELY TEPAH villaged of Khaamab district of Jawzjan province. Beside that 13.5 Km irrigation canals also damaged.

1821.5 Jeribs of agricultural land and 52 KM irrigation canals have been destroyed by flooding in KHAN TEPAH, SHOR TEPAH and DENAR villages of Qarqin district.

Belcheragh district/Faryab province: ARCS is following up with its Kabul office on the provision of relief assistance for 349 flood affected families. The area is insecure and other humanitarian organizations cannot reach to the area. The flood incident happened in May 2015.

The joint assessment team are now in Balkh, Kunduz, Jawzjan, Faryab & Saripul provinces identifying the real conflict affected IDPs. The response will be made based on assessment report in coming week.

Main Challenges for FSAC partners:

Security is being deteriorated in the NR and the inaccessibility to districts is increasing.

If any gaps exist in term of food & other needs of food insecure population

- 10 districts of the north region located in remote and rarely accessible during harsh winter season. Community have less access to the market, small scaled up market located with inadequate food during lean & winter seasons.
- Due to food pipeline break, WFP will not be able to cover the below mentioned districts with food assistance in coming winter, 2015. Therefore, it is highly recommended to be covered through other humanitarian agencies/ donors.
- Flash flood occurred in some districts (Kaldar, Shortepa, Keshendeh districts of Balkh, Qarqin, Khamab, Fayzabad, Khoja Doku districts of Jawzjan, Khuram wa Sarbag, Ruy Doab, Dara e souf Balah & Payeen & Aybak districts of Samangan, Pashtunkut & Maymana districts of Faryab, and Balkhab district of Saripul province) during the harvest season and have left lots of damages on community assets, yields and agricultural lands. Therefore, the mentioned districts needs more attention in terms of food security, agriculture and recovery.

Very Severely Food Insecure HHs in remote districts of Northern Region				
Province	District	Very severely food insecure population	Very severely food insecure Family	% of Very Severely food insecure
Balkh	Kishindeh	6,206	887	13%
Balkh	Zari	5,665	809	13%
Faryab	Kohistan	4,255	608	8%
Faryab	Pashtun kot	4,834	691	3%
Samangan	Dara e souf Balah	15,681	2,240	25%
Samangan	Darah Suf-e- Payin	9,803	1,400	14%
Samangan	Ruy-e-Du Ab	11,099	1,586	25%
Samangan	Khuram wa Sarbagh	5,380	769	14%
Saripul	Balkhab	8,392	1,199	17%
Saripul	Kohistanat	9,338	1,334	12%
Grand Total		80,654	11,522	

Remarks: 11,522 families urgently need food assistance during the harsh winter in cut off districts of four provinc

INTERVENTIONS:

- Supply of agricultural tools (Wheelbarrow, Shovel, Pickaxe...etc) to flood affected families for rehabilitation of their land for autumn planting. WFP and other donors also can focus the same beneficiaries with food package (CfW & FFW).
- Supply of Improved seeds with chemical fertilizer.

When is the next FSAC MEETING?

Tentative plan is 10 Sep. 2015