

HIGHLIGHTS



UNHCR Temporary Shelter program in Lower Dir, November 2009

- Jalala and Kacha Gari IDP camps are now officially closed and decommissioning of the site is ongoing.
- Military operations in Orakzai Agency have caused displacement largely to the neighboring Hangu and Kohat districts of NWFP. UNHCR, through its partners NWFP Social Welfare Department, SRSP and CERD continues to register and assist IDPs in Mohammed Khwaja camp established in Hangu as well as IDPs living in host communities in Kohat. Assistance to IDPs living outside camps in Hangu is provided through ICRC and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS).
- Registration of the unregistered IDPs living in Jalozai is still under discussion.
- The Pakistan Humanitarian Response Plan (PHRP) 2010 is expected to be launched in early February 2010.
- **IDP Facts & Figures:** *(source: GOP sources as of January 2010)*

IDPs	1.3 million
Source: NADRA	206,641 Families
Returnees	1.66 million
Source: PDMA/PaRRSA	237,180 Families
Camps:	113,987 IDPs
Source: CAR	21,464 Families

- **IDP Camps:** There are currently 21,464 IDP families (113,987 individuals) living in 10 camps in Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan, Charsadda, Lower Dir and Hangu Districts. The majority of the IDPs (over 70%) in the camps in NWFP are from Bajaur Agency with the rest from Mohmand and Khyber Agencies. The registration is ongoing for Bajaur IDPs in Khungi Shah camp in Lower Dir whereas it is suspended in other camps due to the lack of adequate land available. As of 7 January, the camp statistics are as follows:

Camp	Population		Managed by
Palosa Camp, Charsadda	438	2,701	CAR/UNHCR
Benazir Camp, Risalpur	285	1,773	CAR/UNHCR
Jalozai Camp, Nowshera	18,629	96,352	CAR/UNHCR
Samarbagh, Dir (L)	48	382	CAR/UNHCR
Sadbar Kalay, Dir (L)	168	901	CAR/UNHCR
Khungi Shah, Dir (L)	629	3,349	CAR/UNHCR
Walai Kandaw, Dir (L)	546	3,252	CAR/UNHCR
Munda Camp, Dir (L)	402	3,142	CAR/UNHCR
Pitao (Dargai), Malakand	239	1,555	Local Govt
Muhammed Khawaja, Hangu	80	580	Local Govt
TOTAL	21,464	113,987	

- **Afghans:** Extension of the validity of Proof of Registration (POR) document for Afghan refugees is yet to be formalized. For now the Ministry SAFRON (States and Frontier Regions Affairs) has issued a letter in which it states its decision “to maintain status quo till the final decision on the matter.” UNHCR negotiations with the Government continue.

SECURITY

Prevailing situation

- The overall security situation remains unpredictable with Phase 4 operations in effect in Peshawar.

Office and Guest House Security Upgrades:

- SO Peshawar Office currently has 95% of the recommended security enhancements in place and the Guesthouse has completed 90% of the security measures.

PROTECTION

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

NWFP

Major Issues and developments:

- Unregistered IDPs from Bajaur in Jalozai IDP Camp: Following UNHCR’s intervention with the NWFP Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CAR), it was agreed to resume registration of the backlog of unregistered IDPs from Bajaur living in Jalozai. UNHCR partner CERD has already identified the unregistered families hosted by the registered IDPs in Jalozai (approx 1,200 families). A joint CAR/UNHCR team will conduct verification and shall accordingly register eligible unregistered IDPs.
- Replacement of Registration Forms: In view of concerns over the poor state of the registration forms issued by UNHCR to camp-based IDPs, raised by the Protection Cluster, it has been agreed with CAR that SOP will, as a matter of priority, replace the worn out registration papers (pink forms) with more durable and plastic-quoted forms.
- Registration and verification issues in Jalozai: Nearly 3,000 families in the camp were identified to have issues related to their NICs curtailing their access to services. The majority of these IDPs arrived in the camp during last three months and need to have their registration verified by NADRA, and new ID cards issued, etc. UNHCR is following up with NADRA to open up a grievance desk and set up a mobile team to address pending verification issues in the camp.
- Orakzai displacement: The total number of registered IDP families from Orakzai Agency is 11,868 individuals with 7,097 IDPs in Kohat and 4,771 in Hangu. NFI distribution is on going (as of 11 January 2010). So far, 7,825 NFI kits have been distributed in Kohat and all UDO families in Mohammed Khwaja (Hangu) have received the kits.

A) Shelter and NFI Distribution



UNHCR Temporary Shelter Program for IDPs in Lower Dir through partner, Relief International, Nov '09

- Shelter: Construction of temporary shelters in Swat, Buner and Dir is ongoing with seven implementing partners working through community involvement in various Union Councils. A government-led assessment survey of housing damage in Swat was completed and PDMA (Provincial Disaster Management Authority) shared the list of beneficiaries whose houses were totally or partially damaged with Cluster members. While, the total number of beneficiaries on the PDMA list is less than the targeted figure of 8,000 families in Swat, implementing partners will apply the vulnerability criteria developed by the Cluster to identify other beneficiaries who might be in need of housing assistance. So far, the construction of 230 shelters has begun with around 130 of these completed in Buner, Swat and Lower Dir.
- NFI distribution: Distribution of NFIs to IDPs living in host communities is completed except in Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Kohat where distribution is in progress. The process has been completed in the camps with the exception of Jalozai, where distribution continues to IDPs relocated from Katcha Gari. NFI distribution to returnees in Buner and Swat is ongoing. To date, UNHCR, through its partners, has distributed NFI / winterization kits to a total number of 143,427 beneficiary families: 89, 857 in Swat and 53, 570 in Buner.
- Winterization kit distribution: To date, all IDP families living in camps other than Jalozai have received blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets and quilts. To date, a total of 10, 442 IDP families - out of the 17, 524 targeted – have received winterization assistance.

B) Camp Coordination Camp Management and Community Services

- Care & Maintenance and service delivery in Jalozai: Basic services such as health, education, WASH and food distribution points need to be strengthened in the new phase of Jalozai. During Camp Coordination meeting UNICEF was alerted to take action. The need for schools in Familo as well as a Basic Health Unit in Phase 6 was raised with relevant agencies through Camp Coordination and Camp Management meetings. The Cluster will follow-up these issues.
 - Fencing, lighting, construction of individual kitchens and work on the drainage system is almost completed for phases 1-6; these are in progress for the new phases (7-14) and Estate camp (new site attached to Jalozai to accommodate relocated IDPs from Katcha Gari). UNHCR partner Pak-CDP has completed fencing at phases 13, 14 and in Estate camp 1 (industrial Zone) is expected to be completed by the next reporting period. Fencing work is also on going in phases 1-4. Road construction at Estate 1 is in progress and Estate-2 is completed only need compaction. Drainage activities are in its final stages at phase 12, 13, 14 and will be completed shortly.
 - Reportedly, SRSP has completed 5,428 individual kitchens from phase 8 to 14 and the activities are still going on.

WAZIRISTAN

- **Protection/Registration:** Registration of IDPs belonging to the Bhattani tribe of South Waziristan began in Dera Ismail Khan (DIK) and Tank on 31 December 2009. To date a total of 1,916 IDP families have been registered including 910 IDP families in DI Khan and 1,006 in Tank. It is estimated that the registration of Bhattani IDPs will conclude shortly as most of this population has been registered. As soon as registration and verification is completed, NFIs and tents will be distributed to these IDPs.
- NADRA (National Database and Registration Authority), after processing all the previously pending registration data, i.e. 59,019 families, has verified a total of 38,524 families. The rate of verification is currently 5%, with 35% of the registered IDPs filtered out during the process. Some 66% of the rejected cases are due to multiple registrations; the remaining 34% regard issues related to the National Identity Card (NIC) e.g. issues with address, invalid NIC number etc.
- According to NADRA, so date 29,935 ATM cards have been distributed amongst the verified IDPs in order to provide cash assistance.
- So far 357 IDP cases have been dealt with at the redressal (grievance) desks; a small number have also been referred to other entities /organizations for action and follow up. Results will be shared as soon as available.
- **Shelter/Tent Distribution:** To date a total of 36,430 tents have been distributed amongst verified IDP families from South Waziristan (Mehsud and Bhattani tribes) which reflects assistance to over 94% of the total number of verified IDP families.
- **NFI Distribution:** So far a total of 56,173 NFI kits (one per family) have been distributed to IDPs from South Waziristan.
- **Gaps & Challenges:**
 - Registration and verification of IDPs from the Bhattani tribe need to be completed as soon as possible so that eligible families can quickly receive NFIs and shelter assistance (tent) through UNHCR partners.
 - UNHCR is following up with the strengthening protection mechanisms in DIK and Tank. An agreement has been reached to second 5 IRC (UNHCR IP in NWFP) staff members to IPs working in DIK and Tank in order to provide training and to assist with protection monitoring, protection data management and strengthen protection reporting practices.
 - Security remains unpredictable and access to areas of displacement restricted in DIK and Tank. This hampers monitoring, reporting and intervention activities on the ground.

AFGHANS / REFUGEES

NWFP

Main issues and development:

- **Extension of the PoR Cards:** UNHCR is continuing negotiations with the GOP to secure formal agreement on the extension of the POR card. The NWFP Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CAR) informed UNHCR Sub-Office Peshawar (SOP) that the directive as a result of the Cabinet meeting (with the Prime Minister) is expected to maintain "the status quo" of the current Proof of Registration (PoR) card beyond their expiry of 31 December 2009 pending the decision of a designated committee comprising of Chief Ministers of NWFP and Balochistan and the Interior Minister.
- **Arrest, Detention and Harassment of Afghan PoR Card Holders:** SOP referred a number of cases to UNHCR implementing partner, SACH, who has intervened in 11 cases since the start of January and was able to secure the release of 10 Afghans; in one case the bail application is pending a hearing. The issue of arrests of religious leaders (imams) was brought to the attention of CAR who clarified that out of the 56 arrested imams in November, 52 of them were released on bail. UNHCR requested the Commissioner (CAR) to continue intervention in case of the arrest of PoR card holders. The Representative of the Afghan Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR) and UNHCR will continue to monitor the situation.

- Deportation: Border Monitors at Torkham reported the deportation of 70 Afghans, 12 of these registered individuals (PoR card holders) since the beginning of January.
- Voluntary Repatriation: During reporting period, Torkham Border Monitors reported the spontaneous return of 139 families (827 individuals) to Afghanistan. 55 families comprising 344 individuals were in possession of valid PoR cards.

BALUCHISTAN

- Sub-Office Quetta (SOQ) remained operational with critical staff only.
- The general security situation in the province remained unstable and tense with sporadic subversive activities; however no damage to the UN staff or property was reported.
- Border Monitoring: The general situation remained calm at the Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing.
- New Arrival and Arrests: No new arrivals or arrests were reported during the reporting period.
- Spontaneous Returns: During the reporting period, 18 families comprising of 119 individuals crossed into Afghanistan. Most of them were repatriating from Quetta and Pishin to Kandahar.
- Arrests & Deportation: No massive arrests or harassment incidents have been reported after the expiration of the PoR cards on 31 December 2009. Border police reportedly deported a total of 117 Afghans who were non-POR holders of these 30 were from Lasbela Jail, 69 from Sukkur, 39 from Larkana and 33 from Karachi.
- The Hotline and Public Information Center remained open receiving scores of queries mainly on the status of the Afghan after the expiry of the POR card, the PCM (POR Card Modification) center and the resumption of the Voluntary Repatriation Program.
- SOQ published a newspaper advertisement as part of its mass information (MI) campaign to disseminate information regarding the status of Afghans in Pakistan after the expiration of POR card. The ad was published in daily Jang, Mashriq and daily Azadee in Baluchistan.