

SITUATION UPDATE



An International Medical Corps staff member performs an assessment of flood-affected areas in Daka village, Momandara district, Nangarhar.

On March 29 and 30, after heavier-than-usual rainfall, devastating floods struck Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar and Nuristan provinces. The Flash Flood Need Assessment & Response Tracking Matrix, a collaborative effort by International Medical Corps, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and other humanitarian partners, revealed the extensive damage caused by the flooding: eight people were injured, 323 families were affected, 10 houses were destroyed, 30 houses were damaged, 205 livestock were killed and 1,600 acres of agricultural land were destroyed.

In addition, the health facility in the Kamgal area suffered damage due to a landslide, impacting local access to essential health services. In Kunar, the primary route between Wama and Parun was temporarily obstructed on March 30 by rockslides, disrupting transportation and relief access. Similarly, in Nuristan, the Neshagram village road to Waygal district has been blocked due to landslides, severing the connection of approximately 1,000 to 2,000 families with essential services and the district center.

These assessments and infrastructure damages underscore the severity of the disaster and the urgent need for a multifaceted humanitarian response. The damage to infrastructure highlights the compounded challenges faced by affected communities, emphasizing the need for integrated response efforts that include infrastructure repair and restoration to ensure the continuity of aid and normalcy.

International Medical Corps Response

In response to the emergency, International Medical Corps swiftly engaged in the flood response by deploying assessment teams, working with Save the Children International in Mohmandara district and IOM in the Lalpora district of Nangarhar province to ascertain the extent of the damage and identify the immediate needs of flood-affected communities. Findings from these assessments have been crucial in guiding International Medical Corps' response strategy, focusing on providing targeted assistance to the most impacted areas.

Following the assessments, we mobilized a mobile health team in Lalpora district to provide essential outreach services to those affected by the floods. This team's efforts have focused on delivering first aid, conducting health assessments and ensuring that affected people have access to necessary medical care. International Medical Corps stands ready to scale up its medical support to include emergency services, disease prevention and health education as part of its comprehensive response to the health needs emerging from this crisis. Beyond immediate medical services, our response has included preparing to deliver emergency shelter, non-food items (NFIs), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies, in line with the needs identified.

FAST FACTS

- Following heavy rainfall on March 29 and 30, flooding across Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar and Nuristan provinces resulted in eight people injured, 323 families affected, 10 houses destroyed, 30 houses damaged, 205 livestock killed and 1,600 acres of agricultural land destroyed, according to the Flash Flood Need Assessment & Response Tracking Matrix conducted by International Medical Corps, International Organization for Migration and other humanitarian partners.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has been operating in Afghanistan since 1984. Our main activities include providing primary and secondary healthcare, training, health education, emergency response, mental health, and psychosocial support (MHPSS), nutrition services, protection services, community empowerment, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps has deployed two assessment teams and a health mobile outreach team. We also are preparing to offer emergency shelter, non-food items (NFIs) and WASH supplies to meet the immediate needs identified in the assessments.

We are coordinating efforts with OCHA, WHO, IOM, and other key partners to ensure a harmonized approach to addressing the urgent needs of the affected communities, including those identified in the recent Operational Coordination Team (OCT) meeting.

International Medical Corps is committed to ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders to ensure that the response to the flood crisis is cohesive and effective. We will continue to share updates and work within the framework established during the OCT meeting to provide comprehensive support to affected communities. Through these concerted efforts, International Medical Corps will help to alleviate the immediate impacts of the floods and support the long-term recovery of the region.



International Medical Corps staff interact with flood-affected people in Ahangara village, Lalpura District, Nangarhar.