

SITUATION UPDATE



International Medical Corps' team in Baghlan Markazi district conducts a needs assessment.

Following significant rainfall on May 10–11, devastating floods struck Baghlan province in Afghanistan, affecting Baghlan Markazi, Burka and Nahrin districts, and Pulikhumri city. An initial Flood Need Assessment and Response Tracking Matrix, created collaboratively by International Medical Corps, the International Organization for Migration, the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and other humanitarian partners, revealed that the flooding killed more than 300 people, injured more than 100, and damaged or destroyed about 2,000 houses.

As need assessment efforts continue, hundreds have been reported to be trapped in their homes beneath mud, with rescue operations ongoing. The number of casualties is expected to rise significantly as the full extent of the damage is not yet determined and most people are living unsheltered on open ground. Several health facilities have been affected and reported as non-operational. Meanwhile, increased cases of waterborne illnesses—such as diarrhea and skin infections—have been reported in areas affected by flooding.

International Medical Corps Response

In response to the emergency, International Medical Corps swiftly deployed assessment teams on May 11, working with key stakeholders such as the Provincial Disaster Management Committee, ANDMA, the Emergency Shelter and NFI cluster, the Health cluster, international and national NGOs, community-based organizations and community elders, to affected districts of Baghlan, ensuring that we focus on providing assistance to the most affected areas.

International Medical Corps participated in all coordination meetings held at provincial and regional levels to ensure efficient management of the joint rapid needs assessment and avoid duplication. The assessment teams we deployed with stakeholders also strategically positioned 100 hygiene kits, dignity kits, essential drugs and medical supplies to Baghlan province. Our team has secured approval from the Directorate of Economy to distribute 100 hygiene kits in Baghlan in the coming days. We are also in the process of organizing the distribution of tents in the province, to provide emergency shelter for people left without houses.

International Medical Corps is mobilizing the regional Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Technical Working Group (TWG) lead to conduct an MHPSS rapid need assessment in coordination with the regional cluster and sub-cluster, provincial health authorities and the Health Emergency Response (HER) Project lead.

FAST FACTS

- Following the heavy rainfall on May 10–11, flooding in Baghlan province resulted in more than 300 deaths, 100 injuries and more than 2,000 houses damaged or destroyed.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has been operating in Afghanistan since 1984, 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 so far deployed two assessment teams. We also are preparing to offer emergency shelter, non-food items (NFIs), supplies to meet the immediate needs identified in the assessments.

The regional MHPSS TWG lead will conduct the training needs assessment and organize immediate training on psychological first aid (PFA). In coordination with the national MHPSS TWG, International Medical Corps will ensure that affected communities receive psychosocial support and counseling, including PFA.

International Medical Corps is committed to ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders to ensure that the response to the flooding is cohesive and effective. We will continue to share updates and work within the framework established during the Operational Coordination Team 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 region's long-term recovery.



International Medical Corps staff members work with staff from other humanitarian organizations to conduct need assessments in the Baghlan Markazi district.