

SITUATION UPDATE



International Medical Corps staff members distribute dignity kits to families affected by the floods in Baghlan province.

The floods in Badakhshan, Baghlan and Takhar provinces, which have displaced more than 5,000 families, killed almost 350 people and injured more than 1,650. The flooding damaged or destroyed about 7,800 houses as well as important infrastructure, including roads, bridges, health facilities, agricultural lands and public schools.

International Medical Corps, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and other humanitarian partners are closely coordinating assessment efforts, as well as the response in the distribution of humanitarian aid to affected areas. More rainfall was reported May 24–25, causing flooding in different districts of Baghlan, especially those mostly affected on May 10–11 (Baghlan Markazi, Doshi, Larkhab and Pol-e-Khomri).

ANDMA and other humanitarian partners currently are conducting a needs assessment in these areas. In Doshi, 15 houses were reported to be destroyed and 45 houses to be damaged. Assessment efforts continue in other affected districts.

On May 20, flooding in Jawzjan province in Faizabad district and Sheberghan city damaged or destroyed 14 houses and destroyed some 4,000 acres of agricultural land. According to assessments conducted by International Medical Corps and other humanitarian partners, affected families need immediate humanitarian assistance (food, shelter, non-food items).

International Medical Corps Response

The emergency response team of International Medical Corps is working closely with ANDMA, IOM, the Health Cluster, WHO and other humanitarian partners to coordinate the humanitarian aid distribution in affected districts. International Medical Corps also has participated in meetings held by the Operational Coordination Team (OCT), the Provincial Public Health Directorate, the Provincial Disaster Management Committee and the Directorate of Economy, focusing on coordinating joint assessment efforts and response.

FAST FACTS

- Heavy rainfall on May 10–18 caused flooding in Badakhshan, Baghlan and Takhar provinces that destroyed or damaged about 7,800 houses, 347 confirmed fatalities and 1,651 injuries. Additionally, flooding on May 20 in Jawzjan province damaged or destroyed 14 houses and 4,000 acres of agricultural land.

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 is distributing non-food items (NFIs), health services and providing psychological first aid to people affected by the flooding, and working with humanitarian partners in newly affected areas on needs assessments.

Psychological first aid (PFA) is a vital component of emergency response and disaster management, designed to address the emotional and psychological needs of people affected by traumatic events. International Medical Corps has conducted PFA training, in gender-specific groups, for 48 participants (26 females and 22 males) consisting of community health workers (CHWs) and community health supervisors (CHSs) of health posts. The Aga Khan Health Service Afghanistan (AKHS) and the WHO introduced the training to participants from the Pol-e-Khomri district to provide psychological assistance and emotional support, helping survivors regain a sense of safety and stability in the immediate aftermath of the emergency.



International Medical Corps staff members conduct PFA training for CHWs and CHSs.

International Medical Corps has distributed hygiene kits to 100 eligible families in the Baghlan Markazi district, 159 dignity kits to affected families in Baghlan Markazi and 141 dignity kits in Godam Hai Talashi. Working with other humanitarian partners, the emergency response team also distributed tents to 24 flood-affected families living in remote locations of (Desalah and Tala Wa Barfak) in the Doshi and Nahrin districts. International Medical Corps has distributed dignity kits to 300 eligible families in Baghlan Markazi/Jadid (177), Doshi (16), Nahrin (12) and Pol-e-Khomri (95) districts. Additionally, in response to the recent flooding in Jawzjan province, International Medical Corps distributed 14 dignity kits to affected families in Faizabad district and Sheberghan city.



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International Medical Corps deployed two female medical doctors to the Burka district of Baghlan province, stationed in the Sharshar Health Sub-Center (HSC) and Basic Health Center (BHC). Over the last two days, both doctors have provided outpatient services, as well as reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services, to more than 150 women in the area. Burka district is one of the most remote locations in Baghlan province, where humanitarian assistance is difficult to provide to affected families.

International Medical Corps will continue to share updates and work within the framework established during OCT meetings and in coordination with humanitarian partners 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.