

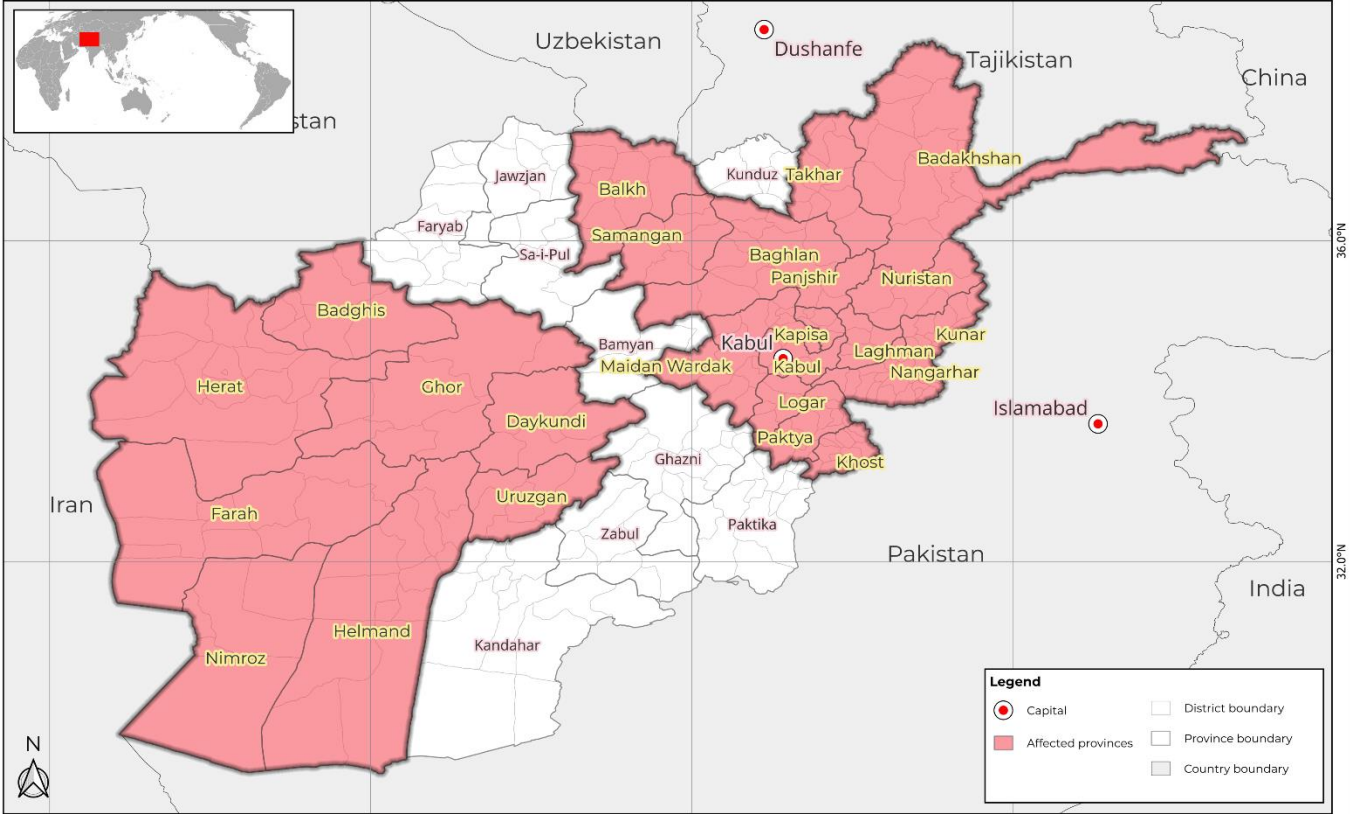


The Afghan Red Crescent Society conducting the assessment at Burkah district of Baghlan province. (Photo: Meer Abdullah, IFRC)

Appeal No: MDRAF015	IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 5 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 7.5 million	
Glide No: FF-2024-000049-AFG	People affected: 210,000 people affected (30,000 households) People at risk: 1 million people	People to be assisted: 140,000 people (20,000 households)
DREF allocation: CHF 750,000	Appeal launched: 15/05/2024	Appeal ends: 31/05/2025

+C IFRC Emergency Appeal: Afghanistan - Northeast Floods 2024

Production date: 14 May 2024



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SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 10 May 2024, flash floods swept across multiple provinces in the northeast region of Afghanistan. The provinces that were most impacted by the flash floods were Badakhshan, Baghlan, and Takhar. As of 12 May 2024, based on the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) rapid assessment, over 230 fatalities have been reported and numbers are expected to rise as many are still reported missing. More than 9,500 families have been affected with an estimated 250 injured and 50 people missing. An estimated 9,100 livestock and close to 20,800 acres of agricultural land were destroyed. There are also numerous reports of bridges being destroyed, of which the total numbers are yet to be confirmed. The nationwide impact is estimated to exceed one million people.

The 10 May 2024 flash floods intensified the floodings across the Northeast region of Afghanistan that have been ongoing since 16 April 2024. The combination and accumulation of these floodings have caused severe humanitarian needs in this region. A total of 25 provinces (out of 34 provinces in Afghanistan) have been impacted by floods. The situation continued to develop over the subsequent days and rainfall is still forecasted in the affected areas in the coming days.

This situation also happens in the backdrop of the ongoing crises across Afghanistan following the compounding impacts of multiple shocks including severe drought, multiple instances of flooding and earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies, and economic hardship. The political changes of August 2021 prompted the application of a sanction's regime, which has fueled economic hardship due to constrained international banking.

It is worth noting that Afghanistan faces numerous challenges caused by climate change, despite not being a significant contributor to it. The *Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index* ranks Afghanistan among the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and least prepared to adapt². The recent and ongoing floods have come at a time when the coping capacities of households are already stretched by compounding factors, including economic hardship and ongoing struggle to recover from previous events.

An estimated 4 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance to survive as the country enters its fourth consecutive year of drought conditions and the third year of crippling economic decline, while is still reeling from the pre-existing effects of decades-long conflict. Following the *INFORM risk index 2024*¹, Afghanistan ranked fourth country in the world at highest risk of humanitarian crises and disasters that may require international assistance.

TARGETING

This Emergency Appeal is targeting to reach 140,000 people directly and estimated 790,000 people indirectly through the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Secretariat to ARCS, across the 14 most affected provinces of Afghanistan, with priority on Baghlan. Interventions will focus on the most vulnerable among the population affected by the floods based on specific targeting and selection criteria's and considering contextual realities resulting from the floodings. This operation will be addressing immediate needs arising from the floods, as well as anticipated medium-term needs considering that the recovery process will be happening during the colder months. The Emergency Appeal will be integrated into the IFRC Unified Plan in 2026 to ensure continuity in addressing the recovery needs of the affected population.

The IFRC's integrated multisectoral humanitarian intervention will prioritize:

- Households headed by women at risk (mostly widows);
- Households severely impacted by floods;
- Underprivileged households with children with congenital heart defects;
- Households whose heads have severe mental health;

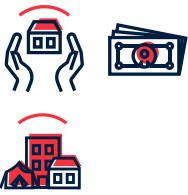
¹ <https://drmkc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/inform-index/Portals/0/InfoRM/2024/INFORM%20Annual%20Report%202024.pdf>

² [Rankings // Notre Dame Global Adaptation Initiative // University of Notre Dame \(nd.edu\)](#)

- Households whose heads have been extensively impacted by substance abuse;
- Returnee and internally displaced households.

PLANNED OPERATIONS

Through this Emergency Appeal, IFRC aims to support ARCS in their response to the impact of the 2024 floods. The IFRC’s response strategy is to contribute to improving the immediate and medium-term, recovery needs of the communities affected by the 2024 floods through integrated assistance, health and care including water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and protection and prevention, as well as support to the enabling functions of coordination and partnerships, IFRC Secretariat services, and National Society strengthening:



Integrated assistance

Integrated assistance will contribute to connecting the initial emergency support addressing immediate needs, to longer-term recovery planning and solutions. Areas of integrated assistance will include multi-purpose cash assistance, provision of essential household items, shelter support (emergency and recovery), winterization assistance, economic recovery and livelihoods assistance (at household and community levels), capacity strengthening, and risk reduction including measures to reduce the environmental impact of the response.



Health & Care including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Areas under the Emergency health intervention will include first aid, primary health, nutrition, pre-hospital care, mental health and psychosocial first aid and support, support for children with congenital heart disease, and community health and nutrition promotion. In addition, the intervention will address specific needs related to the rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities of affected households, communities, schools and health centres, combined with the provision of hygiene items and hygiene promotion.






Protection and Prevention (PGI)

Protection, gender, and inclusion will be streamlined across all sectors of intervention. The operation will ensure social inclusion and that different layers and members of the targeted communities receive support as needed in line with the IFRC Minimum Standards for PGI in emergencies. PGI focal points will be involved in supporting the operation to ensure equitable access to essential services, safeguarding of the dignity, access, participation, and safety (DAPS) of all affected people and in turn, that the operation will “do no harm”.

The Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) approach will be integrated into the operation to ensure existing selection and exclusion criteria are considered when selecting households and individuals to receive assistance. In an effort of ensuring that the targeted community members are all-inclusive, IFRC and ARCS are committed to consulting and engaging with a variety of stakeholders including men, women, girls, boys, persons with disabilities, as well as community elders and authorities at national and subnational levels, Clusters, representatives of key humanitarian organizations, and donors. Furthermore, to maintain the trust of the communities, a feedback mechanism will be developed and implemented to continue listening to communities through their preferred channels and ensuring ARCS and IFRC act on the feedback received.

Enabling approaches

The sectors outlined above will be supported and enhanced by the following enabling approaches:

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Coordination and Partnerships (Engaged)</p> <p>ARCS and IFRC will continue to engage in regular advocacy and humanitarian policy dialogues in coordination with public authorities and key humanitarian actors, including institutions and specialized agencies represented in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), with the aim of ensuring that the impact of the humanitarian crises in Afghanistan is profiled and the needs of the most vulnerable people are always placed at the forefront of our collective and continuous dialogue.</p> <p>IFRC, ARCS, and in-country members engage regularly with relevant bodies of the international donor community through effective humanitarian diplomacy, to positively influence decisions and policies addressing the most pressing humanitarian needs in Afghanistan. IFRC will continue to demonstrate the enhanced impact of collective work through effective Membership Coordination and Movement Cooperation. The IFRC Secretariat will engage with members who provide support bilaterally or multilaterally to continue advancing together on “The Way of Working” mechanism. Partner calls will be planned with the Membership to provide the latest updates on the flood situation and the collective RCRC response efforts. Engagements around issue-based policy work related to destitution, climate crisis, child health, and strengthening local capacities will be further emphasized, as key areas of humanitarian action in Afghanistan.</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Shelter Cluster Coordination</p> <p>The IFRC will engage actively in the Afghanistan Shelter Cluster, which is co-led by UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration, to ensure that collective efforts are focused on areas where needs are greatest and under the key principle of good coordination. ARCS and IFRC will contribute to the Cluster snapshots, which provide critical data on key indicators around resources mobilized and people supported. IFRC will also engage actively in Shelter Technical Working Groups established to define technical specifications for safer construction practices. ARCS and IFRC have obtained 10 tractors, which may be used to support the transportation of shelter materials in remote areas for all shelter actors' benefit.</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>IFRC Secretariat services (Accountable)</p> <p>The IFRC Secretariat will provide services to integrated Participating National Societies supporting the operation, including procurement, transportation, accommodation, and security management. All procurement required for the operation will be done by the IFRC Secretariat. The IFRC Secretariat has also engaged four financial service providers (FSPs) through whom cash transfers to community members will be channeled. A Quality and Accountability team is in place to ensure that community participation, life-saving information provision, open communication, rumor management, and established feedback mechanisms are included as part of the holistic CEA approaches applied in this operation. The team will also contribute to closely monitor the implementation as well as enhancement of measures that will improve organization-wide performance. Further, a Compliance, Risk Management, and Safeguarding unit is in place and will strengthen adherence to internal/external compliance requirements, response to sexual exploitation and abuse including misconduct related to child safeguarding, and ensure all possible risks are identified and mitigated. Risks analyzed and considered outside of the risk appetite are escalated to the regional and global levels.</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>National Society Strengthening (Trusted)</p> <p>The operation will invest in strengthening the institutional and technical capacities of ARCS to enable them to build on their decades of expertise working with all communities in Afghanistan and to deliver principled, relevant, and sustainable humanitarian interventions. The affected provincial branches (which are embedded within the many communities of Afghanistan and are serving all people irrespective of their regional, linguistic, religious, or political affiliations) will be strengthened with the view of delivering services that cost less, while being transparent and accountable. ARCS will also continue to be supported in strengthening its auxiliary role, including coordinating closely with state agencies involved in disaster and crisis response. Further, investments will be made in digitalizing processes to enhance efficiency.</p>
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The planned response reflects the current situation and is based on the information available at the time of the launch of this Emergency Appeal. Details of the operation will be updated through the Operational Strategy to be released in the upcoming days. The Operational Strategy will also provide further details on the Federation-wide approach, which includes response activities of all contributing Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and the Federation-wide funding requirement.

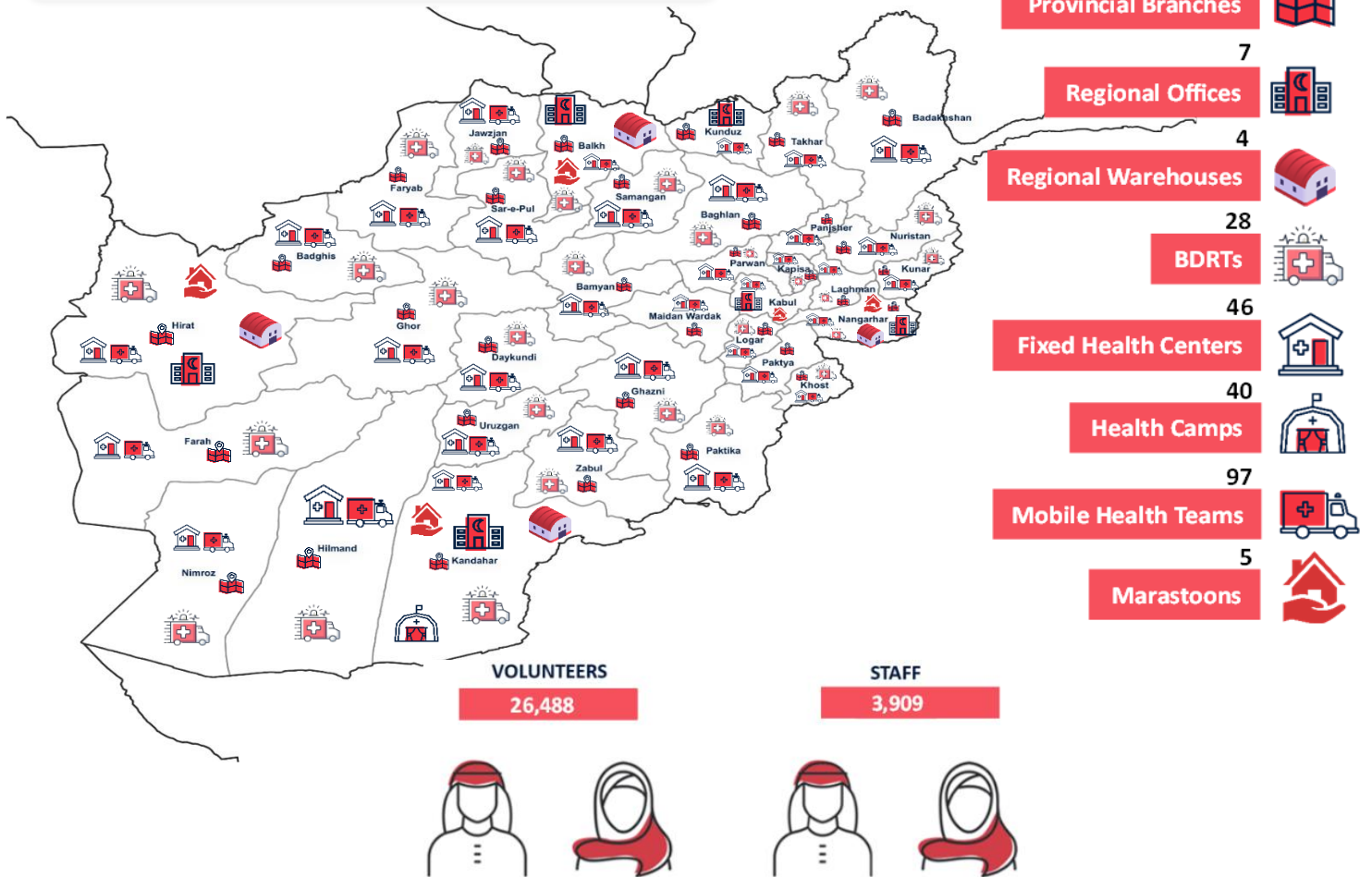
RED CROSS RED CRESCENT FOOTPRINT IN COUNTRY

Overview of operations by ARCS (as of 15 May 2024)

AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



Core Areas of Operations



Supporting in-country Participating National Societies



IFRC Membership coordination

The IFRC Secretariat, via its Country Delegation, provides strategic coordination and ensures continuous engagement with the Membership present in country, in line with the “Ways of Working” mechanism. Portions of this Emergency Appeal will be implemented by various Participating National Societies supporting ARCS directly, based on their niche areas, with financial resources channeled by the IFRC Secretariat. The operation’s updates will take a Federation-wide reporting approach.

The in-country Participating National Societies are already providing support to the ARCS for this operation. The Norwegian Red Cross is mobilizing three Emergency Mobile Health Teams (EMHTs) in Baghlan, while the Qatar Red Crescent and Danish Red Cross are exploring options for support with their headquarters, including the deployment of a MHPSS surge by the Danish Red Cross. The Turkish Red Crescent mobilized 100 four-season tents to Baghlan and will support the provision of hot meals. Further, a humanitarian train with food and Non-Food Items (NFI) is being sent from Turkiye to Afghanistan.

Red Cross Red Crescent Movement coordination

Collectively, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners work with established coordination and cooperation mechanisms, aligned with the Seville Agreement 2.0. A new Movement Cooperation Agreement has been endorsed and covers the period until 31 December 2027. Movement partners hold tripartite Movement Strategic Platform (SMP) meetings, bringing together ARCS’ leadership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and IFRC heads of delegation, to address strategic issues.

Furthermore, Movement Operational Coordination (MOC) meetings bring together ARCS, ICRC, IFRC, and in-country Participating National Societies to address operational issues and create a shared understanding of operations’ strategies. Movement Technical Coordination (MTC) meetings will also be convened to ensure alignment between interventions supported by the various Movement Components in a given field of activity by combining relevant expertise and making the best complementary use of the Movement’s collective capacities.

External coordination

IFRC supports external coordination around the humanitarian situation as an Observer to the Humanitarian Country Team (UN HCT). IFRC, ARCS, and in-country Partnering National Societies cooperate and coordinate with other humanitarian organizations and key agencies as members of the various Clusters. IFRC and ARCS closely coordinate with key ministries such as the Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Ministry of Education, Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority, on the ongoing support of response activities in country.

It is anticipated that effective 1 January 2026, pending interventions under this Emergency Appeal will continue under the [IFRC Network Afghanistan Country Plan 2026](#). The IFRC Network Country Plans integrate ongoing emergency responses and longer-term programming tailored to the needs of the ARCS, streamlining activities under one plan, while still ensuring that the needs of those affected by the disaster are met in an accountable and transparent way. Information will be shared should there be a need for an extension of the crisis-specific response beyond the above-mentioned timeframe.

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