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Shelter Cluster intervention and support for Kurram return

Background:

At the beginning of 2015, the number of IDPs in KP reached 1.67 million after the last operation conducted in Khyber Agency. The government of Pakistan announced the 2015 return plan with a planning figure of around 154,000 families.

With the approval of the HCT to support the return operation, Shelter Cluster activated the intervention to assist the returnees to Kurram agency as agreed in the cluster framework. Shelter cluster started phase one intervention to provide immediate assistance by conducting detailed assessment in parallel with the return to identify the level of destruction and the most vulnerable families who needed assistance to manage the early stage of their return.

Shelter Cluster deployed two cluster members (SRSP & FRD) to conduct the assessment and provide assistance to the returnees under the funds provided by UNHCR.

Assessment started on 04th Oct, 2015, villages divided between the two partners. The assessment has been conducted door to door by surveying each family using the damaged selection criteria developed in consultation with the shelter cluster partners and the vulnerability criteria approved before by HCT. The assessment and assistance provided by the Shelter Cluster and its members concluded by 12th Nov, 2015 after postponing for two weeks due to Muharram month.

Shelter Cluster members involved:

- Assessment and assistance funded by UNHCR
- Assessment conducted by FRD & SRSP.
- Stock management and distribution by SRSP.

Assessment target:

The main target of shelter cluster assessment is to provide the assistance for the returnees on need basis, targeting the returnees with fully damaged houses and the most vulnerable families as per the cluster frame work.

For phase one:

1- Identify the level of destruction in the areas of return and the families who fulfil the criteria to provide the assistance of tents.
2- Identifying the most vulnerable families who fulfil the vulnerability criteria to provide assistance of NFIs Kits.

For phase two:

Collect information to identify:

1- The priority needs in shelter.
2- The priority needs in NFIs.
3- The targeted population for the second phase of assistance for shelter and NFIs as per the cluster frame work.

Part of the assessment findings will be used on the spot to provide the assistance of the first phase and the second will be analysed and used in case there is plan for assistance within phase two.

The assessment questionnaires/tools were developed and agreed by the cluster technical working group to ensure collecting the maximum information to achieve the targets, information vary from the general information about the HHs, age, gender and disability, then information about the current level of destruction, owned assets, average and source of income, level of vulnerability ….etc.

Detailed information collected by assessment teams to provide their recommendations on spot for the assistance provided in the first phase (Tents and NFIs).

In addition to the questionnaire the cluster partners develop the criteria which will be used for the shelter assistance and agreed to use the vulnerability criteria approved by HCT for NFIs assistance.

Criteria for the assessment and distribution:

Criteria for Tents:

- One tent for the family who doesn't have one dry room.

Criteria for NFIs

- **Child headed family** (up to 18 years) with one or more dependents but without any income service.
- **Female headed family** representative with one or more dependents, who is the primary income earner/care provider, but has no assets or reliable source income and is without adequate support from her own family/community.
- **Single female** with one or more dependents but no income and support from the family/community.
- **Head of Household with a disability** (physical, mental or sensory impairment), which prevents him/her from earning an income and who lacks family/community support.
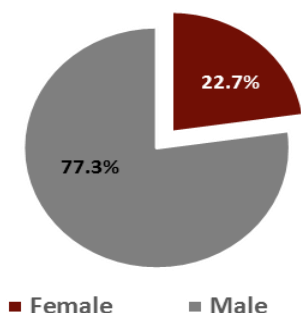- **Head of Household over the age of 60** years without any coping mechanism and adequate support available.

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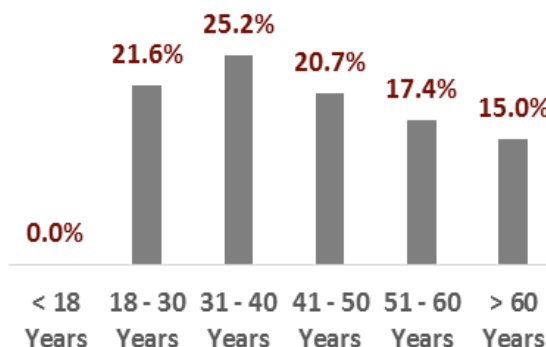*Information collected – Finding of the assessment*

Assessment General Information

This part is to provide general idea/information about the Households composition starting from the age breakdown of the Head of the household in the compound assessed, the data shows that 15.2% of the HoH are above 60 years old and 22.7% of the HoH are female
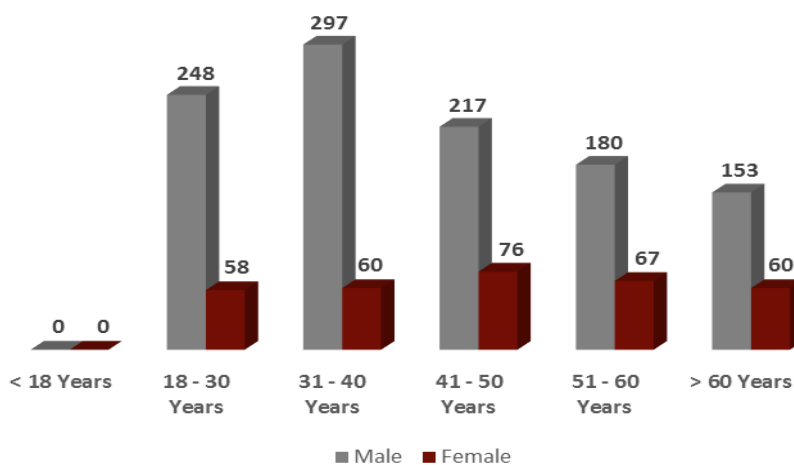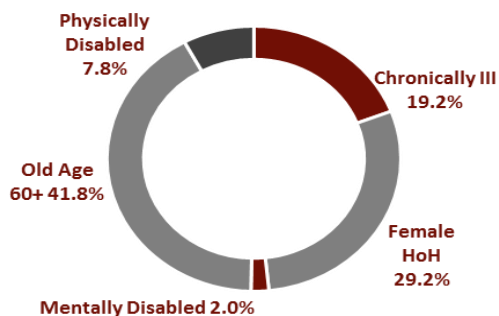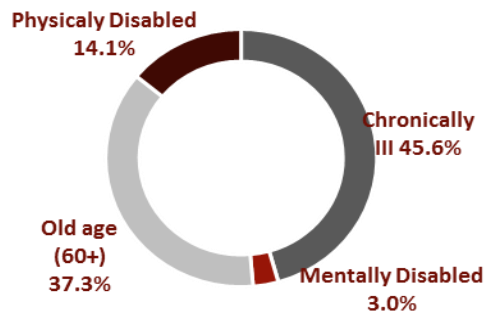
Gender of HoH

- Female: 22.7%
- Male: 77.3%

■ Female ■ Male

HoH Age Breakdown

- < 18 Years: 0.0%
- 18 - 30 Years: 21.6%
- 31 - 40 Years: 25.2%
- 41 - 50 Years: 20.7%
- 51 - 60 Years: 17.4%
- > 60 Years: 15.0%

Age of HoH – Gender Wise

Age	Male	Female
< 18 Years	0	0
18 - 30 Years	248	58
31 - 40 Years	297	60
41 - 50 Years	217	76
51 - 60 Years	180	67
> 60 Years	153	60

■ Male ■ Female

HOH Vulnerability

- Physically Disabled 7.8%
- Chronically Ill 19.2%
- Old Age 60+ 41.8%
- Female HoH 29.2%
- Mentally Disabled 2.0%

Family Member Vulnerability

- Physicaly Disabled 14.1%
- Chronically Ill 45.6%
- Old age (60+) 37.3%
- Mentally Disabled 3.0%

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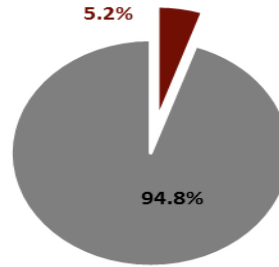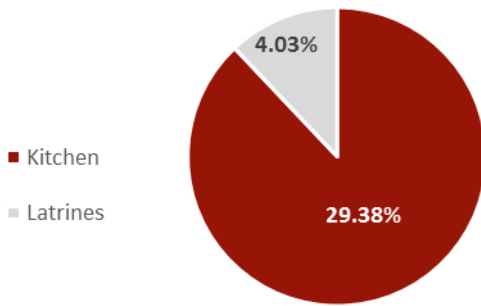
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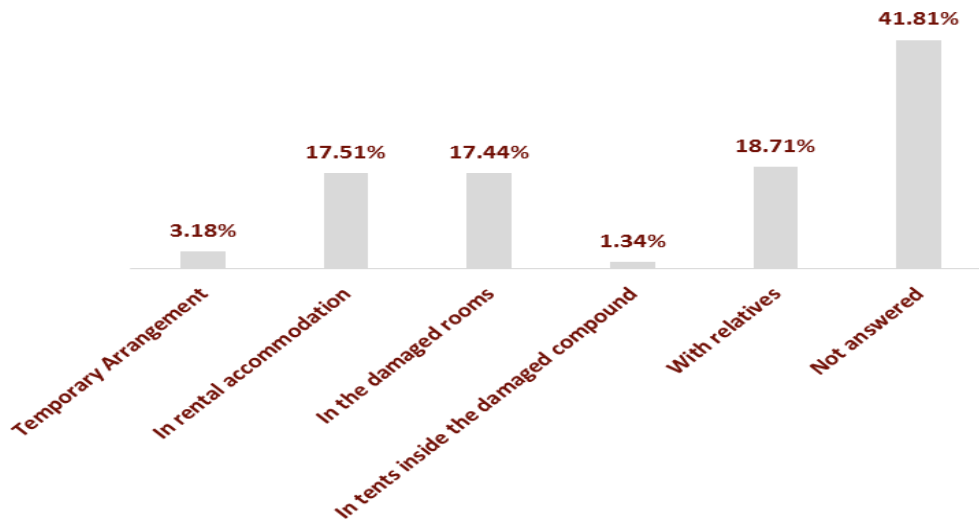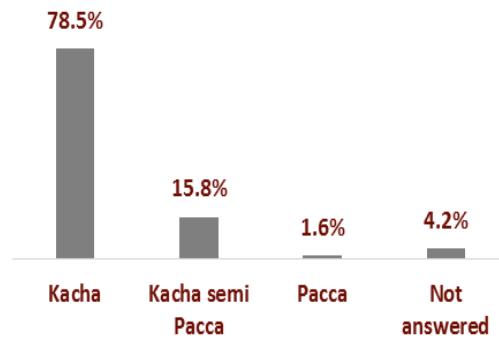**Ownership and construction type of houses:**

Provide information related to the ownership of the houses in the areas of returns, almost all the returnees owned their houses, just 74 families out of all assisted ones are renting houses, around 79% of the houses are Kacha type, and just 416 families have kitchen and 57 have latrines.
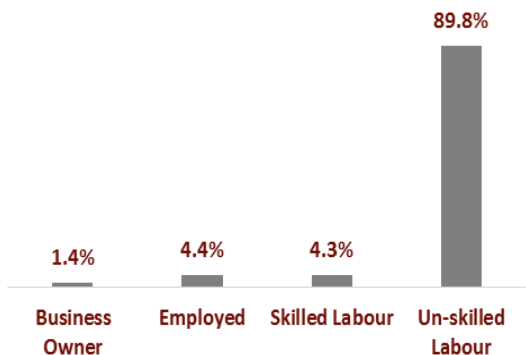
5.2%

94.8%

■ Rented House ■ Owned House

4.03%

29.38%

■ Kitchen
■ Latrines

78.5%

15.8%

1.6%

4.2%

Kacha | Kacha semi Pacca | Pacca | Not answered

3.18%

17.51%

17.44%

1.34%

18.71%

41.81%

Temporary Arrangement | In rental accommodation | In the damaged rooms | In tents inside the damaged compound | With relatives | Not answered
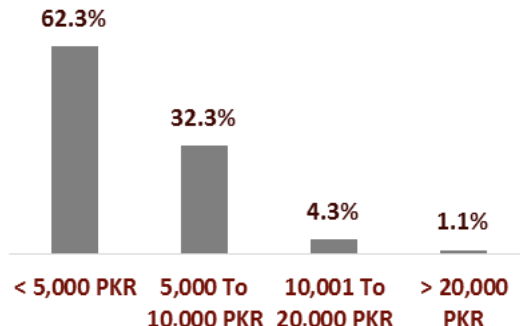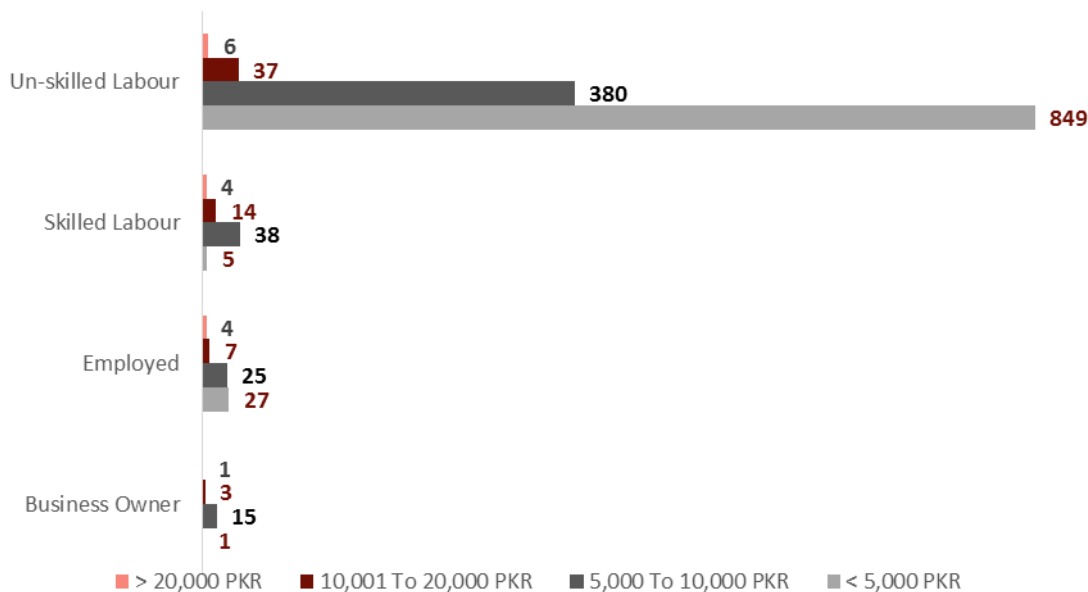
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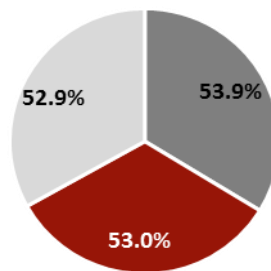
Source of Income

Level of Income

This part of information provide more comprehensive idea about the source and level of income for the returns families, the information collected shows that source of income for around 90% of the assisted families are un-skilled labour jobs, while just 4.4% are employed and around 1.4% has family business.
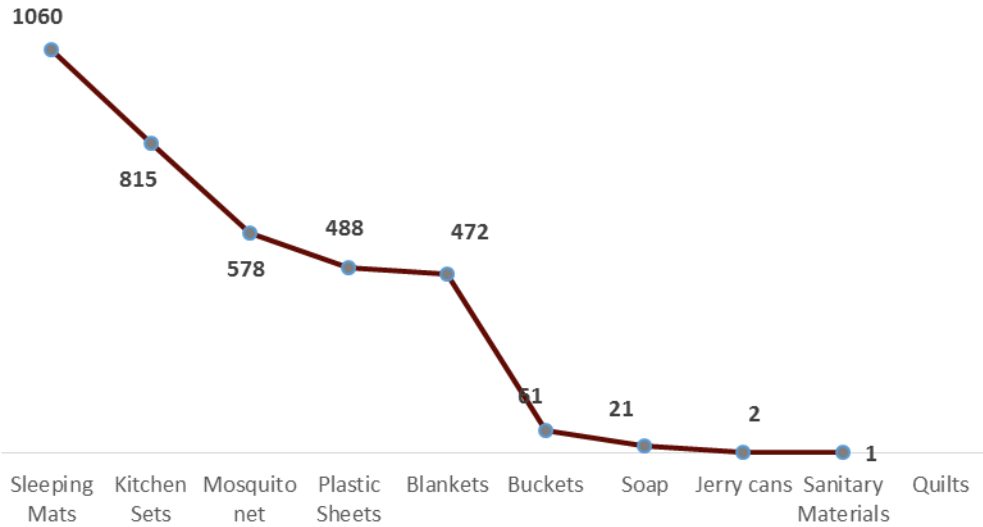

The average monthly income for 62.3% of the families is less than PKR 5,000 and just 1.1% is more than PKR 20,000, which shows the needs to support those families in order to be able to manage the first stage of return in order to have the capacity to re-build their life and houses, in addition the information showed the willing of families to participate in repair/construction of their houses by providing materials or labours.

The assessment also collect information on the returnees requirement and priorities for NFIs
Chart shows the selection of the families of the top 3 priorities of NFIs

Chart data points:
- Sleeping Mats: 1060
- Kitchen Sets: 815
- Mosquito net: 578
- Plastic Sheets: 488
- Blankets: 472
- Buckets: 61
- Soap: 21
- Jerry cans: 2
- Sanitary Materials: 1
- Quilts

Challenges:

- Due to security concerns the assessment activities had to be discontinued during the month of Muharam caused delay in assistance provision to the vulnerable families.   This added more to the difficulties of returnees who were in need to be responded quickly and in timely manner.
- Uncertain safety and security situation for the assessment and distribution teams.
- Lack of communication means in the scattered geographical location.
- Geographical difficulties as well as restricted movement of staff are key challenges.
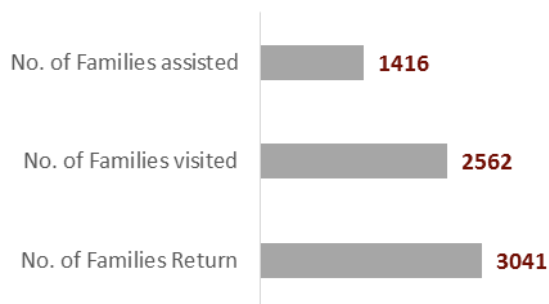
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Assessment & Assistance figures: Assessment had been conducted door to door to all returnees who have valid VRF.
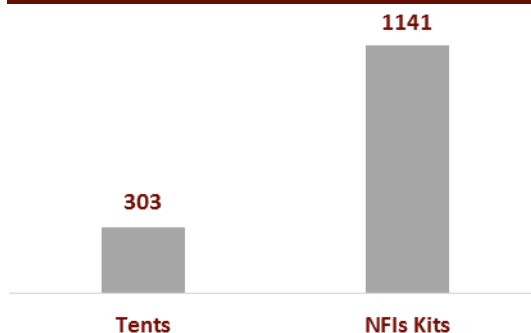
Total number of families returns 3,041 Total number of families assisted visited 2,562 and families assisted are 1,416.

47% of the returnees had been assisted according to the agreed criteria and assistance.

No. Families Assisted Vs. Families returns

- No. of Families assisted — 1416
- No. of Families visited — 2562
- No. of Families Return — 3041

Distribution Figures – SWA Second Return

- Tents — 303
- NFIs Kits — 1141

General Information

Assistance Provided by UNHCR	Assessment Conducted By	Composition of NFIs	
* Tents	*SRSP	* Bucket	2
		* Jerry Cans	2
* NFIs Kits	*FRD	* Sleeping Mats	4
		* Sanitary Material-sqm	18
		* Quilts	2
		* Blankets	6
		* Plastic Sheets	2
		* Kitchen Set	1
		* Soap (kg)	1.5
		* Mosquito Nets	2

Source: UNHCR, FRD, SRSP

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