



ES/NFI CLUSTER RAPID ASSESSMENT MECHANISM

AFGHANISTAN - Bamyan PROVINCE

Bamyan DISTRICT - Sorkh-Qoal

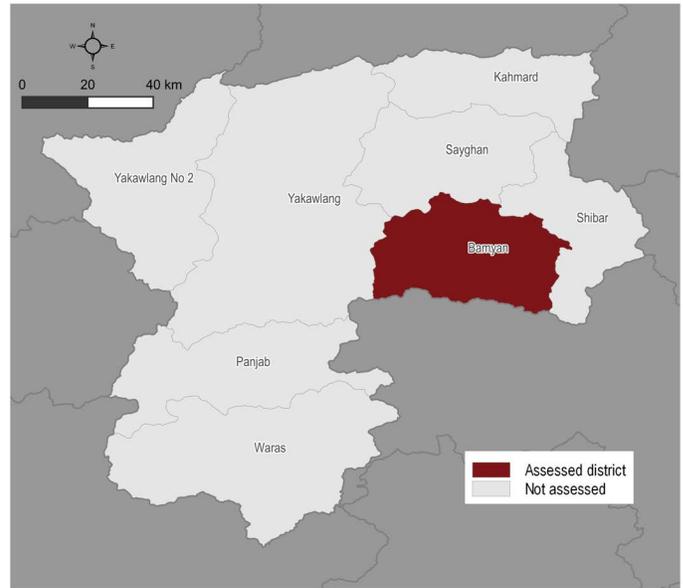
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Introduction and Methodology

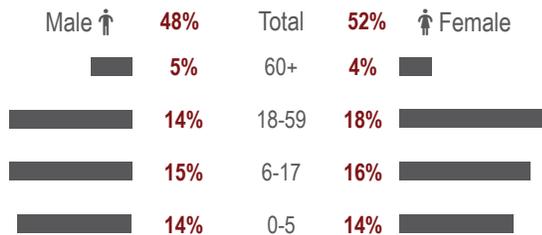
Following over 40 years of conflict, displacement, and natural disaster, Afghanistan remains one of the most extensive humanitarian crises, with 24.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.¹ Of these, 10.9 million people are likely to be in severe or extreme need of shelter and/or non-food items (NFI) assistance. To improve local responsiveness to support in-need populations in Afghanistan, the Emergency Shelter and NFI (ES/NFI) cluster launched a Rapid Assessment Mechanism (RAM) in 2021 to conduct rapid assessments among settlements across Afghanistan. Through the mechanism, ES/NFI Cluster Regional Focal Points identify potential caseloads and negotiate access to the locations, while key cluster partners in the province collect the data. The data is then cleaned and analysed by REACH before being presented in factsheet form.

Coordinated by ES/NFI Cluster Regional Focal Points, the ES/NFI Partner AABRAR conducted data collection in and around Sorkh-Qoal settlement between 1 December and 20 December. Using a standardised Household Kobo Tool, a total of 31 household interviews were conducted from a population size of 80 households. All findings are indicative and should not be taken to be representative of the entire population. The following factsheet presents key findings of the data from the assessment, including demographics, shelter needs, and cross-cutting shelter concerns.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Reported household composition, disaggregated by age and gender:



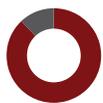
Households surveyed reported the following displacement statuses:

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)	Returnees	Prolonged IDPs
7%	0%	42%
Host	Non displaced migrants	Protracted IDPs
45%	0%	7%

Key demographics of the interviewed households:

Average household size	Female-headed households	Elderly-headed households
7	36%	7%

DISPLACEMENT



88% of displaced households reported that their current displacement was the first time that a majority of their household members had been displaced.

% of households reporting having been negatively affected by the following major shocks in the three months prior to data collection:²



% of households by reported movement intentions in the 3 months following data collection:



2 average number of times IDP households that reported being displaced more than once reported that they had been displaced.

1. UNOCHA. Humanitarian Needs Overview 2022: Afghanistan, January 2022.
 2. Respondents could select multiple responses.
 3. ES/NFI Cluster vulnerability criteria included are marked by footnotes below.
 4. Households were considered vulnerable if the head of household reported any type of disability.
 5. Households were considered vulnerable if they reported being female headed or headed by someone under the age of 18, and had no adult male members.
 6. Households were considered vulnerable if anyone other than the head of household had a disability.

7. The ratio is calculated by dividing the total number of household members by able-bodied adult men and adult working women. A household was considered vulnerable if the score was 8 or more.
 8. A shelter was considered damaged if one or more than one section or element had been affected to a certain level which could potentially affect living conditions of the residents.
 9. Households were considered vulnerable if their shelter was reported to be a tent, a makeshift shelter, damaged shelter, collective centre, transitional shelter, an open space, or they had experienced an eviction.



VULNERABILITY

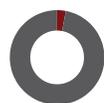
Reported household vulnerability score, according to ES/NFI Cluster criteria.³



The overall vulnerability of each household was calculated based on 11 key vulnerability criteria defined by the ES/NFI cluster. For each criteria, if the household met the criteria, a score between 0 and 3 was given, then added up, giving a total score between 0 and 24. A vulnerability category was then ascribed based on the following categories and scores: Vulnerable (9-16) & Most Vulnerable (17-24).

16% of households reported that the head of household had a disability.⁴

23% of households reported that one or more members of the household, not including the head of household, had a disability or chronic illness.⁶



3% of households were found to be headed by a female or child head of household without the presence of an adult male household member.⁵



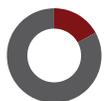
26% of households were found to have a dependency ratio of 8 or more.⁷

SHELTER

% of households per shelter type of shelter:

Permanent mud	84%	Damaged shelter ⁸	3%
Permanent brick	0%	Tent	0%
Permanent fired brick	0%	Makeshift shelter	13%
Transitional shelter	0%	Collective centre	0%
Unfinished shelter	0%	Open space (no shelter)	0%

% of households per reported degree of shelter damage:¹²



17% of households reported living in open spaces, tents, or makeshift shelters.⁹

100% of households reported that they had been unable to make repairs that they wanted to their shelters. The top 3 reasons for this were:²

Shelter materials are too expensive	77%
Lack of authorization to do repairs	32%
Professional labour is too expensive	29%

% of households reporting their shelter having the following amenities:

Separate bathroom space	77%
Separate kitchen space	52%
Separate rooms for women	30%
Separate space for livestock	7%

100% of households reported not having sufficient NFIs.

% of households by types of NFIs they reported possessing:¹³

Mattress	84%	Pots	77%
Water containers	45%	Solar lamp	19%
Shoes	52%	Blanket	81%
Caps	52%	Fuel	26%
Jackets	42%	Tarpaulin	16%
Gloves	42%		

2 average number of rooms occupied by the household as reported by households¹⁰.

The average reported rent (in AFN) per household per month was found to be **4,875**.

42% of households reported that their shelter had been damaged since Ramadan 2021.¹¹ Among those households, the main reported reasons for the damage were:

Natural disaster	54%
Poor quality of materials in shelter	39%
Violence in the area	8%

0% of host community households that reported they were hosting other households in their shelter also reported that they were relatives of the households that they were hosting.

Of the **26%** of households with a written or verbal accommodation agreement, **88%** reported that they could not afford to pay their rent on time.

household member) by their household. If a household responded "no" to any of these NFIs, the household was considered as not having sufficient NFIs.

14. Households were considered vulnerable if they were a host family hosting displaced households or a displaced household being hosted by a host family.

10. The number of occupied rooms refers to only to living space.
 11. A shelter is considered damaged if one or more than one section or element has been affected to a certain level which can potentially affect living condition of the residents.
 12. The degree of shelter damage indicates the level of a shelter damage from physical perspective and defines how suitable it is for living.
 13. Households were asked if the following NFIs were owned in sufficient numbers (enough for each



ACCOMMODATION



13% of households reported either being displaced and being hosted by another household or reported being host community and hosting other households in their shelter.¹⁴

% of households by reported tenure status of their shelter:

65%	Owned	0%	Squatting
0%	Don't know	29%	Insecure tenure
0%	Other	7%	No answer

% of households by reported accommodation arrangement:

55%	Own with documentation	23%	Written agreement
13%	Own without documentation	3%	Verbal agreement
0%	Staying with owner consent	0%	Staying without owner consent
0%	Other	7%	No answer



LIVELIHOODS

The average reported amount of household debt was found to be approximately **26,881** AFN.

The top three livelihood activities as reported by households were:

Unskilled daily labour / no contract	84%	
Skilled daily labour / no contract	7%	
Unemployed	7%	

3% of households reported not having any source of income/livelihood.¹⁵

0% of households reported relying on taking debts, begging, or Zakat¹⁶ for their primary source of income.¹⁷

7% of households reported that there were no working adult men or women in the household.¹⁸

55% of households reported relying on casual labour from only one household member for monthly income.¹⁹

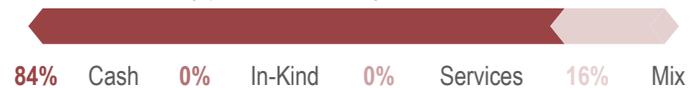


PRIORITY NEEDS

Top three most commonly reported shelter and NFI priorities for the winter period:

Heating materials / Fuel	61%	
Heating stoves	19%	
Rental support	7%	

% of households by preferred modality of assistance:



Most commonly reported main concerns about the current shelter.²

Unable to afford rent	51%	
Damage shelter	47%	
Problem with landlord	37%	



PROTECTION

7% of households reported fears of eviction. Among these households, the most commonly reported reasons were:²

Unable to pay rent	100%	
Disputes about rental price	0%	
Dispute with host family	0%	

7% of household reported not feeling safe in their shelter. Among them, the most commonly reported reasons for these fears were:²

Crime	50%	
Weak/damaged/collapsed structure	50%	
Natural hazards	50%	

4% % of households reported that the doors on their shelter did not have locks.

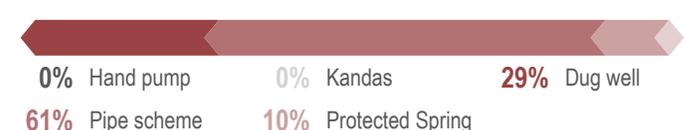


WASH

% of households reporting having access to the following types of WASH facilities:

Water source within 500m of household shelter	84%	Family Latrines	94%	Soap in home	48%
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% of households by main reported water source:



15. Households were considered vulnerable if they reported no source of income.

16. Zakat is a charity that a person with specified amount of possessions has to give to others who qualify acceptance criteria.

17. Households were considered vulnerable if their main income sources were reported as borrowing money/taking on debt, remittances/gifts, selling personal belongings, or through a government pension.

18. Households were considered vulnerable if there were no adult men or adult working women in the household.

19. Households were considered vulnerable if they reported having only one working adult and casual labour was their only source of income.