

Afghanistan: Populations in Need as Winter Approaches

Individuals in need

- Fewer than 1,000
- 1,000 - 5,000
- 5,000 - 15,000
- 15,000 - 25,000
- Greater than 25,000

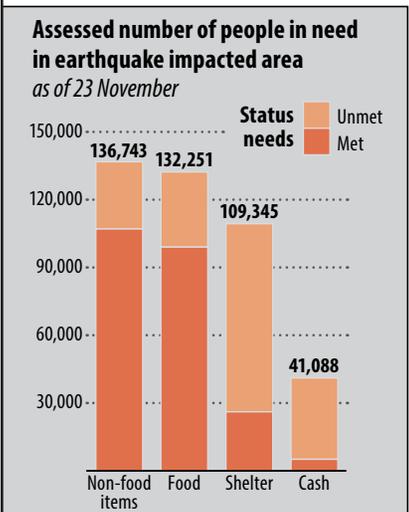
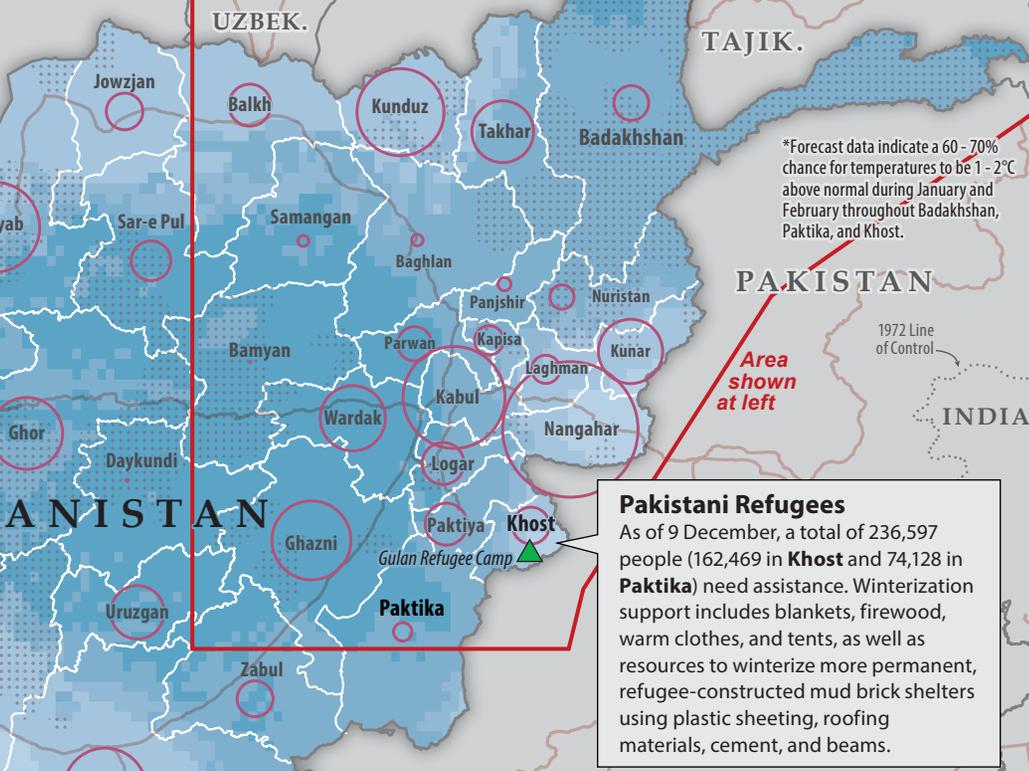
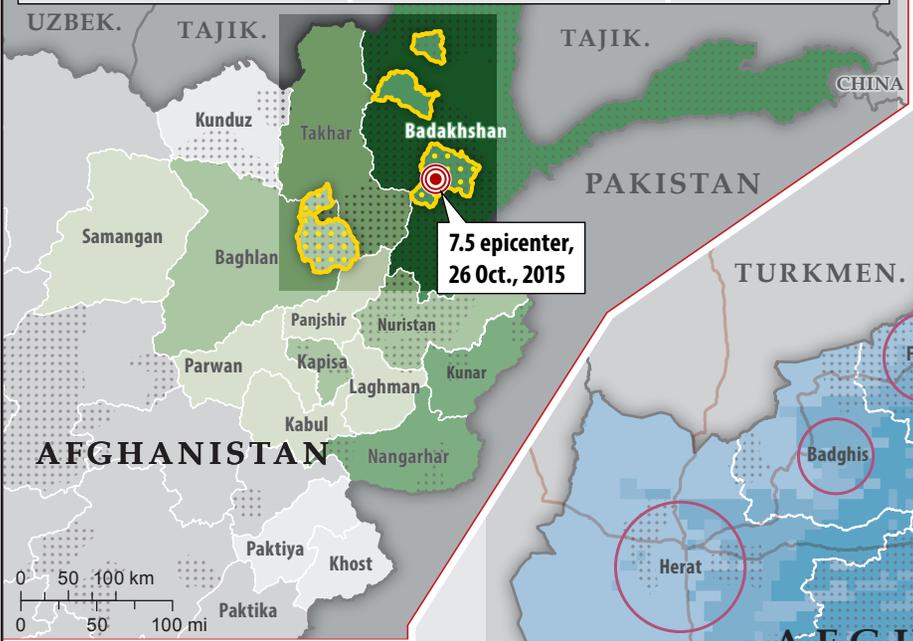
Identified food gap areas

Earthquake impacted area with access constraints

At risk of Crisis (IPC Stage 3), Jan-Mar 2016

Total people affected: 136,967
Houses damaged or destroyed: 20,178

Winter highlights the geographically complicated nature of the enduring humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. Despite forecasts for a mild winter in some areas,* conflict-induced internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and victims of the 26 October earthquake face distinct challenges as near-daily freezing temperatures settle in for much of the country during the core winter wet season, December – February. According to UNHCR, of over 1.1 million IDPs in Afghanistan, one quarter were newly displaced in 2015 and therefore less adapted and more vulnerable than existing IDPs. In the earthquake impacted area of the northeast, weather and security still constrain access to 194 villages, resulting in food and non-food item gaps in several districts. Populations, including IDPs, throughout the country are likely to enter Crisis (IPC Stage 3) levels of food security during the lean season. The lean season is forecasted to occur from January through April for most areas.



Pakistani Refugees
 As of 9 December, a total of 236,597 people (162,469 in **Khost** and 74,128 in **Paktika**) need assistance. Winterization support includes blankets, firewood, warm clothes, and tents, as well as resources to winterize more permanent, refugee-constructed mud brick shelters using plastic sheeting, roofing materials, cement, and beams.

Number of IDPs due to conflict by province

Number of days below freezing,* Dec-Feb.

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Refugee camp

Highway

*Average number of days per month when temperatures drop below freezing at any point during the day

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