

OPERATIONAL UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2019



Young returnee women take part in midwifery training. UNHCR/H.Macdonald

HIGHLIGHTS

As of 30 September, **6,053** registered refugees voluntarily returned to Afghanistan, out of which 4,445 returned from Pakistan, 1,542 from Iran and 66 from other countries.

344,588 individuals have been displaced by conflict in 2019 and profiled by OCHA as internally displaced persons (IDPs) in need of protection and assistance.

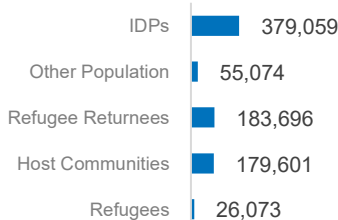
Alberto Cairo, a physiotherapist and head of the International Committee of the Red Cross orthopaedic programme in Afghanistan, was named as the **regional winner of the UNHCR 2019 Nansen Award for Asia**. Cairo has spent thirty years providing prosthetic limbs and helping find jobs for injured Afghans, many who are refugee returnees and IDPs.

Together with our partners, UNHCR is setting up innovative community spaces across Afghanistan, using Refugee Housing Units (RHUs). So far some 175,450 individuals have benefitted from these innovative spaces which include community centres, health clinics, school classrooms and transit centres. The RHU is a self-standing, sustainable and durable shelter, designed through a collaboration between UNHCR, the social enterprise Better Shelter and the IKEA Foundation.

KEY FIGURES

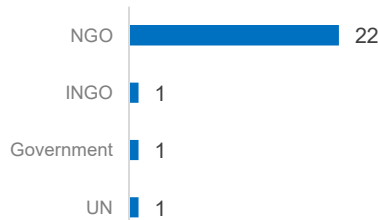
BENEFICIARIES

823,503 # of persons of concern reached by UNHCR in 2019



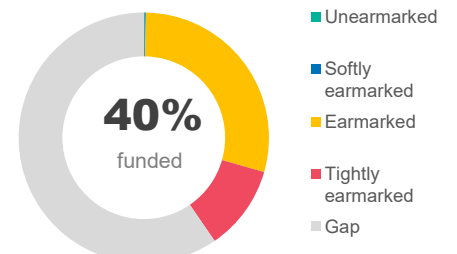
PARTNERS

25 # of partners implementing key UNHCR activities in 2019



DONORS

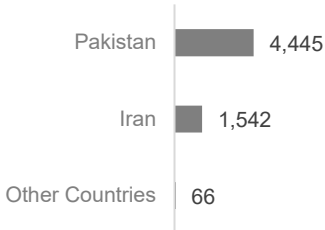
121.7M Funding required for 2019 (14 Oct 2019)



POPULATION DATA

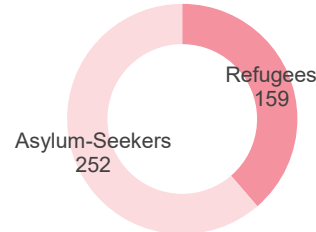
6,053

of registered refugee returnees (UNHCR)



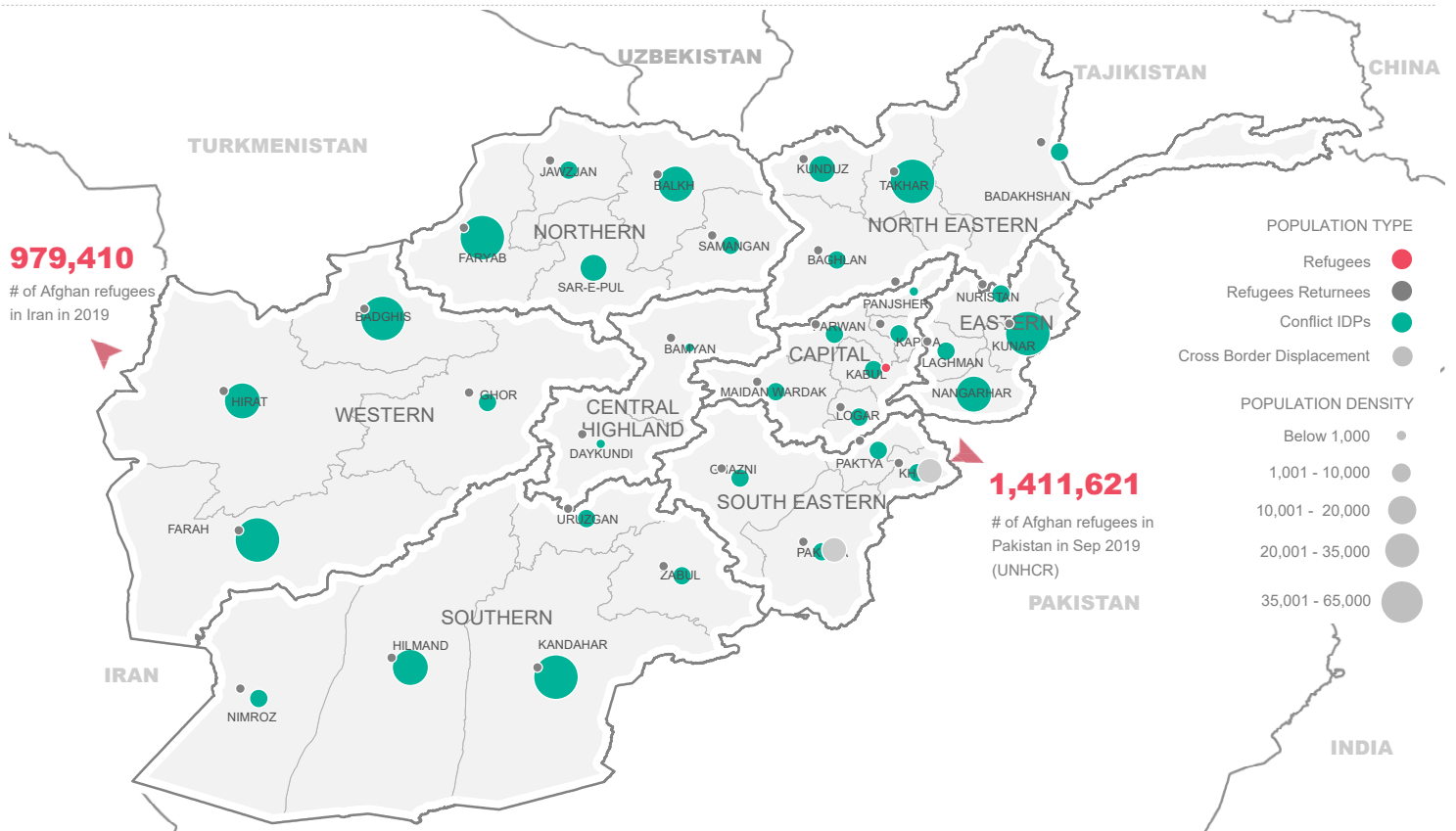
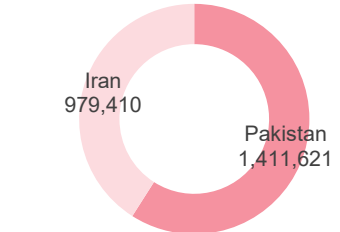
411

of urban refugees and asylum seekers in 2019 (UNHCR)



2,391,031

of Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran in 2019 (UNHCR)



OTHER POPULATION OF CONCERN IN 2019 (SECONDARY SOURCES)

361,686

of undocumented Afghan returnees in September 2019 (IOM)

344,588

of newly displaced IDPs due to conflict in September 2019

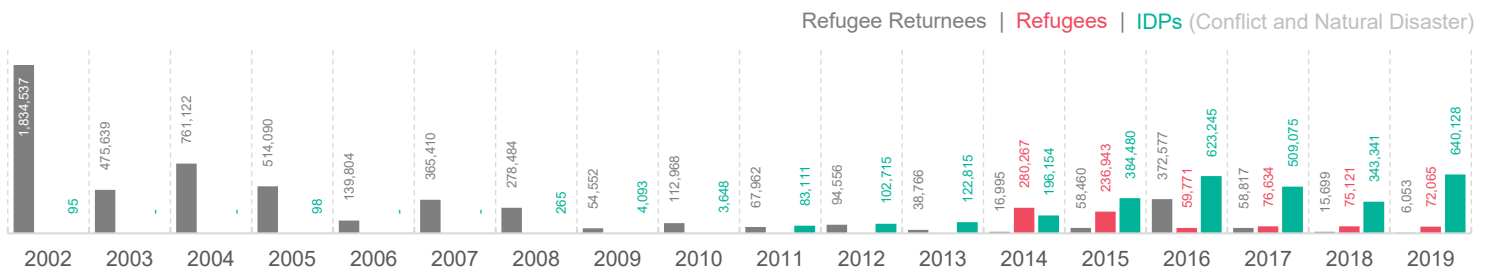
295,540

of newly displaced IDPs due to natural disasters in September 2019 (OCHA)

35.7 M


Total population in Afghanistan (Flowminder and UNFPA 2018)

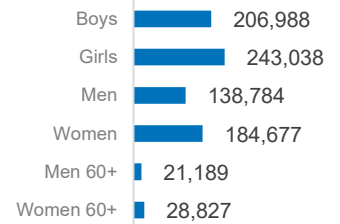
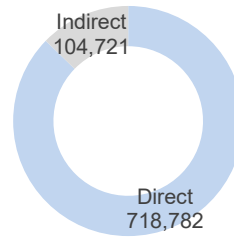
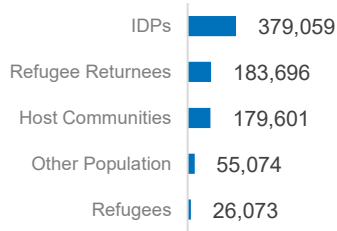
POPULATION TRENDS (2002 – 2019)



KEY ACTIVITIES

823,503

 # of persons of concern directly and indirectly reached by UNHCR in 2019



DISCLAIMER: The number of persons of concern shown above includes individuals who received multiple forms of assistance and does not represent the unique number of individuals assisted.

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

6,053

of refugee returnees who received cash grants in close coordination with MoRR. UNHCR and its partners manage four encashment centers in Herat, Jalalabad, Kabul and Kandahar with services including basic healthcare, malnutrition screening, mine risk education, child friendly spaces, back to school information, legal counselling, SIM card distribution, SGBV awareness raising, and transit accommodation.

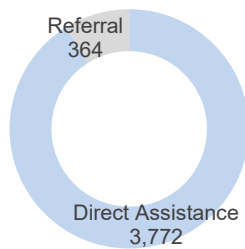
USD 1,249,063

Has been provided to 6,053 refugee returnees to support their immediate humanitarian needs as well as transportation costs.

PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

4,136

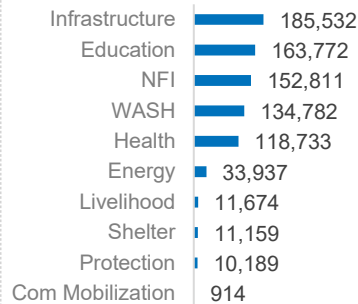
persons with acute vulnerabilities and protection risks receiving cash or in-kind assistance and/or referral to specialized services, such as medical assistance, employment, skills development, shelter, food and education.



COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

651,377

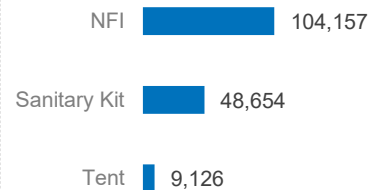
UNHCR engages with communities to identify and address their needs through skills training, business support and community mobilization to mitigate protection risks, strengthen resilience, facilitate reintegration, and promote peaceful coexistence with host communities.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

104,157

of beneficiaries assisted, in coordination with the Government, through non-food items, sanitary kits, emergency shelter and solar panels. (note that some beneficiaries received multiple assistance on NFI, Sanitary Kit, and Shelter.)

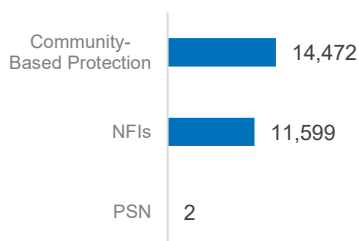


Beneficiaries are receiving multiple assistance (NFI, Sanitary Kits, and tents)

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

26,073

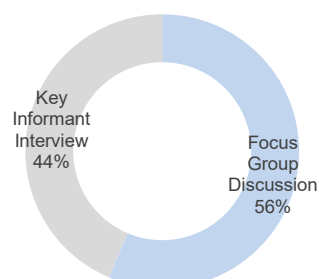
of refugees assisted with birth registration, NFI distribution, emergency shelter, winterization, and camp management and coordination in Gulistan Refugee Camp



PROTECTION MONITORING, REFERRAL AND RESPONSE

1,294

of protection monitoring missions to systematically and regularly collect, verify and analyze information to assess the protection situation of IDPs, returnees and host communities in order to plan and implement more effective responses.



POLICY SUPPORT AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

UNHCR is part of the Tripartite and Quadripartite mechanisms established with the Governments of the Islamic Republics of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran to plan, coordinate and undertake repatriation of Afghan refugees within the framework of the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR).


HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE NEXUS

UNHCR works to strengthen linkages between humanitarian initiatives and development programmes through partnership with the Government, development actors and the private sector, including in coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team, the Displacement and Return Executive Committee, and the Afghanistan National Peace and Development Framework and other government initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable reintegration and harmonizing response to the needs of refugees, returnees, IDPs and members of host communities.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION



669,874

 # of beneficiaries reached by the Protection Cluster

■ Reached ■ Gap




2.4 M  People in need

1.3 M  People targeted

44.7 M  Funding required

495,630

 # of beneficiaries reached by the Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster

■ Reached ■ Gap




1 M  People in need

0.8 M  People targeted

48.3 M  Funding required

26,073

 # of beneficiaries reached through Inter-Agency Refugee Coordination

■ Reached ■ Gap



50 K  People in need

50 K  People targeted

8.8 M  Funding required

UNHCR appreciates the partnership and financial contributions of both unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds from donors, as well as for those who have contributed regionally and directly to Afghanistan and the Afghan situation:

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