



## UNICEF Afghanistan

### Flash Update #1: Eastern Region Flash Floods



#### Situation Overview

- On 20 July, heavy rainfall triggered flash floods across three provinces in eastern Afghanistan. The most severe impact was reported in Parun City, Nuristan Province, where extensive flooding caused deaths, injuries, significant damages with disruption of services to the affected communities.
- Preliminary reports<sup>1</sup> indicate 23 fatalities and 125 injuries, with additional individuals still missing. The floods destroyed and damaged 92 houses, while also impacting a health clinic, markets, and disrupting local livelihoods.
- Critical infrastructure and services sustained damages, including bridges, road sections, flood protection walls, agricultural land and damaged water supply networks, disrupting access to safe drinking water.
- Within 24 hours, UNICEF with partners were on the ground, providing immediate lifesaving emergency health services to cover over 600 people including children.

#### UNICEF Response

##### Health

- Six health staff have been deployed by the UNICEF health partner to the affected areas of Nuristan, supporting emergency health and trauma care.
- A health camp has been established and operational by UNICEF health partner, that can provide services to over 3,000 people including children.
- UNICEF has dispatched two ambulances to Parun city.
- UNICEF has pre-positioned essential medical and nutrition supplies in affected areas that can benefit more than 6,000 people.

##### Nutrition:

- As the sole pipeline provider of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), UNICEF with partner have ensured Health facilities (HFs) in the province have sufficient nutrition supplies available, including RUTF, Multiple Micronutrient Supplements, Vitamin A Supplementation and Formula 57 and 100 Therapeutic Milk.

##### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- 6,916 number of people have lost access to clean water caused by extensive damage from the flash floods. A recent UNICEF constructed spring water system with its transmission pipeline have been destroyed, while the main distribution network has also been severely damaged. Significant rehabilitation and replacement works will be required to restore access to safe water for the affected population.
- Due to extensive damages of sanitation facilities, there is high risk of Acute Water Diarrhea (AWD). UNICEF is supporting the repair of a flood-damaged water supply system that can benefit 1,000 families.
- Additionally, UNICEF is deploying temporary water trucking services to ensure affected households have continued access to safe drinking water until the water supply system is fully rehabilitated.
- On 24 July, UNICEF has planned distribution of 350 family hygiene kits in Parun district of Nuristan and has dispatched an additional 500 family hygiene kits, sufficient to support approximately 100 households.

<sup>1</sup> OCHA Flash Update: Flooding in Eastern Afghanistan [Afghanistan: Flash Update #2: Flooding in Eastern Afghanistan \(22 to 23 July 2026\) - Afghanistan | ReliefWeb](#)

## Child Protection

- UNICEF psychosocial support (PSS) counsellors are on the ground delivering services to affected children and their families to alleviate stress and conduct referrals for specialised services.
- Counsellors are on the ground pending assessment findings to provide essential support to affected families, including Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) services for Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) including one child already identified, case management, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and referrals to specialized services as needed.
- UNICEF implementing partner will be establishing Child-Friendly Spaces (CFSs) with recreational kits based on the children affected.

## Social and Behaviour Change, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

- To strengthen the SBC response, 4 field staff and 10 youth volunteers have been deployed to support community engagement and two-way communication in the affected areas.
- Over 600 people including children are receiving key lifesaving messages. UNICEF supported SBC team is facilitating community participation, coordinating with partners, and collecting community feedback to inform and adapt the response.
- A mission to Nuristan is scheduled to further enhance the youth volunteers' efforts and support local capacity for the ongoing response.
- UNICEF trained partners are disseminating PSEA awareness materials and raising awareness on safeguarding measures and safe access to assistance.

## Emergency non-food items:

- A total of 400 winter clothing kits, 405 family kits, 2,000 blankets, and 6,000 soaps have already been prepositioned in Nuristan to be distributed to affected households.
- Winter cloths are key due to the cooler temperature in the affected areas, where people affected are currently staying outside.
- Additional emergency kits/supplies will be dispatched, to ensure that emergency supplies are replenished and pre-positioned.



UNICEF and partners setting up a field clinic to provide trauma care and emergency medical services.

## Gaps and Challenges

- Road damages in some of the most flood affected district of Nuristan are posing challenges for humanitarian partners to deliver aid to the affected populations.
- Rehabilitation of the water supply system is expected to be time-consuming and will require significant financial investment. A joint technical assessment between UNICEF and Première Urgence Internationale (PU-AMI) is currently underway to determine the extent of the damage and estimate the budget required for the rehabilitation.
- For the immediate needs, USD 1.5 million is required to scale up response, pending completion of the inter-agency assessments.

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