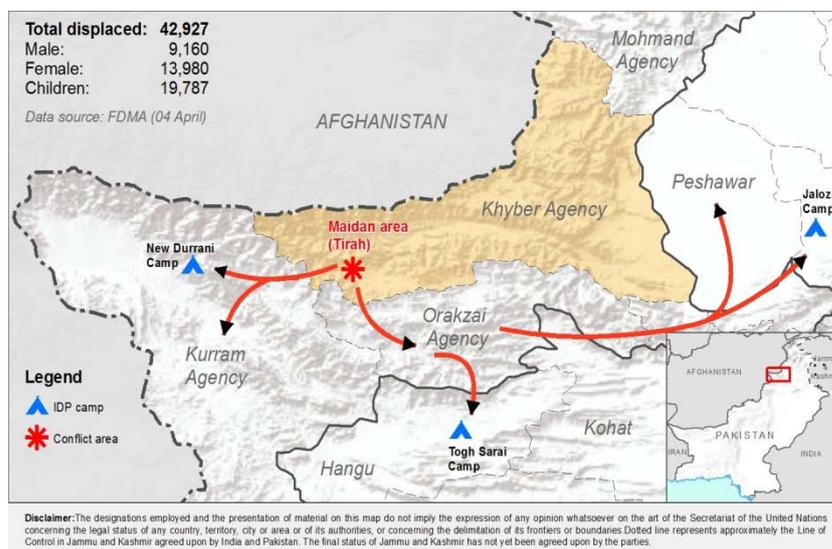




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## Highlights

- Humanitarian partners are providing one-month food rations and relief items to the people displaced from the Maidan area in the Tirah Valley in Khyber Agency, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), since mid-March.
- Partners are seeking funds to scale up food, temporary shelter, health care, cash assistance, relief items, water and protection support for the internally displaced people (IDPs).
- A rapid inter-agency assessment indicates most of the IDPs are living with previously displaced off-camp families in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and urgently need all forms of assistance.



**42,927**

people recently displaced from Tirah Valley in Khyber Agency

**60,000**

people could be affected by the current crisis in Khyber Agency

**46 per cent**

of the displaced population are children

**978,000**

estimated IDPs are targeted with assistance in 2013

**US\$366m**

is the estimated requirement for humanitarian assistance in KP and FATA in 2013

**US\$64m**

is currently available to provide assistance in KP and FATA in 2013

## Situation Overview

According to the Government, at least 42,927 people (5,479 families) have been displaced from Tirah Valley in Khyber Agency since mid-March due to an escalation of hostilities between rival armed groups. The figure is likely to increase significantly as humanitarian partners and Government authorities verify the exact locations and numbers of the IDPs.

An observation exercise/assessment conducted by seven international non-governmental organizations between 28 and 31 March found that most of the displaced people have sought refuge in Peshawar, while others are in Kohat, Hangu and Nowshera districts. Most of the IDPs are living with previously displaced off-camp families in KP, with four to five families living in one compound. These hosting displaced families are already vulnerable, having adopted a number of negative coping mechanisms in order to live off-camp throughout their own displacement, and so it is a considerable added burden to have the newly displaced families living with them. Humanitarian partners are seeking the prioritization of off-camp assistance to ease this burden.

The displaced people in off-camp locations urgently need food, temporary shelter and relief items. Required shelter assistance includes rent for off-camp housing rather than tents. Healthcare, cash assistance and clean water also feature as high priorities given that many IDPs were severely injured while walking across mountains into displacement and require urgent medical and psychosocial assistance. Many families have no money, having paid exorbitant transportation costs. The families have left their livelihoods behind, and now have to pay high costs for rent in off-camp locations.

+ For more information, see "background on the crisis" at the end of the report

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All families had to leave their livestock behind as they would not survive the journey and, given their reliance on agriculture, few have a livelihood source in displacement. Many families have vulnerable members including sick or injured individuals, elderly, disabled, women and children who must be prioritized for support. Registration of the displaced families is underway in New Durrani camp and off-camp locations in Kurram Agency. Humanitarian partners and Government authorities are working on establishing an off-camp registration point in the coming days, subject to the security situation.

## Funding

Humanitarian funding is needed to allow rapid delivery of assistance to the families recently displaced from Khyber Agency and those previously displaced from other areas of FATA. Partners are working to determine new funding needs in addition to the \$366 million required to provide basic humanitarian assistance to an estimated 978,000 IDPs in KP and FATA in 2013. Only 17 per cent (\$64 million) is currently available to continue critical humanitarian assistance for the displaced people and provide returnee families with transportation support and basic return packages comprising food, hygiene kits and shelter repair kits.

## Humanitarian Response

- Humanitarian partners are providing one-month food rations and relief items to IDPs in the existing camps (Jalozai, New Durrani and Togh Sarai) and off-camp locations regardless of their registration status, as agreed by all humanitarian stakeholders.
- As of 5 April, humanitarian partners had distributed 65 tons of food to 713 families in Jalozai, New Durrani and Peshawar. More than 3,000 families in Peshawar, Kohat, Kurram and Nowshera have received relief items such as jerry cans, buckets, cooking utensils, blankets and hygiene kits.
- The FDMA has provided some of the displaced people with hot meals, tents, health care, relief items and transportation. Government health workers have vaccinated 4,623 displaced children and provided treatment to 4,455 adults.
- As of 5 April, UNHCR had registered 676 displaced families and verified 1,135 families to receive one-time assistance, out of 1,569 families enlisted by the FDMA.
- Partners are seeking resources to continue ongoing basic services for the newly and previously displaced families in and outside camps.
- Following the observation exercise conducted between 28 and 31 March, a detailed multi-sector assessment to determine the impact of the displacements is scheduled for the coming days.

## General Coordination

Coordination activities have been scaled up to ensure effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to the displaced people in a principled manner. OCHA is coordinating the provision of assistance to the newly displaced families, in conjunction with humanitarian partners and local authorities. Government authorities are seeking to improve security measures in Jalozai camp to create a secure environment for routine relief activities. Humanitarian partners are working with local authorities to determine the exact locations of off-camp IDPs and establish additional registration points.

### Background on the crisis

Since mid-March, about 43,000 people have been displaced from the Maidan area in the Tirah Valley in Khyber Agency, FATA, due to an escalation of hostilities between rival armed groups. Temporary settlement of the IDPs is expected to follow patterns of previous displacements: between 10 and 15 per cent are expected to move to established camps such as Jalozai in Nowshera District, Togh Sarai in Hangu District and New Durrani in Kurram Agency, while the majority are expected to stay in host communities in the Peshawar Valley. Officials estimate that up to 60,000 people (10,000 families) may leave the conflict-affected area in the near future and remain in displacement for up to six months due to security concerns.

There has been insecurity in FATA during the last decade, with displacements and returns occurring in parallel in different agencies of FATA since 2008. Humanitarian partners are providing assistance to 163,102 displaced families in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and FATA with an estimated population of 978,000 individuals, including 757,996 people who are already registered and those whose registration is under verification by the Government. There are also 1.64 million Afghan refugees receiving humanitarian assistance, and more than 1.3 million people who have returned to FATA since 2009, who require humanitarian assistance.

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