

Global Education Cluster PAKISTAN

Update from Jalozai Camp

29th March 2012

Overview

Recent security operation in Bara Tehsil of Khyber Agency of FATA has resulted in continued influx of IDPs in Jalozai camp in Nowshera district of KP province. In Jalozai camp, 5,000 IDPs from Khyber, Mohmand and Bajaur are living. Newly displaced IDP families are continuing to arrive in great number and this trend is expected to continue in the coming days, raising the IDP population even high. Total current population of Jalozai camp is over 10,000 families which are expected to increase to 17,000. An equal number of families are expected to stay off camp. Registration and provisions of assistance is continued in the camps. The Education Cluster is active in assessing education needs and planning to respond to needs of new displaced children and adolescents.

Response

The Education Cluster have so far enrolled 595 recently displaced children in existing camp schools that are supported by Cluster members i.e. UNICEF, IRC and Muslim Aid.

- Education Cluster partners commenced a school enrolment campaign in Jalozai camp on 22 March. The campaign is expected to run up to 15 April and includes the following activities aimed at increasing enrollment: interschool school competition, community meetings, messages from religious leaders, community sensitization and mobilization.
- 245 new children were enrolled in UNICEF supported schools. UNICEF through its implementing partner, IRC has provided 80 tents and 200 plastic mats for the establishment of new schools and restructuring existing Parent-Teacher Councils.
- 350 new children were registered and attended existing camp schools that are run by Muslim Aid. Two new teachers have been deployed due to increased numbers of pupils.
- Members of the Education Cluster are in the process of identifying four locations to set up four new schools
- The assessment team of the Education Cluster comprising BFO, HOPE, CAP, Pro-Growth, IRC continues conducting education needs assessment in Phase 7. The team is expected to complete its task by Friday, 30 March. Key finding will be shared for planning and advocacy.

Critical Needs

- Establishment of school in Phase 7 to accommodate new displaced children.
- Provision of supplies for children and teachers in the camps and host communities.
- Provision of education for children and adolescents displaced in host communities.