From drought to flood – IDP settlements have been inundated by recent rains and floods, destroying their tents and limited belongings. Qala-e-Naw district in Badghis. © IOM 2019

Through Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) installed on major routes connecting to Herat City, IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has been monitoring inflows of drought-affected IDPs, since 9 September 2018. DTM identifies and registers only newly arriving IDPs, provides IDP Cards to registered families, and shares the information with World Food Programme and humanitarian partners to facilitate onward registration of newly arriving IDPs into humanitarian assistance programmes. DTM also tracks the outflow of IDPs from Herat City returning to their places of origin or into secondary displacement.

**WEEKLY TRENDS**

Inflows of newly-arrived IDPs peaked at over 1,100 families per week in the week of 28 September and 5 October. There was a sharp, 74% decrease from 5 to 19 October. Due to funding limitations, DTM discontinued activities from 1 to 15 November, after which inflows remained relatively low at an average 167 families per week. However, after 4 January, inflows have steadily decreased to the present inflow of only 40 newly arrived IDP families in the last week.

The results presented in this report are cumulative from 9 September 2018, when DTM commenced flow monitoring in Herat.

- **3 Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs)** at Armalek, Rabat Sangi, and Chaharsoy Guzara
- **201 (40 families)** newly-arrived IDPs registered from 9 Mar – 15 Mar
- **37,394 (7,836 families)** IDPs registered to date (inflow + outflow)
- **4.8** average family size
- **32,515 (7,003 families)** arriving IDPs displaced by drought (87% of all IDPs)
- **4,665 (798 families)** arriving IDPs displaced by conflict (12.5% of all IDPs)
- **29,047 (6,379 families)** arriving IDPs’ intended destination is Injil district (78%)
- **19,861 (4,622 families)** arriving IDPs are from Badghis province (53%)
- **23,802 (5,419 families)** arriving IDPs intend to live in tents or in the open air (64%)
- **47 (7 families)** secondarily displaced or returned home (0.13%)

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The vast majority of registered IDPs were drought-induced, hailed from Badghis province and were, accordingly, registered at the Armalek FMP. The vast majority of IDPs (74%) had no intention of returning home, preferring a permanent move to greener pastures and putting pressure on receiving districts, particularly Injil district, which is the intended destination for 88% of registered IDPs.
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Children and adolescents under the age of 18 represent 60% (22,413) of the newly arrived IDPs, among which 7,897 (21%) are under 5 years old. The male to female ratio is close to even, with only 595 (1.6%) more females than males.

SPECIFIC NEEDS

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Among the newly-arrived IDPs, there were 1,859 (5%) cases with specific needs registered to date. The most numerous cases include 836 chronically ill, 291 pregnant or lactating women, 262 with critical medical conditions, and 201 physically disabled.

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Reasons for Displacement from Place of Origin | Herat

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What were your family’s main sources of income at your place of origin?

**Main Sources of Income at Place of Origin | Herat**

- Agriculture: 42.6%
- Livestock: 34.6%
- Unskilled casual/wage labor: 22.6%
- Skilled casual/wage labor: 11.0%
- Small business / trade: 4.6%
- Remittances: 0.7%
- Charity / begging: 0.0%
- Salaried work: 0.0%
- Savings: 0.0%
- Government benefits: 0.0%
- Humanitarian assistance: 0.0%

**Main Sources of Income at Place of Origin | Badghis**

- Agriculture: 37.7%
- Livestock: 21.2%
- Unskilled casual/wage labor: 8.2%
- Skilled casual/wage labor: 3.0%
- Small business / trade: 2.2%
- Remittances: 1.7%
- Charity / begging: 1.4%
- Salaried work: 1.0%
- Savings: 0.6%
- Government benefits: 0.2%
- Humanitarian assistance: 0.1%

What are your current needs?

**Current Needs | Herat**

- Food: 4.17
- Job / employment opportunity: 3.73
- Housing: 3.59
- Health services: 3.44
- Education: 2.64
- Sanitation and hygiene facilities: 2.60
- Electricity: 1.65
- Drinking water: 1.26
- Transportation: 1.14
- Communications: 0.51
- Seeds & farming supplies: 0.27
- Water for agriculture & livestock: 0.23
- Livestock, feed & supplies: 0.21

**Current Needs | Badghis**

- Food: 4.07
- Job / employment opportunity: 3.65
- Household items: 3.62
- Shelter / accommodation: 3.45
- Health services: 3.34
- Education: 3.32
- Clothing: 3.11
- Sanitation and hygiene facilities: 3.10
- Transportation: 2.90
- Drinking water: 2.47
- Electricity: 2.22
- Communications: 2.17
- Seeds & farming supplies: 1.94
- Livestock, feed & supplies: 1.82
- Water for agriculture & livestock: 1.76
- Documentation / ID: 1.05
- Mine clearance: 0.51

Would you be willing to temporarily relocate to a designated IDP site, when available?

**Willingness to relocate to IDP site | Herat**

- Yes: 38%
- No: 62%
- Undecided: 0%

**Willingness to relocate to IDP site | Badghis**

- Yes: 40%
- No: 59%
- Undecided: 11%

Would you consider renting an apartment or rooms (in your current location of displacement)?

**Willingness to rent an apartment or rooms | Herat**

- Yes: 70%
- Yes, if assisted: 26%
- No: 0%
- Undecided: 0%

**Willingness to rent an apartment or rooms | Badghis**

- Yes: 78%
- Yes, if assisted: 22%
- No: 0%
- Undecided: 0%
How does your household obtain information about your place of origin or place of resettlement?

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Would you consider an assisted voluntary return to your place of origin?

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What is your household thinking about return, resettlement, or remaining at your current location?

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When do you will return to your place of origin, resettle to another location, or move to another country?

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What are your household’s MAIN reasons for deciding to return?

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Main reasons to RETURN to place of origin | Herat

- Better security: 4.23
- Better environmental conditions: 4.19
- Availability of humanitarian assistance: 3.21
- Better access to markets: 2.71
- Better access to health services: 2.27
- Water for agriculture & livestock: 2.26
- Better availability of safe drinking water: 2.19
- Sanitation and hygiene facilities: 2.12
- Agricultural inputs availability or support: 1.96
- Job / employment opportunity: 1.79
- Convinced by elders, family or friends: 1.49
- Illegal taxation/extortion stopped: 1.23
- Livestock, feed & supplies: 1.08
- Better social network: 0.86
- Forced eviction: 0.70
- Better access to land & property: 0.42
- Family reunification: 0.41
- Better availability of pastures: 0.19

Main reasons to RETURN to place of origin | Badghis

- Better security: 4.50
- Better environmental conditions: 4.44
- Availability of humanitarian assistance: 3.56
- Better access to markets: 3.39
- Better access to health services: 3.28
- Water for agriculture & livestock: 3.11
- Better availability of safe drinking water: 3.05
- Sanitation and hygiene facilities: 2.88
- Agricultural inputs availability or support: 2.84
- Better availability of pastures: 2.77
- Better access to land & property: 2.71
- Facilitated return assistance: 2.57
- Family reunification: 2.18
- Forced eviction: 2.22
- Illegal taxation/extortion stopped: 1.84
- Convincing by elders, family or friends: 1.78
- Better access to education: 1.71
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What will your household need in the location where you intend to return?

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Assistance needed to RETURN to place of origin | Herat

- Food: 4.79
- Job / employment opportunity: 3.79
- Livestock, feed & supplies: 3.72
- Health services: 3.27
- Seeds & farming supplies: 3.27
- Household items: 3.27
- Fuel: 3.27
- Education: 3.27
- Water for agriculture & livestock: 3.27
- Shelter / accommodation: 3.27
- Sanitation and hygiene facilities: 3.27
- Transportation: 3.16
- Drinking water: 3.16
- Peace/Cease Fire: 3.16
- Communications: 3.16
- Electricity: 3.16
- Mine clearance: 3.16
- Land & property rights: 3.16
- Documentation / ID: 0.71

Assistance needed to RETURN to place of origin | Badghis

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- Job / employment opportunity: 3.79
- Water for agriculture & livestock: 3.71
- Seeds & farming supplies: 3.62
- Health services: 3.62
- Education: 3.62
- Drinking water: 3.50
- Household items: 3.50
- Shelter / accommodation: 3.33
- Clothing: 3.33
- Livestock, feed & supplies: 3.33
- Transportation: 3.33
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- Fuel: 3.26
- Communications: 3.26
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Districts of origin of families who intend to return with the above needs (see chart above).
If Undecided, what would help you make a decision to return, resettle or remain?

Main decision-making factors for UNDECIDED | Herat

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RESPONSE IMPLICATIONS

- Because identified needs, access to humanitarian assistance and basic services vary among places of origin, a response, uniquely tailored to each place of origin, is required involving both humanitarian and development activities in order for people to return.
- Most IDPs indicate they are likely to remain where they are for the foreseeable future, especially more so in Herat.
- To promote return, a communication strategy and outreach to IDPs through family, friends, newly arriving IDPs and mobile devices is essential.
- Humanitarian Assistance is a significant pull factor for both displacement and return, especially more so in Herat.
- Conflict and insecurity remain a predominant driver of displacement and underlying issue preventing IDPs from returning home.
- There is greater appetite for return in the Badghis IDP case-load. However, most IDPs are undecided about the viability of safe and sustainable return.
- Preliminary results support the need for the Inter-Cluster Coordination Team (ICCT) to proceed with the integrated response pilot, which is focused on places of origin and includes return packages with food, livelihoods, WASH, agricultural, health, education and shelter/NFI components.
- Muqur, Qadis and Qala-e-Naw districts in Badghis are the most viable, target areas for the integrated response pilot.