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Present in Afghanistan for over 20 years, ACF works towards improving the nutritional status of children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women, through an integrated approach encompassing Nutrition, WASH, and Food Security and Livelihoods programming.

This monthly newsletter provides an overview and insights on ACF programming across the country. For any further questions, please contact cd@af.missions-acf.org

FOREWORD

2016 was a year full of challenges but with as well many achievements in providing adequate and timely assistance to the most vulnerable people in Afghanistan. Action Against Hunger as a worldwide humanitarian organization is committed to bring positive change and better standards for people in need in many countries, especially in Afghanistan.

ACF team and myself would like to wish a prosperous and peaceful year to all the people of Afghanistan, to our partners here inside the country whose contributions remain very important in the process of delivering assistance and also to all our collaborators and donors outside of Afghanistan whose support remains essential for ensuring high quality projects and to continue to fight stronger against hunger. In Action against Hunger we believe that together we can always be better and we can easier bring the change we are dreaming about.

2017 is as well a brand new year to start fresh and strong. This year marks the switchover to the new branding of ACF and to start with our new identity that reflects the real fight against hunger... **Action Against Hunger**.

In 2017 we will keep informing you thanks to the Action Against Hunger newsletter every month. We will advocate as well to highlight the Afghan people's need and to show more on the current humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. To better understand Afghanistan, I take the opportunity to invite you to the photo/video exhibition and conference organized in Paris thanks to the support of ECHO from 30/01 to 05/02 (*Le point Éphémère*, 75010 Paris).

Once again, I would like to thank all Action against Hunger teams in Afghanistan and say thank you as well to all partners and donors for your continuous support in the fight against Hunger.

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2017, BIEN PLUS QU'UNE
NOUVELLE ANNÉE POUR
ACTION CONTRE LA FAIM.

2017, MORE THAN JUST
A NEW YEAR FOR ACTION
AGAINST HUNGER.



Ile de Canagnaan,
touchée par le
passage du typhon.
Hailan, Philippines.
Décembre 2013.

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PRÉSENTE SES MEILLEURS VŒUX.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR NATURAL AND CONFLICT DISASTERS AFFECTED POPULATION IN GHOR AND HELMAND PROVINCES. AFGHANISTAN / ERM 6



Monthly Achievements

In December ERM teams conducted in total 5 **joint assessments on 510 Households displaced by conflict in the provinces of Helmand, Daykundi and Ghor**. The assessments identified **494 HHs** as eligible for immediate assistance (91 in Ghor, 396 in Helmand and 07 in Daykundi). The total **494 HHs (3174 individuals)** in Ghor, Helmand and Daykundi have been assisted in December through 5 distributions. ACF distributed cash for food and miscellaneous other needs including debt repayments, health etc. at family level to 487 HHs and Cash food and NFI to 7 HHs. During December, 91 HHs received NFI in-kinds (kitchen and Hygiene) including winter kits. A total **3,994,000 AFN** have been distributed during this period. In addition one assessment has been in Ghor to support who need Emergency latrine facilities. Total 5 Post distribution Monitoring have been done in Ghor and Daykundi to see the effectiveness of the cash intervention and their food consumption score after one month.



Cash distribution



Project duration:
May 2016 - Avril 2017

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Target versus Achievements

Activity	Global Target(revised)	Monthly Achieved HHs	Cumulative Achieved HHs	% Achieved (cumulative)
# Assessments within 5 days after notification	N/A	5	36	N/A
# Response provided within 5 days after assessment	N/A	5	34	N/A
Cash distribution for 1 month food needs	3182 HH	487	2450	64%
Cash distribution for NFI	150 HHs	-	-	
Cash for Food and NFIs	644 HHs	07	149	
Cash for NFI with Winter Pack	0 HHs	-	0	
Cash for Food and NFI with Winter package	89 HHs	-	14	
In-kind NFI distribution (Kitchen and Hygiene Kits)	688 HH	91	225	
In-kind NFI distribution (Winter Package)	538HH	91	197	-
IPA Assistance	390 IND	-		-



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INTEGRATED EMERGENCY NUTRITION AND WASH RESPONSE TO REDUCE EXCESS CHILD MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN HELMAND PROVINCE OF AFGHANISTAN



Monthly Achievements

In spite of a continued instable situation due to the persistence of active fighting in the immediate vicinity of Lashkar Gah city, ACF teams were able to implement the following activities in December: two mobile teams deployed in 8 communities screened 1,148 children, of which 54 were admitted for SAM treatment, 5 children with complicated cases were referred to the Provincial Hospital jointly run by MSF and the ministry of Public Health, while 24 children were successfully cured and discharged. In parallel to SAM treatment, the mobile clinic teams provided medical consultations to 297 children under 5.

Regardless of children's admission in the program, the 1,148 caretakers of each child received education and IYCF sessions by ACF medical staffs. ACF health facility team conducted supportive supervision in 4 health facilities and provided on the job training to 18 employees of our local partner, ACTD.

In line with the integrated approach of this project, these communities were supported with water access and provision activities, and community sensitization on hygiene and health topics. 16 boreholes were rehabilitated and currently provide safe water for 3,076 people in seven villages. 311 Bio Sand Filters (BSF) were distributed and installed by ACF teams and enable 1,114 individuals to benefit from a household-level water treatment solution. 684 women received menstrual hygiene kits and hygiene session. Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) triggering and follow up is in progress in 4 villages. Construction activities have started both at community and health facility level.

Infant and Youth children feeding session for mothers in the ACF mobile clinic site



Project duration:
July 2016 - March 2017

A project funded by



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO REDUCE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY ASSOCIATED WITH CRITICAL RATES OF GLOBAL ACUTE MALNUTRITION AMONGST UNDER-FIVE CHILDREN IN IDP POPULATIONS OF HELMAND PROVINCE



Monthly Achievements

In December the security situation in Helmand province was marked by intense fighting in the surrounding of Lashkar Gah city. The continuous fighting in the northern part of Lashkar Gah city constrained the full scale of activities in Mukhtar IDP camp. The following activities were nonetheless successfully implemented:

- Rapid wash assessment: conducted in 17 villages in the southern part of Mukhtar IDP camp, this assessment showed dismal hygiene conditions and practices (a high proportion of households collect water from unprotected sources including the nearby river without any water treatment at home, very few households with improved latrines, very high rate of diarrhea for children under 5), as well as poor state of existing infrastructures (out of 32 boreholes found in the area, 25 are non-functional). This assessment has confirmed the pressing need for an immediate intervention.
- Supportive supervision the Mukhtar BHC health facility: the supervision showed very high needs in terms of training on management of malnutrition as well as usage of standard tools and documents. This health facility will however be closed in the following weeks and will be relocated to another community of Lashkar Gah city outside of the IDP Camp. ACF will continue supporting its staffs (who will be relocated in the new health facility) through the project funded by GAC.

The preparation for the deployment of mobile teams in eight villages has been completed and the teams will start mobile clinic service in January. In order to foster ownership and in line with our accountability strategy, a workshop will be conducted early in January with community leaders of all targeted villages by this integrated intervention.



Wash Assessment, Lashkar Gah city



Project duration:
Oct 2016 - Sept 2017

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MULTI-SECTORAL INTERVENTION BASED ON THE PROVISION OF DRINKING WATER, PROMOTION OF HYGIENE AND VERTICAL GARDENING PILOT FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN KABUL INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS



Monthly Achievements

The Kabul Informal Settlements (KIS) are informal settlements situated in the outskirts of Kabul and that the past years have been hosting hundreds of internally displaced persons (IDPs) fleeing combat areas all over the country and returnees unable to reclaim their land and property. As of 2016, the estimated population of the KIS amounts to over 45,000 people. No services are provided, making the living conditions of their inhabitants extremely precarious on all aspects: water access, hygiene and sanitation, access to healthcare, nutrition and food security, protection etc. ACF intervention aims to provide safe and clean water through Bio Sand Filters (BSF) distribution and to promote good hygiene practices. Besides, menstrual kits and soaps are distributed to people living in these informal settlements, reducing their exposure to diarrhea and consequently preventing malnutrition among children under five years old. The hygiene promotion (conducted separately for men, women and children), and the distribution of family soap for washing and laundry, and menstrual hygiene kit will facilitate the improvement of hygiene practices.

During the month of December, the following activities were carried out:

- 750 BSF are ready to be installed for the targeted families to ensure timely access to a sufficient quantity of safe drinking water.
- Distribution of hand washing soap and Landry soap is ongoing and total of 1568 pieces of hand washing and 1568 pieces of Landry soap were distributed to 392 families during the month of December.
- The home to home visits by hygiene promoters in ongoing. 2054 men, women and children attended the sessions.



Project duration:
Sept 2016 - June 2017

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ENHANCING COORDINATED HUMANITARIAN ASSESSMENTS, DATA QUALITY, SHARING AND UTILIZATION FOR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLANNING IN AFGHANISTAN



Monthly Achievements

The month of December records successful achievements for both CHF Nutrition surveillance projects.

Key findings from SMART survey in Nangarhar

GAM prevalence : **17%** (14.5-19.5 95 CI)

SAM prevalence: **4.9%** (3.4-6.3 95 CI)

4098 people assessed



These results in Nangarhar indicate high (emergency) burden of malnutrition in the province. ACF is advocating through the nutrition cluster to scale up IMAM services.

The final report will be shared soon with all the partners.

The other Nutrition surveys are on track : MoU was shared with Solidarity for Afghan Families (SAF) for SMART survey in **Jawzjan** and **Nemroz** (planned for mid-January) and the discussions are ongoing also with Common Humanitarian Assistance (CHA) for Farah.

SMART Survey in **Kunduz** There is slightly delayed due insecurity and seasonality (cold weather).

Logar province Survey will be finished at the beginning of February.

The schedule of all the assessment was shared with Public Nutrition Department of MoPH.

A 5 days SQUEAC & SLEAC Managerial level training was organized for BPHS IP, took place in December in Kabul led by a Global Adviser from ACF UK. In total 19 persons participated in, among them one person from Public Nutrition Department. This training helped the BPHS partner to get better understanding on coverage assessments and its implementation.



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO REDUCE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY ASSOCIATED WITH CRITICAL RATES OF GLOBAL ACUTE MALNUTRITION AMONGST UNDER-FIVE CHILDREN IN IDP POPULATIONS OF KABUL



Monthly Achievements

This project aims to address malnutrition through integrated health, nutrition and WASH interventions in the Kabul Informal Settlements (KIS). 48 KIS have been identified with an estimated 7,982 families or 45,695 individuals (KIS Population data –Jan-2016 UN-OCHA).

The 4 mobile teams (four medical doctors, 4 nurses and 8 registrars/screeners) are ready to start the implementation of the activities in the targeted community in January 2017.

Assessment of HFs started in December 2016. Five Health facilities will be selected to have nutrition services available thanks to the training of their staff by ACF.

Community hygiene, health and nutrition promoters have been trained on IMAM, IYCF, maternal nutrition and WASH components and started in December 2016.

So far, 1000 BSF are procured and ready for installation as well as 2000 menstrual hygiene kits. Beneficiaries' registration house to house is ongoing.



Nutrition Team meeting with KIS community leaders.



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FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE AND FOOD INSECURE POPULATION IN GHOR



Monthly Achievements

All 40 cash for work projects covering 51 villages and 1188 beneficiaries have been completed. All the completed infrastructures were handed over to communities through signing handover documents.

The cash distribution for CFW beneficiaries as well as for unconditional cash beneficiaries started on 1st December and completed on 22nd of December 2016. The cash distribution was conducted through a proper protocol and under a strict supervision of CDCs and ACF. District authorities of Lal and Sarjangal were provided the cash for work project information and accomplishments through regular monthly reporting and meetings, which were highly appreciated. A post cash distribution monitoring started at the end of December to assess beneficiaries and communities satisfaction.



Cash for work activities

The CFW projects included road rehabilitation or construction, cleaning of irrigation canal, construction of reservoirs, protection walls for the agricultural lands and for irrigation, rehabilitation of bridge etc.

The component of keyhole gardens will only start in the month of April 2017.



Project duration:
Sept 2016 - August 2017

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MULTI-SECTORAL NUTRITION SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE INTERVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF UNDER- NUTRITION IN GHOR PROVINCE



Monthly Achievements

All WASH and FSL activities have been completed at the end of November and the project now focuses only on its nutrition and health component of support to ACTD (BPHS implementer) through on-the-job training and supportive supervision for both health facilities and health posts.

In December, ACT nutrition supervisors have supported the systematic inclusion of 7 Essential Nutrition Actions and key contact points in 4 health facility shuraas (training 25 people) and 1 community health shuraa (3 people trained).

37 sessions of on-the-job trainings have been carried-out in December and 15 new health facilities staff sensitized, for a total of 105 staff sensitized so far through OTJ. 23 sessions were also led at community HP level, for a total of 60 OTJ sessions during the month. These included the districts of Lal, Dawlat Yar, Chagcharan, Dulaina and Sharhak.

Regular coordination with ACTD to share the results of OTJ and supervision is done to order ensure the maximum impact of these activities.

The technical support of the TFU from Chagcharan hospital is still on-going will one full-time nurse deployed and regular supervision from the nutrition manager.



Project duration:
April 2016 - March 2017

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ACTD: Afghanistan Center for Training and Development

ARI: Acute Respiratory Infection

BPHS: Basic Package of Health Services

CHW: Community Health Worker

ENA: Essential Nutrition Actions

FHAG: Family Health Action Groups

FSL: Food Security & Livelihoods

GAM: Global Acute Malnutrition

HF: Health Facility

HH: Household

IMAM: Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition

IMCI: Integrated Management of Childhood Illness

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

OTJ: On-the-job training

PDM: Post Monitoring Distribution

RNA: Rapid Nutrition Assessment

SAM: Severe Acute Malnutrition

SQUEAC: Semi –Quantitative Evaluation of Access and Coverage

SMART: Standardized Monitoring & Assessment of Relief and Transition

TFU: Therapeutic Feeding Unit

WSUC: Water and Sanitation User Committee



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