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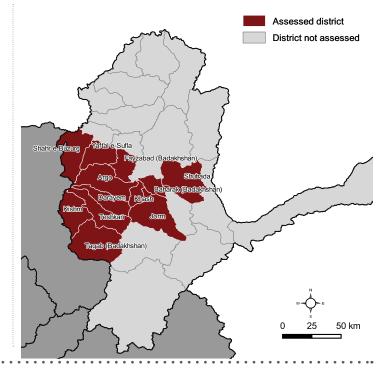
## **Badakhshan Province, AFGHANISTAN**

#### **Introduction and Methodology**

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This factsheet shows the findings from Badakhshan Province, where 1086 surveys were completed: 576 IDP, 510 host community, and 0 non-displaced disaster affected.



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## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

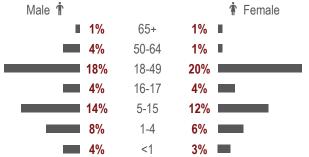
Proportion of households surveyed, by population group

IDP 53% NDDA 0% Host Community 47%

Average household size:

7.9 members

Assessed households, by age and gender of members



**3%** of households reported a female or child head of household without an adult male



Female-headed households:

13%

**26%** of households reported at least one member with a chronic illness or disability<sup>4</sup>

6% of households reported an elderly head of household



#### Livelihoods

**98%** of households reported having at least one breadwinner.<sup>5</sup> Of these households, the median household earnings for the 30 days prior to data collection was **4000 AFG**.<sup>6</sup>



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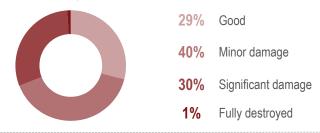


% of households reporting occupying different shelter types<sup>7</sup>

Tent	0%
Makeshift	0%
Transitional	20%
Permanent	78%
Collective center	0%
Unfinished house	<b>1%</b>
Damaged house	<b>1%</b> I

2% of households reported living in 'unsafe' shelter types8

% of households by overall shelter condition7



**49%** of households reported damage to their shelter in the 6 months prior to data collection

Of households reporting damage, the top three reported causes of damage to their shelters were:

Natural disaster	92%
Violence	4% ■
Poor shelter materials	3% ▮

Of households reporting shelter damage in the 6 months prior to data collection, **86%** reported that they were unable to make the shelter repairs they wanted

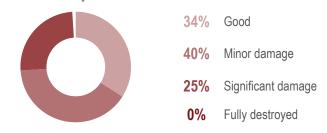
Of households reporting that they were unable to make the repairs they wanted, the top three reported reasons for being unable to make these repairs were:9

Professionals unaffordable	53%	
Materials unafforable	53%	
Lack authorization	1% ∣	

Shelter Cluster Afghanistan ShelterCluster.org Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter % of households by main shelter roof material7

Mud and grass	17%	
Wood	82%	
Corrugated Galvanised Iron (CGI)	1%	1
Tarpauline tent	0%	
Slate tiles	0%	
Handmade tent	0%	

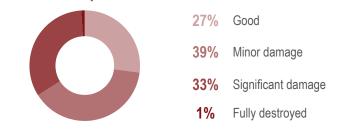
% of households by condition of shelter roof<sup>7</sup>



% of households by main shelter wall material7

Mud	39%
Bricks	<b>52</b> %
Concrete	0%
Tarpauline tent	0%
Stone	8% ■
Wood	0%
Handmade tent	0%

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1% of households reported keeping livestock in the indoor living space used by household members

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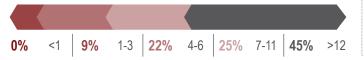


# **DISPLACEMENT**

Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to leave area of origin:

Natural disaster 40% Armed conflict Harassment by armed groups

% of IDP households by length of time (in months) living in current location:



Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to come to current location:

Better security 43% More work opportunities Family/friends are here 13%

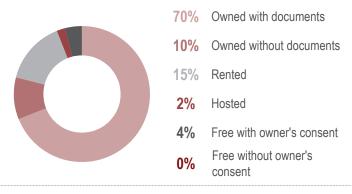


69% of households reporting all adult members with a tazkera<sup>10</sup>



# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

% of households reporting accommodation arrangements for their shelter:

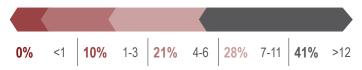


13% of households reported living in their shelter with an insecure tenure agreement<sup>11</sup>

Of households reporting renting shelter, the average reported rent in the month prior to data collection was 1769 AFN

This is indicative data. Not enough households reported renting their shelter for this indicator to be representative of Badakhshan province

Of households reporting renting their shelter, % of households reporting the length of rental agreement validity (in months):





88% of non-displaced households reported hosting another family in their shelter



# **SECURITY & DIGNITY**

38% of households reported renting shelter reported being unable to afford their rent in the 3 months prior to data collection

According to these households, the cost of rent developed in one of the following ways in the 3 months prior to data collection:



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2% of households reported reported having been evicted in the 3 months prior to data collection

16% of households reported having a fear of being evicted in the next 3 months. Of these households, the top three most commonly reported reasons for fearing eviction were:12

Rent unaffordable 54% Dispute about rental price 14% Dispute about ownership 13%

68% of households reported feeling unsafe in their shelter. Of those households, the reasons for feeling unsafe were:12

Natural hazards 58% Weak structure Armed group violence 27%

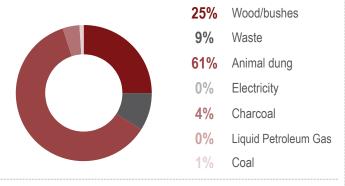
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**3%** of households reported receiving humanitarian aid in the 3 months prior to data collection

% of households reporting main source of fuel for heating





**9%** of households reported receiving information on how to receive shelter and NFI aid in the 6 months prior to data collection

**94%** of households that reported needing to buy NFIs but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

% of households reported ownership of no key winter clothing, by population group<sup>13</sup>

IDP <b>77%</b>	NDDA NA	Host Community 70%
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% of households reporting an inability to find shelter in the 3 months prior to data collection, by population group

23%	NA	7%
IDP	NDDA	Host Community



**92%** of households reported needing to buy shelter materials but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

Of these households, the top three reported reasons for being unable to access shelter materials at the nearest market were:<sup>14</sup>

Items unaffordable	88%
Lack of transportation	4% ■
Items not available	3% ▮

# PRIORITY NEEDS

Top five reported households priority needs, by sector:15

Winterization	66%
NFI	55%
Debt repayment	47%
Shelter	39%
Food	37%

% of households reported ES/NFI as a top three priority need for their family, and top ES/NFI priority need, by population group

IDP		NDDA		Host Com	munity
94%		NA		91%	6
Fuel	48%	NA	NA	Fuel	60%

Top three reported first priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Fuel	58%	
Shelter repair	29%	
Blankets	6%	

Top three reported second priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Fuel	30%
Blankets	21%
Shelter repair	21%

Top three reported third priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Blankets	43%
Clothing	14%
Stove	10%

- 13. For this assessment, key winter clothing includes: one jacket per person, one pair of gloves per person, one winter hat per person, one pair of winter shoes per person.
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# PREFERRED AID

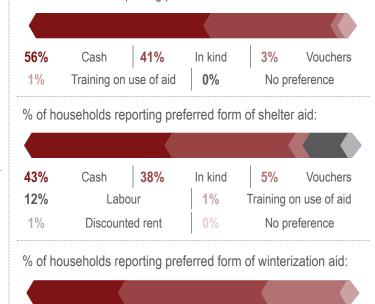
Top five reported priority expenditures if given cash as aid, by sector<sup>16</sup>

Fuel	60%
Debt repayment	59%
Shelter repair	48%
Food	38%
Winter NFI	33%

Top five reported priority ES/NFI purchases households would prefer to make themselves if given cash as aid<sup>16</sup>

Fuel	79%
Blankets	74%
Solar lamp	55%
Winter coats	38%
Mattress	19%

% of households reporting preferred form of NFI aid:



45%

Training on use of aid

## **FOCUS GROUPS**

## Shelter damage and repair

"Most of the landlord refuse for repairing of the shelter, they say if you are happy with this type of shelter you can stay if not you can leave."

- Male IDP

#### NFI needs

"[The] assistance [received] was very helpful for us, like flour, cooking oil, cash. Other assistance was not useful for us like bathroom items, soap, and tooth cream because we can afford to buy [these items]."

- Female IDP

#### Winter preparation

"We don't have any preparation for winter because we don't have any income and can't afford to buy [goods]. We are IDP in here. If we get preparation for winter we have to go collect waste, animal dung and plastic because there isn't anything around here."

- Female IDP

#### Market access

Cash

29%

1%

"Usually we can find these material in central [bazaars] of city which is far from our village, and it is very expensive to buy [there]. Even the transportation of those materials costs a lot because there is no road to bring it and we can't afford it."

In kind

0%

- Male Host community

Vouchers

No preference

#### Cash assistance

"We received cash ... used to repair our shelter, kitchen and food, as well as changes in our living condition. And [we were] supplied water 10 days later, we filled buckets and barrels for a period of time."

- Female Host community

# Preference for aid delivery

"For IDPs, [NGOs] should provide shelter, and it is better to assist us with food items in-kind or directly. Most of our shora, or community leaders, will not give us what NGOs give us."

- Male IDP

16. Respondents could select up to 3 options

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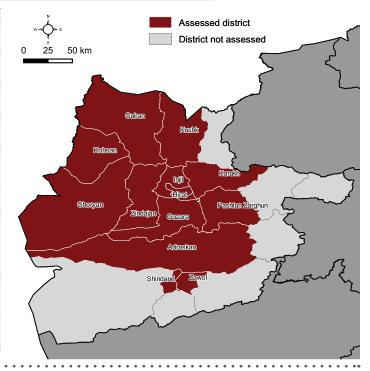
**Herat Province, AFGHANISTAN** 

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This factsheet shows the findings from Herat Province, where 1675 surveys were completed: 621 IDP, 574 host community, and 480 non-displaced disaster affected.



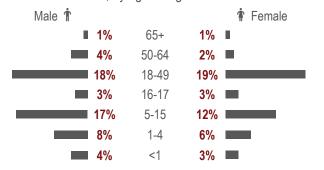
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#### DEMOGRAPHICS

Proportion of households surveyed, by population group

IDP 37% NDDA 29% Host Community 34%

Assessed households, by age and gender of members



Female-headed households: Average household size:

4%

6.6 members

1% of households reported a female or child head of household without an adult male



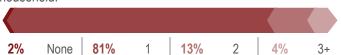
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9% of households reported an elderly head of household



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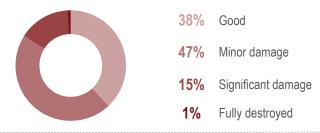


% of households reporting occupying different shelter types7

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8% of households reported living in 'unsafe' shelter types8

% of households by overall shelter condition7



22% of households reported damage to their shelter in the 6 months prior to data collection

Of households reporting damage, the top three reported causes of damage to their shelters were:

Natural disaster	89%
Poor shelter materials	10%
Violence	<b>1%</b>

Of households reporting shelter damage in the 6 months prior to data collection, 94% reported that they were unable to make the shelter repairs they wanted

Of households reporting that they were unable to make the repairs they wanted, the top three reported reasons for being unable to make these repairs were:9

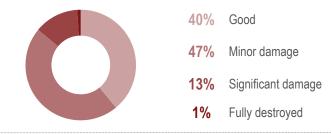
Materials unafforable	73%
Professionals unaffordable	24%
Lack authorization	13%

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% of households by main shelter roof material7

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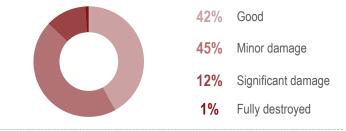
% of households by condition of shelter roof<sup>7</sup>



% of households by main shelter wall material7

Mud	<b>55</b> %
Bricks	32%
Concrete	5% ■
Tarpauline tent	5% ■
Stone	<b>1%</b>
Wood	<b>1%</b>
Handmade tent	<b>1%</b>

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7% of households reported keeping livestock in the indoor living space used by household members

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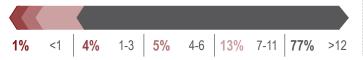
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# **DISPLACEMENT**

Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to leave area of origin:

Armed conflict 59% Natural disaster No work opportunities

% of IDP households by length of time (in months) living in current location:



Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to come to current location:

Better security 49% More work opportunities Friends/family are here 18%

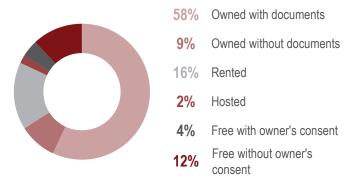


41% of households reporting all adult members with a tazkera<sup>10</sup>



# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

% of households reporting accommodation arrangements for their shelter:



24% of households reported living in their shelter with an insecure tenure agreement<sup>11</sup>

Of households reporting renting shelter, the average reported rent in the month prior to data collection was 1592 AFN

This is indicative data. Not enough households reported renting their shelter for this indicator to be representative of Herat province.

Of households reporting renting their shelter, % of households reporting the length of rental agreement validity (in months):





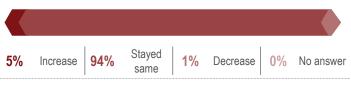
87% of non-displaced households reported hosting another family in their shelter



# **SECURITY & DIGNITY**

28% of households reported renting shelter reported being unable to afford their rent in the 3 months prior to data collection

According to these households, the cost of rent developed in one of the following ways in the 3 months prior to data collection:



Shelter Cluster Afghanistan

2% of households reported reported having been evicted in the 3 months prior to data collection

22% of households reported having a fear of being evicted in the next 3 months. Of these households, the top three most commonly reported reasons for fearing eviction were:12

Rent unaffordable 46% Shelter on private land 25% 22% Dispute about rental price

74% of households reported feeling unsafe in their shelter. Of those households, the reasons for feeling unsafe were:12

Natural hazards 64% Weak structure Crime 18%

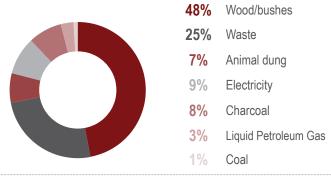
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**8%** of households reported receiving humanitarian aid in the 3 months prior to data collection

% of households reporting main source of fuel for heating





**18%** of households reported receiving information on how to receive shelter and NFI aid in the 6 months prior to data collection

**89%** of households that reported needing to buy NFIs but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

% of households reported ownership of no key winter clothing, by population group<sup>13</sup>

65%	<b>76</b> %	48%
IDP	NDDA	Host Community

% of households reporting an inability to find shelter in the 3 months prior to data collection, by population group



**77%** of households reported needing to buy shelter materials but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

Of these households, the top three reported reasons for being unable to access shelter materials at the nearest market were:<sup>14</sup>

Items unaffordable	98%	
Items not available	1%	I
Security concerns	0%	

# **PRIORITY NEEDS**

Top five reported households priority needs, by sector: 15

Food	80%
Winterization	60%
Shelter	43%
NFI	31%
Debt repayment	23%

% of households reported ES/NFI as a top three priority need for their family, and top ES/NFI priority need, by population group

IDP	NDDA	Host Community
97%	98%	92%
Fuel <b>49%</b>	Shelter repair 49%	Fuel 45

Top three reported first priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Fuel	46%	
Shelter repair	26%	
Blankets	9%	

Top three reported second priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Fuel	26%	
Blankets	<b>25</b> %	
Clothing	16%	

Top three reported third priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Blankets	35%	
Clothing	17%	
Stove	9%	

- 13. For this assessment, key winter clothing includes: one jacket per person, one pair of gloves per person, one winter hat per person, one pair of winter shoes per person
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# PREFERRED AID

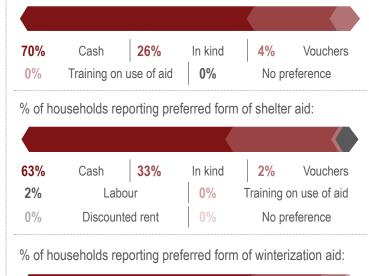
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Fuel	79%
Blankets	70%
Winter coats	41%
Winter shoes	29%
Winter hats	18%

% of households reporting preferred form of NFI aid:







## **FOCUS GROUPS**

# Shelter damage and repair

"These tents are not sustainable to be safe and warm in the winter... the speed of the wind here is so high, people here are some nights losing their tents, because the tents aren't safe and can't stand with the wind."

- Female IDP

#### Market access

"We can find vital needs such as rice, flour, oil, and materials of shelter such as cement, brick, metal sheets and also quilt, shoes and clothes in the market. But the cost of materials in nearest market is more expensive than cities."

- Male Host community

#### NFI needs

"There are two types of support which we need: 1) The shelter; 2) the facilities for living (keeping warm and safe). We need shelter first, warming utilities, heater, wood or gas, blanket, carpet or something to put in the floor, plastic to put on the tent during the raining days."

- Female NDDA

# Cash assistance

"That would be really [helpful] to receive building materials instead of cash. Cash is bit risky, because we won't be able to receive it - there are representatives that are kind of linked with authorities and are receiving the money and won't be submitted to us"

- Male NDDA

## Winter preparation

"Winter is the most difficult season in all for IDPs, for the people displaced due to conflict and now we are facing to more challenges than war. You see there is no difference between war and lack of income or source of bread."

- Female IDP

## Preference for aid delivery

"The problem with aid [is that aid providers] think that when we receive food then everything is ok, and they are going and won't come back. We are asking them to please help us and do something sustainable, [like] build our house to keep us safe there"

- Male NDDA

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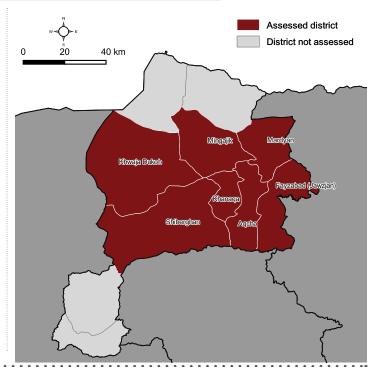
Jawzjan Province, AFGHANISTAN

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This factsheet shows the findings from Jawzjan Province, where 1110 surveys were completed: 590 IDP, 520 host community, and 0 non-displaced disaster affected.



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# DEMOGRAPHICS

Proportion of households surveyed, by population group

Assessed households, by age and gender of members

65+ 50-64 18-49

16-17

5-15

IDP 53% NDDA 0% Host Community 47%

7%

Female

Average household size:

11%

Female-headed households:

7.6 members

**6%** of households reported a female or child head of household without an adult male



**35%** of households reported at least one member with a chronic illness or disability<sup>4</sup>

12% of households reported an elderly head of household



#### Livelihoods

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**99%** of households reported having at least one breadwinner.<sup>5</sup> Of these households, the median household earnings for the 30 days prior to data collection was **5000 AFG**.<sup>6</sup>



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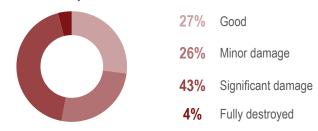


% of households reporting occupying different shelter types7

Tent	2%	1
Makeshift	1%	1
Transitional	49%	
Permanent	43%	
Collective center	0%	
Unfinished house	3%	1
Damaged house	2%	I

7% of households reported living in 'unsafe' shelter types8

% of households by overall shelter condition7



**52%** of households reported damage to their shelter in the 6 months prior to data collection

Of households reporting damage, the top three reported causes of damage to their shelters were:

Poor shelter materials	54%
Natural disaster	32%
Violence	14%

Of households reporting shelter damage in the 6 months prior to data collection, **95%** reported that they were unable to make the shelter repairs they wanted

Of households reporting that they were unable to make the repairs they wanted, the top three reported reasons for being unable to make these repairs were:9

Professionals unaffordable	63%
Materials unafforable	54%
Professionals unavailable	8% ■

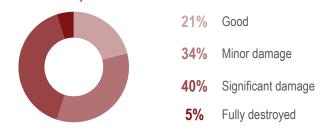
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% of households by main shelter roof material7

45%	
<b>52</b> %	
0%	
2%	1
0%	
1%	1
	52% 0% 2% 0%

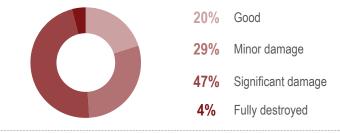
% of households by condition of shelter roof<sup>7</sup>



% of households by main shelter wall material7

Mud	79%	
Bricks	18%	
Concrete	0%	
Tarpauline tent	2%	I
Stone	0%	
Wood	0%	
Handmade tent	1%	I

% of households by condition of shelter walls7





**4%** of households reported keeping livestock in the indoor living space used by household members

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# **%**→ DISPLACEMENT

Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to leave area of origin:

Armed conflict

Clashes among armed groups

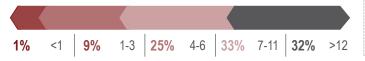
Natural disaster

46%

32%

14%

% of IDP households by length of time (in months) living in current location:



Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to come to current location:

Better security

50%

Family/friends are here

More work opportunities

8%

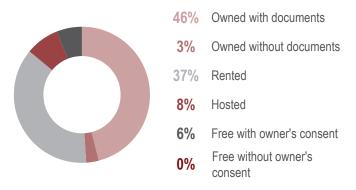


**39%** of households reporting all adult members with a tazkera<sup>10</sup>

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# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

% of households reporting accommodation arrangements for their shelter:

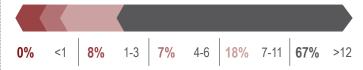


28% of households reported living in their shelter with an insecure tenure agreement  $^{11}$ 

Of households reporting renting shelter, the average reported rent in the month prior to data collection was **1306 AFN** 

This is indicative data. Not enough households reported renting their shelter for this indicator to be representative of Jawzjan province.

Of households reporting renting their shelter, % of households reporting the length of rental agreement validity (in months):





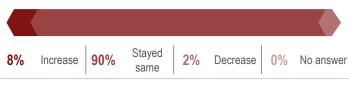
**21%** of non-displaced households reported hosting another family in their shelter



# **SECURITY & DIGNITY**

**64%** of households reported renting shelter reported being unable to afford their rent in the 3 months prior to data collection

According to these households, the cost of rent developed in one of the following ways in the 3 months prior to data collection:



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2% of households reported reported having been evicted in the 3 months prior to data collection

**21%** of households reported having a fear of being evicted in the next 3 months. Of these households, the top three most commonly reported reasons for fearing eviction were:<sup>12</sup>

Rent unaffordable

Dispute about rental price

Shelter on private land

59%

21%

12%

**70%** of households reported feeling unsafe in their shelter. Of those households, the reasons for feeling unsafe were:<sup>12</sup>

Weak structure 63%

Armed group violence 29%

Natural hazards 22%

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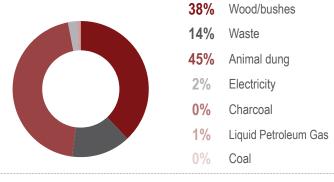
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12. Respondents could select multiple option



9% of households reported receiving humanitarian aid in the 3 months prior to data collection

% of households reporting main source of fuel for heating





16% of households reported receiving information on how to receive shelter and NFI aid in the 6 months prior to data collection

75% of households that reported needing to buy NFIs but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

% of households reported ownership of no key winter clothing, by population group<sup>13</sup>

56%	NA	56%
IDP	NDDA	Host Community

% of households reporting an inability to find shelter in the 3 months prior to data collection, by population group

IDP	NDDA	Host Community
8%	NA	3%



**68%** of households reported needing to buy shelter materials but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

Of these households, the top three reported reasons for being unable to access shelter materials at the nearest market were:14

Items unaffordable	88%
Security concerns	4% ■
No physical access	3% ▮

#### **PRIORITY NEEDS**

Top five reported households priority needs, by sector: 15

Food	72%
Shelter	70%
Winterization	63%
NFI	19%
Employment	18%

% of households reported ES/NFI as a top three priority need for their family, and top ES/NFI priority need, by population group

IDP		NDDA	١	Host Comm	unity
95%		NA		92%	
Shelter repair	42%	NA	NΔ	Shelter repair	68%

Top three reported first priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Shelter repair	54%
Fuel	23%
Rent support	15%

Top three reported second priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Fuel	45%
Shelter repair	15%
Blankets	13%

Top three reported third priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Blankets	24%
Utilities	18%
Fuel	17%

- 13. For this assessment, key winter clothing includes: one jacket per person, one pair of gloves per person, one winter hat per person, one pair of winter shoes per person.
- 14. Respondents could select multiple options
- 15. Respondents could select up to 3 options



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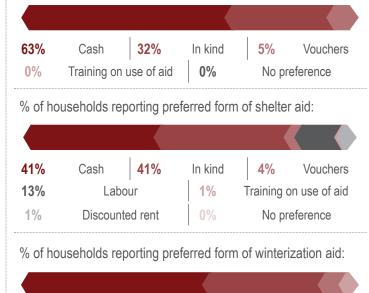
Top five reported priority expenditures if given cash as aid, by sector<sup>16</sup>

Food	74%
Shelter repair	61%
Fuel	44%
Winter NFI	34%
Debt repayment	23%

Top five reported priority ES/NFI purchases households would prefer to make themselves if given cash as aid<sup>16</sup>

Fuel	80%
Blankets	62%
Winter coats	41%
Solar lamp	32%
Winter shoes	26%

% of households reporting preferred form of NFI aid:



36%

## **FOCUS GROUPS**

# Shelter damage and repair

"[Our shelter] is not standard made by traditional approaches, [it] never used engineering methods. And ... the rain also starts to destroy our walls because it is from soil and flood every year destroy our homes."

- Male Host community

#### NFI needs

"We need money so we can buy what our family most needs. And we need materials for the wellbeing of our shelters, materials for winter and warm clothes, and we need our shelter to be repaired so we could live without any tension."

- Male IDP

## Winter preparation

"In order to survive in winter we need a safe shelter."

- Female Host community

#### Market access

Cash

Training on use of aid

56%

1%

"We have to go market so far from community, and in the market we can find our needs easy but the price is too high."

In kind

0%

- Female IDP

Vouchers

No preference

#### Cash assistance

"Our suggestion [to the humanitarian community] is for those who help we want money support so we could buy our most needed materials for our homes."

- Male Host community

# Preference for aid delivery

"[We] need [our] shelters to be reconstructed completely - not some parts of [our] shelters. [We] need the most fundamental work to be done for [us]."

- Male Host community

16. Respondents could select up to 3 options

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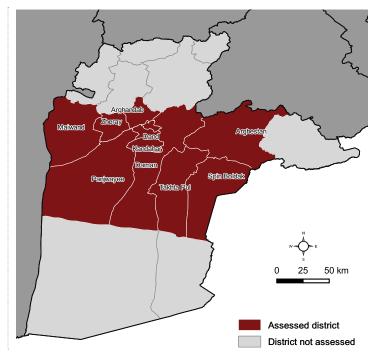
Kandahar Province, AFGHANISTAN

#### **Introduction and Methodology**

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This factsheet shows the findings from Kandahar Province, where 1604 surveys were completed: 553 IDP, 558 host community, and 493 non-displaced disaster affected.



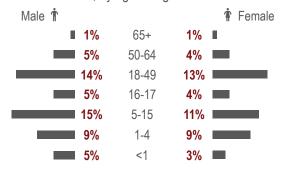
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## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Proportion of households surveyed, by population group

IDP 34% NDDA 31% Host Community 35%

Assessed households, by age and gender of members



Female-headed households:

Average household size:

19%

9.9 members

**5%** of households reported a female or child head of household without an adult male



**24%** of households reported at least one member with a chronic illness or disability<sup>4</sup>

9% of households reported an elderly head of household



#### Livelihoods

**98%** of households reported having at least one breadwinner.<sup>5</sup> Of these households, the median household earnings for the 30 days prior to data collection was **6000 AFG**.<sup>6</sup>



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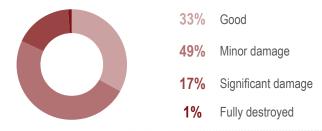


% of households reporting occupying different shelter types7

Tent	0%
Makeshift	0%
Transitional	24%
Permanent	73%
Collective center	0%
Unfinished house	2% I
Damaged house	<b>1</b> %

4% of households reported living in 'unsafe' shelter types8

% of households by overall shelter condition7



36% of households reported damage to their shelter in the 6 months prior to data collection

Of households reporting damage, the top three reported causes of damage to their shelters were:

Natural disaster	95%	
Poor shelter materials	3% ▮	
Violence	2% I	

Of households reporting shelter damage in the 6 months prior to data collection, 92% reported that they were unable to make the shelter repairs they wanted

Of households reporting that they were unable to make the repairs they wanted, the top three reported reasons for being unable to make these repairs were:9

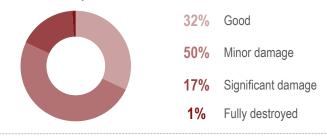
Professionals unaffordable	55%
Materials unafforable	47%
Materials unavailable	26%

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% of households by main shelter roof material7

Mud and grass	37%
Wood	37%
Corrugated Galvanised Iron (CGI)	8% ■
Tarpauline tent	0%
Slate tiles	14%
Handmade tent	4% ■

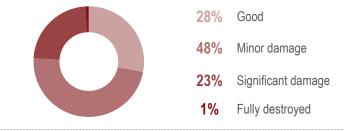
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% of households by main shelter wall material7

Mud	68%	
Bricks	22%	
Concrete	5%	
Tarpauline tent	0%	
Stone	2%	I
Wood	2%	1
Handmade tent	2%	I

% of households by condition of shelter walls8





38% of households reported keeping livestock in the indoor living space used by household members

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<sup>9.</sup> Respondents could select multiple options.

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# **DISPLACEMENT**

Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to leave area of origin:

Natural disaster

Armed conflict

Clashes among armed groups

13%

% of IDP households by length of time (in months) living in current location:



Top three reported main reasons for IDP households choosing to come to current location:

More work opportunities

Better security

25%

Family/friends are here

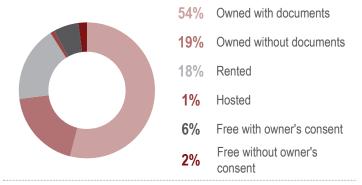


**24%** of households reporting all adult members with a tazkera<sup>10</sup>



# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

% of households reporting accommodation arrangements for their shelter:



**16%** of households reported living in their shelter with an insecure tenure agreement<sup>11</sup>

Of households reporting renting shelter, the average reported rent in the month prior to data collection was **2142 AFN** 

This is indicative data. Not enough households reported renting their shelter for this indicator to be representative of Kandahar province.

Of households reporting renting their shelter, % of households reporting the length of rental agreement validity (in months):





**39%** of non-displaced households reported hosting another family in their shelter



# **SECURITY & DIGNITY**

**38%** of households reported renting shelter reported being unable to afford their rent in the 3 months prior to data collection

According to these households, the cost of rent developed in one of the following ways in the 3 months prior to data collection:





**4%** of households reported reported having been evicted in the 3 months prior to data collection

**14%** of households reported having a fear of being evicted in the next 3 months. Of these households, the top three most commonly reported reasons for fearing eviction were:<sup>12</sup>

Rent unaffordable

Shelter on private land

Other disagreements with landlord

24%

**73%** of households reported feeling unsafe in their shelter. Of those households, the reasons for feeling unsafe were:<sup>12</sup>

Natural hazards 84%
Weak structure 37%
Armed group violence 3%

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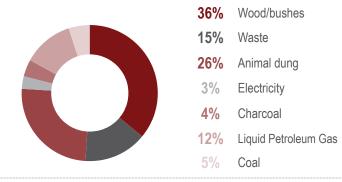






1% of households reported receiving humanitarian aid in the 3 months prior to data collection

% of households reporting main source of fuel for heating





4% of households reported receiving information on how to receive shelter and NFI aid in the 6 months prior to data collection

**70%** of households that reported needing to buy NFIs but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

% of households reported ownership of no key winter clothing, by population group<sup>13</sup>

48%	40%	29%
IDP	NDDA	Host Community

% of households reporting an inability to find shelter in the 3 months prior to data collection, by population group

IDP	NDDA	Host Community
16%	8%	5%



61% of households reported needing to buy shelter materials but were unable to find or afford them in markets in the three months prior to data collection

Of these households, the top three reported reasons for being unable to access shelter materials at the nearest market were:14

Items unaffordable	90%	
Lack of transportation	4%	I
Security concerns	3%	I

#### **PRIORITY NEEDS**

Top five reported households priority needs, by sector: 15

Food	53%
NFI	44%
Shelter	37%
Winterization	35%
Health	25%

% of households reported ES/NFI as a top three priority need for their family, and top ES/NFI priority need, by population group

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IDP		NDDA	
84%		81%	
Shelter repair	36%	Shelter repair	5

NDDA		Host Comm	unity
81%		77%	
nelter repair	53%	Shelter repair	329

1	Top three	reported	first	priority	ES/NFI	needs	during	the
U	winter peri	od:						

Shelter repair	34%	
Fuel	28%	
Rent support	9%	

Top three reported second priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Fuel	19%	
Shelter repair	13%	
Blankets	12%	

Top three reported third priority ES/NFI needs during the winter period:

Utilities	16%	
Water containers	16%	
Blankets	15%	

<sup>13.</sup> For this assessment, key winter clothing includes: one jacket per person, one pair of gloves per person, one winter hat per person, one pair of winter shoes per person.

32%

<sup>14.</sup> Respondents could select multiple options

<sup>15.</sup> Respondents could select up to 3 options

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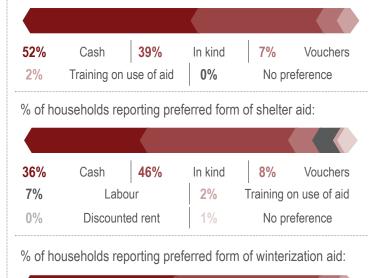
Top five reported priority expenditures if given cash as aid, by sector<sup>16</sup>

Food	56%
Debt repayment	38%
Shelter repair	33%
Fuel	27%
Health care	26%

Top five reported priority ES/NFI purchases households would prefer to make themselves if given cash as aid<sup>16</sup>

Solar lamp	56%
Blankets	47%
Water containers	41%
Fuel	38%
Winter coats	30%

% of households reporting preferred form of NFI aid:



45%	Cash	45%	In kind	7%	Vouchers	
2%	Training on use of aid		0%	No pr	No preference	



## **FOCUS GROUPS**

# Shelter damage and repair

"Shelter should be reconstructed with permanent materials considering [the area's] weather. Otherwise, soil-made shelters have no results in their area and cannot protect them. So, permanent shelters will protect them during the winter season."

- Male NDDA

#### Market access

"As [we] are living in one village and market is far from [us] (around 20Kms), [we] can get the materials from that bazaar like doors and window, and can find soil from around the area."

-Male NDDA

#### NFI needs

"Now, it is winter and we need wood, heater, warm clothes and blankets. And [these] should be distributed on time, not at the end of winter."

- Female IDP

## Cash assistance

"One of the neighbours has received cash after floods affected their shelter but was not enough. So this means that they were not satisfied with the received amount."

- Female IDP

#### Winter preparation

"Most of the people buy woods/sticks in our community because they are poor and cannot afford gas with aim of keeping their shelters warm in the winter season. Here [suburban area] there is no place to find free wood or sticks."

- Male Host community

## Preference for aid delivery

"[We] need [our] shelters to be reconstructed completely - not some parts of [our] shelters. [We] need the most fundamental work to be done for [us]."

- Female NDDA

16. Respondents could select up to 3 options

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