Pakistan: Priority needs in displacement and return (2 Oct 2015)



As of 2 October, 63,470 families have returned to Khyber Agency, 26,525 families to North Waziristan, 8,7166 families to South Waziristan, 153 to Orakzai and 418 families to Kurram, Returns are currently ongoing to all five agencies. Six embarkation points have been established to facilitate the return process, while five humanitarian hubs are active within FATA for the distribution of humanitarian assistance.

A recent survey of IDPs conducted by IVAP and WFP/VAM gathered information about the needs of the population in displacement. This combined with the Bara return assessment yield some interesting results. Displaced persons tend to prioritize food assistance (20 per cent noted that this was their first priority need), temporary shelter (19 per cent) and job opportunities (11 per cent) as their main needs in displacement. By comparison, IDPs that have returned to their areas of origin in FATA focused more on the re-establishment of services and the rehabilitation of community infrastructure. Of IDPs returning to Bara, the majority noted that they were in need of employment/livelihood opportunities (81 per cent), followed by health and nutrition services (50 per cent) and education services (38 per cent). The need for assistance reconstructing houses and WASH facilities was also highlighted.

