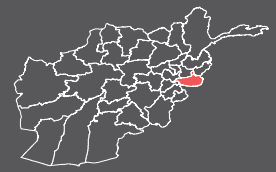




Informal Settlement Profile: Ghuchak

Surkhrod District, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan

November 2016



Background

This profile provides an overview of conditions in the informal settlement **Ghuchak**, located in Surkhrod district, Nangarhar province. This settlement is **peri-urban** and its residents live in **concrete houses**.

Key Figures

	Households (HH)	Individuals	Avg HH Size
Current residents	450	2,700	6.0
IDPs	70	420	6.0
Returnees	380	1,680	4.4

Size of settlement	2,409,334 sq m
Average area per person	892 sq m
Altitude	545 m

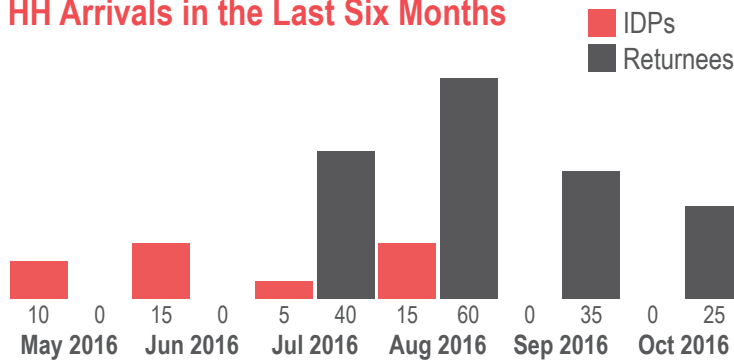
Displacement

This informal settlement is situated in the middle of Surkhrod district. Residents rent private houses from landlords in the local community. Households pay an average monthly rent of 6,000 Afghanis. The population consists of returnees previously living in Pakistan and IDPs from Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces, all of whom are Pashtun.

As one of the oldest settlements in Nangarhar, the site was established in 1990 by 50 IDP households travelling from Khogyani, Nangarhar and Alishang, Laghman. The site remained stable until the arrival of 60 IDP households from Achin, Nangarhar and Marawana, Kunar in 2012. A further 40 households joined the site in 2014, travelling from Batikot, Nangarhar. In 2015, 70 households arrived including IDPs from Goshta, Nangarhar and returnees from the F.A.T.A. region and Peshawar, Pakistan. Site expansion continued in 2016 with a further 185 returnee households mostly from Punjab, Pakistan and 45 IDP households from Kunar and Nangarhar joining the settlement.

Residents reported feeling a general sense of security in the settlement. Due to employment prospects in the city, residents reported that they plan to stay in the settlement.

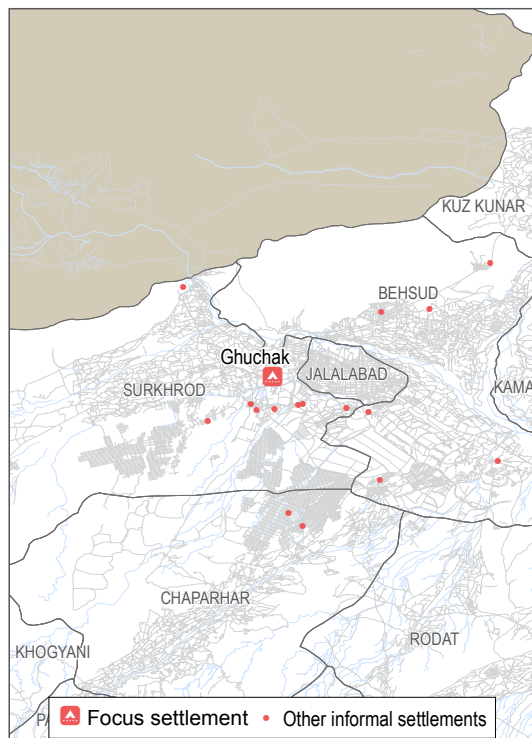
HH Arrivals in the Last Six Months



Previous Areas of Residence



Location Map



Informal Settlement Map

Lat. N 34.42632 Long. E 70.40921

