Household Emergency Assessment Tool

(HEAT) Afghanistan



ERM EMERGENCY RESPONSE MECHANISM

January 2020

Overview

The Household Emergency Assessment Tool (HEAT) is a standardised emergency assessment tool adopted by the Afghanistan Humanitarian Country Team, and includes indicators illustrating demographics and a household's vulnerability in the following sectors: food security, shelter, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), education and livelihoods. Additionally, households' priorities are assessed and ranked.

The HEAT is used as part of the Emergency Response Mechanism (ERM), to assess the eligibility of conflict and shock affected communities to one-time multi-purpose cash and WASH assistance. The project is funded by ECHO, and implemented by the following partners: ACF, ACTED, DACAAR, DRC, IRC, PUI, REACH and RI. This fact sheet summarises key indicators from the HEAT assessments carried out by partners in January 2020.

Methodology

The primary data for this fact sheet was collected by partner organisations within the ERM through household interviews with conflict and shock affected communities. REACH combined and analysed the collected partner HEAT data in order to present key findings in this fact sheet for the purpose of informing future ERM programming and advocacy.

The findings are representative of the assessed households and are not to be interpreted as statistically generalisable to the whole population.

Limitations

All data was collected by ERM partners through their own channels, as such there was not one standardised methodology used. While efforts were made to consolidate the data as much as possible, this should be kept in mind whilst reviewing these findings.

Assessment Coverage

Households: 1980

Individuals: 13718

Provinces: 21

Provinces Covered

Badakshan, Badghis, Baghlan, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Helmand, Herat, Jawzjan, Kabul, Kapisa, Khost, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangahar, Nimroz, Nuristan, Samangan, Sari pul, Takhar.

Demographics and Protection

Demographics

Female (51%	6)	Age		Male (49%)
1%	-	60+	l	1%
16%		18-59		14%
21%		6-17		21%
13%		0-5		13%

% of female-headed households:

% of elderly-headed households:

11%

Average household size: 6.9

Number of reported child-headed households:

% of child-headed households:



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Vulnerability Indicators

% of households with at least one member with a disability:



15

% of households with at least one member with a chronic illness:



₹→ Displacement Profile

Households reporting being displaced: 90%

Households reporting being displaced due to conflict: 81%

Households reporting being displaced due to natural disasters: 9%

👸 Income, Debt and Livelihoods

Reported main source of income since shock:

None:	37%
Daily unskilled labour:	44%
Agriculture:	12%
Daily skilled labour:	6%
Other:	1%

Working demographics:

Avg working men (>16) per household: 1

Avg working women (>16) per household: 0

Average reported monthly household income:

Income before shock: 5555 AFN
Income after shock: 1302 AFN

% of households reporting newly accrued debt since shock:

More than 8000 AFN	59%
2000 to 8000 AFN	21%
Less than 2000 AFN	13%
No debt	7%

Average dependency ratio1:

Elderly-headed households: 9:1

Male-headed households: 8:1

Female-headed households: 8:1

















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Food Security

% of households by Food Consumption Score (FCS)2:



86%	Poor
14%	Borderline

Acceptable

% of households by reduced Coping Strategy Index (rCSI) score²:



91%	High
8%	Medium
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Households reporting food stocks:



Reported distance to closest functioning

Average distance to closest market in kilometres:

Average time to closest market in minutes:

29 min

market:

Families reporting not having access to enough water at the time of the assessment:



Not enough drinking water



Not enough bathing water



Not enough cooking water

Types of latrine available at the time of the assessment as reported by families:

Family pit latrine	75%
No latrine available	22%
Community latrine	2%
Family VIP latrine	1%
Flush latrine	0%

Access to stable water source4:

90% Families reporting access to a stable water source: Average distance to their main stable

water source:

Average time to their main stable 5 min water source:

Priorities

Households self-reporting needs by level of priority:

	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority
Food	59%	26%	13%
Cash	37%	15%	10%
NFIs	2%	35%	55%
Shelter	2%	18%	2%
Health	0%	1%	4%
WASH	0%	5%	8%

Accommodation agreements

Education

% of children reportedly not attending school at the time of the assessment:





% boys

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House		95%	Hosted/shared		31%
Open area	L	2%	Free of charge		20%
Tent		0%	Rented		38%
Shelter	I .	3%	Owned		9%
Public compound		0%	Squatting	T.	2%

End Notes

- 1 The dependency ratio is calculated by dividing the total number of household members by the number of working household members.
- 2 The Food Consumption Score (FCS) is calculated using the frequency of a household's consumption of different food groups during the 7 days before the survey. The Reduced Coping Strategies Index (rCSI) is based on the rate that households with food consumption problems relied on negative coping strategies during the 7 days before the survey. For more information see here.
- 3 WASH findings are based on DACAAR HEAT data collected at a family rather than household level (2,171 households assessed).
- 4 Households were asked if their water source provides them with a stable supply of clean water throughout the whole day.















