Household Emergency Assessment Tool (HEAT) Afghanistan

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 March 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: 1717
Individuals: 11357
Provinces: 16

Total number of beneficiaries found eligible to receive assistance in March: 2169 Households

Provinces Covered

Demographics and Protection

Demographics

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<th>Age</th>
<th>% of female-headed households:</th>
<th>% of elderly-headed households:</th>
<th>% of child-headed households:</th>
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Average household size: 6.6

Number of reported child-headed households: 17

Vulnerability Indicators

% of households with at least one member with a disability: 6%

% of households with at least one member with a chronic illness: 7%

Displacement Profile
Households reporting being displaced: 96%
Households reporting being displaced due to conflict: 84%
Households reporting being displaced due to natural disasters: 12%

Income, Debt and Livelihoods

Reported main source of income since shock:
- None: 19%
- Daily unskilled labour: 50%
- Agriculture: 17%
- Daily skilled labour: 9%
- Other: 5%

% of households reporting newly accrued debt since shock:
- More than 8000 AFN: 66%
- 2000 to 8000 AFN: 18%
- Less than 2000 AFN: 11%
- No debt: 5%

Average reported monthly household income:
- Income before shock: 5250 AFN
- Income after shock: 1500 AFN

Average dependency ratio:
- Elderly-headed households: 8 : 1
- Male-headed households: 7 : 1
- Female-headed households: 6 : 1
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Food Security

% of households by Food Consumption Score (FCS):
- 88% Poor
- 11% Borderline
- 1% Acceptable

% of households by reduced Coping Strategy Index (rCSI) score:
- 93% High
- 6% Medium
- 1% Low

Households reporting food stocks:
- 70% No stocks
- 29% Less than 3 weeks
- 0% 1 to 3 weeks
- 1% 3 weeks to 3 months
- 0% Over 3 months

Average distance to closest market in kilometres: 2.5 km
Average time to closest market in minutes: 22 min

WASH³

Families reporting not having access to enough water at the time of the assessment:
- 92% Not enough drinking water
- 98% Not enough bathing water
- 92% Not enough cooking water

Access to stable water source:
- 89% Families reporting access to a stable water source:
- 0 km Average distance to their main stable water source:
- 5 min Average time to their main stable water source:

Education

% of children reportedly not attending school at the time of the assessment:
- 3% (girls)
- 5% (boys)

Shelter

Shelter types:
- 96% House
- 0% Open area
- 0% Tent
- 4% Shelter
- 0% Public compound

Accommodation agreements:
- 29% Hosted/shared
- 14% Free of charge
- 51% Rented
- 6% Owned
- 0% Squatting

Priorities

Households self-reporting needs by level of priority:

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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 (1,088 households assessed).
4 Households were asked if their water source provides them with a stable supply of clean water throughout the whole day.