

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) – Weekly Updates

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IDPs – Facts & Figures

IDPs Figures As of: 11 July, 2009		
S. No	Camp Type	Families Verified by NADRA
1	Residing In Camp	24718
2	Off-Camp	245994
	Total	270712

1	Total Families registered	629,439
2	Total members of registered families	4,617,137
3	HOF CNIC not available	21,868
4	Total members of such families	166,100
5	HOF CNIC available	607,571
6	Total members of such families	4,451,037
7	Multiple registrations discarded	194,815
8	Total members of such families	1,464,724
9	HOF CNIC is unique	412,756
10	Total members of such families	2,986,313
11	HOF CNIC is invalid	39,043
12	Total members of such families	286,611
13	HOF CNIC is valid	373,713
14	Total members of such families	2,699,702
15	HOF CNIC is not clear in Database (suspect Alien, Multiple Identities)	1,150
16	Total members of such families	8,340
17	HOF CNIC is clear in NADRA database	372,563
18	Total members of such families	2,691,362
19	HOF both addresses are not of effected area	34,368
20	Total members of such families	268,816
21	HOF both addresses are of effected area	338,195
22	Total members of such families	2,422,546
23	HOF duplicate within family (Husband-Wife or unmarried children)	67,483
24	Total members of such families	453,081
25	Total eligible families	270,712
26	Members of eligible families	1,969,465

Source: ERU/PRC (www.hlpidp.org)

Repatriation of IDPs

IDPs Start Returning Today

The Government has completed all arrangements for the return of the IDPs of Swat and Malakand and the repatriation process will officially begin today (July 13). The NWFP government announced on July 11 that 23,040 IDP families from the Swat, Malakand, Dir and Buner districts would return to their homes over three phases. The government would bear all transportation costs and the process would be completed within 14 days.

In the first phase, the IDPs living in relief camps would return to their hometowns, while those seeking shelter in schools and colleges would return in the second phase. In the third phase, the IDPs living with their relatives, host families or those seeking shelter outside the NWFP would be asked to return to their homes. Each IDP convoy would consist of 40 buses and would be protected by Frontier Corps with Pakistan Army, Levies, paramilitary personnel and police. The NWFP government said aerial cover would also be provided to the IDP convoy to ensure that the IDPs are not targeted by the Taliban.

ERU Announces Voluntary Return Schedule for Buner-Specific IDPs

Emergency Response Unit (ERU) has made a special announcement in connection with the voluntary return plan of IDPs belonging to Buner who are living in different camps of the province. The plan is in addition to the previously announced return schedule entitled “Naway Sahar” for rest of all the in-camp IDPs of the Malakand Division including Swat region. It may be mentioned that approximately 70 percent of IDPs population belonging to Buner has already reached there in the last few days when the security forces cleared the area of miscreants. However, ERU has made additional arrangements for those in-camp IDPs from Buner who might have stayed on for one reason or another and wish to return voluntarily as well. In the initial phase, transportation will be provided from Swabi and Mardan Camps. The plan is tentative and is subject to revision in case of any important development.

According to the detailed return schedule, on 14 July (Tue) special vehicles would leave Mazdoorabad and Sheikh Yasin Camps of Mardan at 0700 hrs. On 15 July (Wed) vehicles would leave Jalala and Sheikh Shahzad camps at 0700 hrs. IDPs will have the choice to disembark at either of these destinations in Buner: Ambella Chowk, Swari Adda, Pir-Baba- Civil Hospital, Jowar Chowk, Bampokha Chowk. In Swabi, transportation would depart from Shah Mansoor & Chota Lahore camps on 15 July (Wed) at 0700hrs for the above-mentioned destinations in Buner.

ERU members Abid Majeed and Adnan Zafar have been notified by the government as focal persons for all matters relating to the return of the IDPs meanwhile Zubair Shah has been notified as focal person for ensuring security of the returning IDPs. Abid Majeed of ERU in a statement has said that voluntary return of the IDPs is a tough challenge which the government of NWFP and ERU have wholeheartedly accepted. ERU is coordinating with all International and Federal agencies to make it as convenient and secure for the IDPs to return to their places of origin with dignity. He thanked the various organizations working in collaboration with each other to achieve this end and he requested the media to play a supportive and positive role.

Issues Related to Repatriation of IDPs

UN Opposes Forced Return of IDPs

The United Nations on July 11 said that the security situation in Swat and other areas of Malakand division was not satisfactory and IDPs should not be forced to return to their homes until the entire area is cleared from the militants. The UN Under Secretary for humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes said his organization hoped to see the IDPs return to their homes as soon as possible but the security situation and basic services needed to be acceptable before they do so. He said that the worst of all possible worlds would be if people went back home to some of the areas and then had to leave again because the situation was not satisfactory. Holmes said that while the UN was working with the Government to establish a strategy for returning the IDPs, it could potentially have to scale back its help if the returns were not voluntary or other humanitarian principles were not followed.

Swat IDPs Sceptical of Return Plan

The displaced persons, who lost their houses and family members during the conflict and military operation in Swat, are skeptical of the repatriation plan announced by the Government and demand compensation for their losses. They are critical of government plan citing various reasons including the presence of militants in different parts of Kabal and Matta tehsils of Swat. Some of them claim that they have personal enmity with militants in their respective areas and they cannot go back till complete elimination of militants. A social activist from Swat, Ishaq Khan, said that people mostly demanded that the operation should be taken to its logical conclusion which also included targeting of militant leadership. People want that Maulana Fazullah and other leaders of militants should be apprehended and they should be interrogated to know as to who are the masterminds behind them. Despite all the apprehensions, he said, people wanted to go back as they did not want to live life of an IDP.

50 Displaced Families Refuse to Return

Almost 550 internally displaced person families of Swat and Buner, living in relief camps in Charsadda, have refused to return to their homes because they still have not received the financial aid of Rs 25,000 announced by the government.

Major Appeals for IDPs' Rehabilitation

\$543m Needed to Bring IDPs Back to Normal Life: UN

The United Nations Under Secretary General and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes said on July 10 that \$543 million were needed to bring IDPs back to normal life. He said this while addressing a press conference. John Holmes said that \$237 million were collected so far as a result of the UN humanitarian appeal to the donors, especially the international community. He said that at present funds weren't enough and an additional amount of \$306 million was needed. He stated: "We appealed to the international community for financial assistance in the operation effected areas and received \$237 million its half of the money we needed".

President Seeks World Support for IDPs Rehabilitation

Massive support and assistance from the international community will be required to carry out the second phase of rehabilitation of the IDPs, President Asif Ali Zardari said on July 10. Talking to UN Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Sir John Holmes, the President appreciated the UN's humanitarian efforts to gather support and assistance for the IDPs. Zardari said the IDPs would start returning from Monday to areas cleared and secured by the army, adding they would be informed through the media about the areas that have been cleared. Sir Holmes thanked Zardari for the government's cooperation with UN relief operations and assured him of full support for the long-term development of the affected areas.

PM for International Donors Help in IDPs Rehabilitation

While thanking the financial assistance for the IDPs, Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has urged the international donors to participate in the most crucial phase of reconstruction for the permanent settlement of the displaced persons. The Prime Minister said this while talking to a delegation comprising heads of international organizations, Ambassadors and senior foreign diplomats based in Islamabad, provincial Ministers and leading private sector representatives, which called on him at here at PM's Secretariat on July 11. They assured the Prime Minister of their continued support till the reconstruction of the affected areas.

Responses	
Government	
Federal Government	<p>95,462 IDPs Families Provided with Rs. 25,000 Relief Cards: Deputy Chairman NADRA Tariq Malik said that 95,462 families have been provided the cards to get Rs. 25,000 relief money and an amount of Rs. 2,38,65,50,000 (Two billion, thirty-eight crore, sixty-five lacs and fifty thousands), has so far been distributed. He said that NADRA has set up more camps in Mardan and the activity of distributing the cards is in full momentum. Such camps are also operating in Jalozaï, Akora Khattak, Chota Lahore , Otai, Charsadda, Gurdawara Punja Sahib Hassanabdal, the NADRA Deputy informed. “The money in this connection has been donated by the foreign donors and we have to ensure transparency in its distribution among the IDPS”, he said.</p>
NWFP Government	<p>FDA Donates Rs2.1million: Managing Director, Forest Development Authority (FDA) has handed over a cheque worth 2.1 million rupees to NWFP Chief Minister Ameer Haider Khan Hoti for Malakand affectees on July 11.</p>
Punjab Government	<p>Punjab CM Fund Raises Rs 550m for IDPs: People have so far contributed Rs 550 million to the Punjab Chief Minister’s Relief Fund for the NWFP’s IDPs, said Political Assistant to the Punjab CM Pervaiz Malik on July 6. He said the Punjab government would continue supporting IDPs until their return to their homes. The Chief Minister’s political assistant said the provincial government had so far supplied the Rs 100 million medicines to the IDPs, adding the Health Department’s mobile teams visit the IDPs camps on a daily basis.</p>
Sindh Government	<p>CM Sindh Rs1.9 m for IDPs: Sindh Minister for Labor Ameer Nawab Khan has donated more than 1.9 million rupees collected from the salaries of employees of an institute of Provincial Labor Department, Sindh Employees Social Security Institution to NWFP Chief Minister’s Fund for Malakand affectees. The Chief Minister Ameer Haider Khan Hoti thanked the Provincial Minister for Labor Ameer Nawab Khan and officers and workers of Labor Department and expressed the belief that any sort of challenges can be faced with spirits of national unity and brotherhood, like these.</p>
International Community/Donors/INGOs	
World Health Organisation (WHO)	<p>WHO Steps-Up Emergency Response to Pakistan Crisis: The World Health Organization (WHO) is ramping up its health response to the Pakistan’s humanitarian crisis by buying ambulances and millions of courses of additional medicines, plus building new warehouses, to improve health care for the approximately 2 million internally displaced people and the many more hosting them in northwest Pakistan. Many of the supplies are being provided before the coming monsoon (due to start later July) to prepare health providers across the country, particularly in areas where people have fled the violence to, for communicable disease outbreaks, including diarrhoeal, that the people contract. WHO is buying 22 ambulances, worth an estimated US\$ 850 000, for health services in the 11 most affected districts, where major gaps have been identified in the system of patient referral between basic and higher levels of medical care. The first seven ambulances will be handed over to Pakistani health authorities in August. These ambulances will improve, for example, the referral of patients from basic health units in displaced people’s camps to secondary and tertiary level hospitals for pregnancy complications, safe blood transfusions, acute surgical emergencies, trauma care and other complicated conditions. WHO plans to supply more drugs from now through to the end of the year that can treat at least 3 million people. But WHO has</p>

	<p>received less than half of the US\$ 10 million requested to purchase the entire range of medicines it needs. Overall, WHO and its health partners are requesting US\$ 37.6 million to provide essential health services from July-December. So far just 25% has been funded or pledged.</p> <p>Ahead of the monsoon season, which could fan diarrhoeal disease outbreaks, WHO will deliver intravenous fluids, oral rehydration salts and antibiotics in 500 diarrhoea disease kits that can treat 50 000 severe cases or 20 000 moderate, costing US\$ 725 000. WHO has helped set up 12 diarrhoea treatment centres in the five districts where IDPs have fled to. Additionally, WHO is purchasing medical supplies to treat upwards of 1000 people suffering from wounds and other conflict-related injuries which require surgical interventions, costing approximately US\$ 215 000.</p> <p>WHO will supply 50 KVA generators to 11 district headquarter hospitals to ensure operating theatres and life-saving interventions can run 24 hours a day, costing US\$150 000. WHO is erecting tents in the seven major IDP camps for Health Cluster partners to coordinate activities and fill gaps in health services. To strengthen health systems in this crisis, there is an urgent need to fill the funding deficit (only 27% of HRP funded thus far) to provide gender and culturally sensitive health services; latter further underscored by local cultural practices where women clearly have a strong preference for female doctors and health care workers currently underrepresented in IDP camps and hosting communities.</p>
<p>Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)</p>	<p>PRCS Introduces Mobile Medical Clinics in Mingora: PRCS is the first among national and international relief organizations to distribute food and set up mobile health clinics in Mingora city and its suburbs. A PRCS statement issued here said that five truckloads of relief items and medicines reached Kanju Town, some 10 kilometers from Mingora. PRCS Chairman Prof Dr Basharat Jazbi himself distributed flour, rice, pulses, hygiene kits, jerry cans and stoves among the people who could not leave the area due to heavy fighting between the security forces and militants.</p>
<p>International Rescue Committee (IRC)</p>	<p>The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is expanding its relief efforts to include essential health services for host population and off-camp IDPs settling in abandoned schools and government buildings in Districts Mardan and Swabi. IRC Humanitarian Response Senior Coordinator Abdul Haseeb said that we are already witnessing a rise in common communicable diseases among the IDPs largely due to lack of space, water and sanitation facilities. Access to quality healthcare is a critical need during this emergency phase before these preventable diseases become life threatening.</p>
<p>CSOs/Private Sector</p>	
<p>AMAN Foundation</p>	<p>AMAN Foundation Provides Relief Goods to 665 IDPs: AMAN Pakistan Foundation, an NGO has provided relief goods to 665 IDPs of Malakand Division in district Manshera so far. The spokesperson of AMAN told that the relief goods of Rs 0.58 million were distributed among the IDPs. The relief goods included blankets, mattress and flour, sugar, pulses, milk powder etc, she said. She said there was need to pool the resources at local level and help those homeless families. The Spokesperson said AMAN, with the help of its organized groups called “Livelihood Councils - LCs) was trying to provide them basic needs of life. However, she appealed to philanthropists to donate and help IDPs in this hour of distress. She said AMAN was already working for disaster management and peace promotion in Pakistan and has identified a big number of IDPs in district Mansehra.</p> <p>Donation could be deposited an account number 2555-0 Allied Bank I-9 branch Islamabad, she said.</p>

Educational Institutes

Punjab University

Scholarships for IDPs: University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran has announced scholarships for internally displaced children of a school established at Shah Mansoor, Swabi. He stated this at the inauguration of a camp school established by the Directorate of Education FATA at Shah Mansoor Phase II on July 8. The VC also distributed school bags, notebooks and other stationery items among the students of the school. Punjab University Law College in-charge/Principal Shazia Naureen Qureshi inaugurated the girls section of the school and distributed stationery items among the girl students. The VC asked the EDO (health) Swabi and other officials concerned to provide data to university administration of those children whose parents had died or had been killed in Swat, Bunner and Deer. Vice Chancellor also announced one month salary bonus for PU employees and teachers who had been rendering their services at Shah Mansoor Camp.