

FACT SHEET

General Overview:

- According to the PDMA, more than 235,159 families, (1.65 million people) have returned home as of 8 September.
- This means more than two thirds of the 2.7 million people (383,190 families) that were registered as internally displaced persons, or IDPs, have returned.
- The Commissionerate of Afghan Refugees reports that as of 8th September around 25,279 families or 142,144 individuals left in camps.
- In August, WFP reached more than 2 million people and it is due to open a total of 35 hubs in the areas of return this month.
- The special Eid/Ramadan package contains 5kg rice, 3kg sugar, 1kg salt, 2kg dates, 1kg spices, 3kg juice powder, 4kg bread flour, 3kg Pakora flour, 2kg milk powder and 1kg tee.

Schools and Early Recovery

- All together 548 schools have been destroyed or partially damaged during the conflict. Out of this number, 137 schools were affected in FATA and 411 in Malakand Division. Among those destroyed are 147 girls' schools.
- A "Welcome to School" initiative will be launched in Swat, Buner, Lower Dir and Malakand, and aims to benefit 532,000 children, providing temporary learning spaces, educational supplies and teacher training. As an initial response, UNICEF has dispatched 100 school tents to Swat and Buner, so that children whose schools have been damaged or destroyed don't miss out on education.
- In the host communities where Internally Displaced People (IDPs) took refuge, more than 4,830 schools were converted to shelters. These schools must be repaired and rehabilitated to provide adequate and healthy environments for children to learn.
- For damaged schools that previously housed IDP families in the hosting districts of NWFP, UNICEF has prioritised the repair and rehabilitation of 3,565 primary schools. More than 1,000 schools have been rehabilitated to date, and work is currently underway on over 900 schools. An estimated 543,000 children will benefit.
- In the camps, 8,000 IDP children are still supported by UNICEF in continuing their education. Fifteen host community schools are also supported.

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Education

- The Education sector is only funded with 17 percent.
- Rehabilitation of 23 technical and vocational institutes is urgently needed if these institutes are to efficiently function and provide skills training to the youth.

Pakistan is one of the 29 low education development countries ranking 118 out of 129 in EFA Index.



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