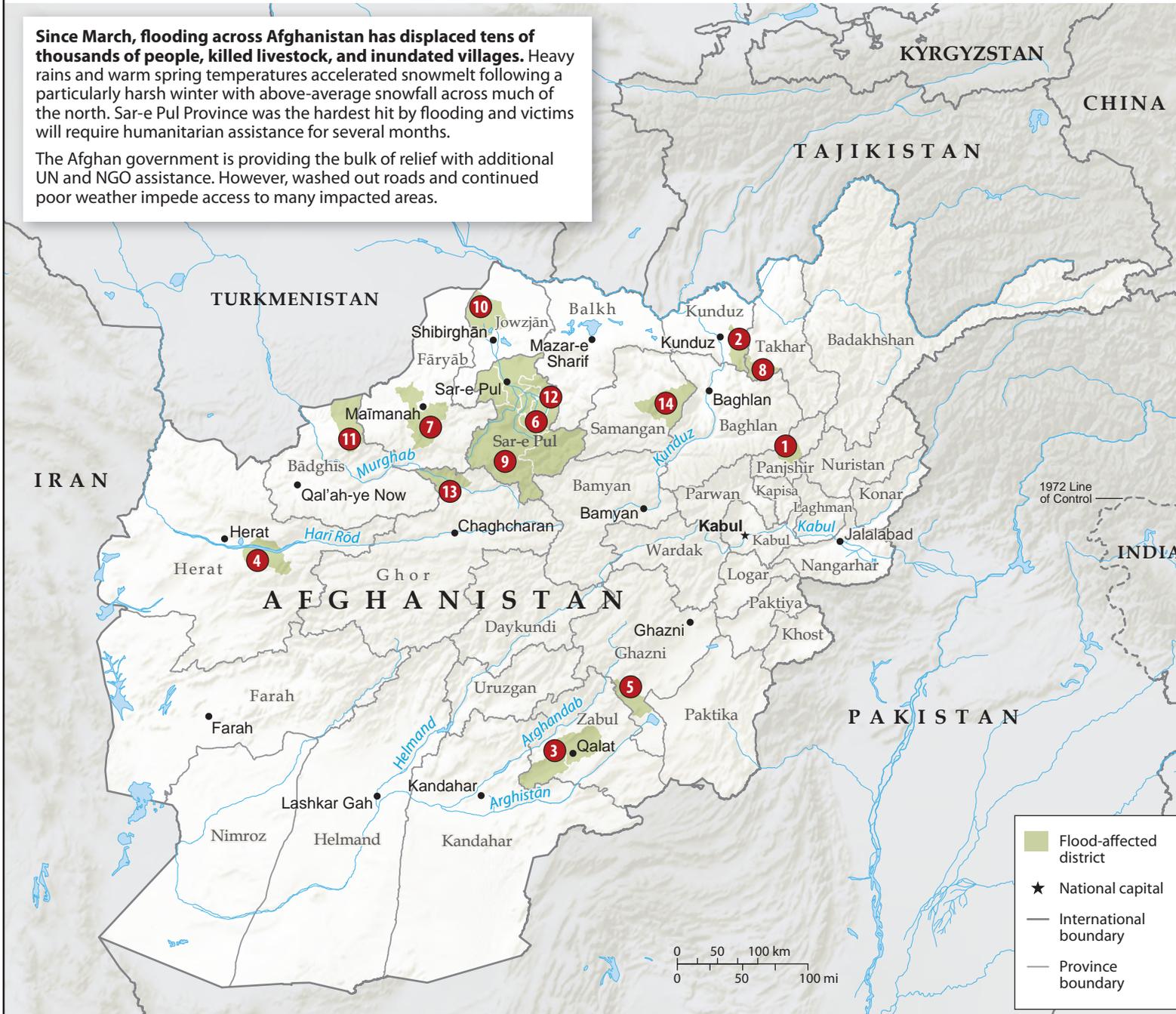


Afghanistan: Spring Floods Wreak Havoc

March – May 2012

Since March, flooding across Afghanistan has displaced tens of thousands of people, killed livestock, and inundated villages. Heavy rains and warm spring temperatures accelerated snowmelt following a particularly harsh winter with above-average snowfall across much of the north. Sar-e Pul Province was the hardest hit by flooding and victims will require humanitarian assistance for several months.

The Afghan government is providing the bulk of relief with additional UN and NGO assistance. However, washed out roads and continued poor weather impede access to many impacted areas.



- 1. March 31, Panjshir** - Flash floods damage 70 homes in Khinj District.
- 2. April 10, Kunduz** - Excessive rainfall in a village in Khānābād District triggers a landslide which displaces 46 families.
- 3. April 20, Zābul** - A hail storm damages more than 150 homes in Qalat and Tarnēk wa Jaldak Districts.
- 4. Late April, Herāt** - Over 65 families receive food and relief items after floods hit Pashtūn Zarghūn District.
- 5. Late April, Ghazni** - Heavy rains and subsequent floods damage over 300 homes in Gēlān District.
- 6. May 6, Sar-e Pul** - A flash flood kills at least 17 people and 540 heads of livestock, and destroys 135 homes and 7.5 miles of roads in Sangchārak District.
- 7. May 9, Fāryāb** - Flash floods inundate several villages in Pashtūn Kōt District and displaced over 400 families.
- 8. May 10, Takhār** - Heavy rains flood several villages in Ishkamish District, killing 28 people and destroying homes.
- 9. May 17-19, Sar-e Pul** - As many as 50 people are killed and nearly 10,000 are displaced from 4,700 damaged homes throughout the province.
- 10. May 20, Jowzjān** - Flooded rivers flowing from Sar-e Pul displace more than 300 families from their homes in Khwajah Dū Kōh District.
- 11. May 20, Bagdhis** - Floods in Ghōrmāch District damage 78 homes and kill 300 livestock.
- 12. May 25, Sar-e Pul** - Flash floods in Gosfandi District destroy 40 homes and kill two people.
- 13. May 25, Ghōr** - Floods in Chahār Šadah District destroy approximately 75 homes, displacing several hundred people. Landslides caused by rivers bursting their banks block roadways.
- 14. May 25, Samangān** - Flash flooding in Khuram wa Sār Bāgh District destroys 135 acres of land and damages 180 homes.

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