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Pakistan: Rising Humanitarian Crisis (As of May 20, 2009)

Apr 26-29
- Civilians begin fleeing to escape Government of Pakistan (GOP) military offensive in Lower Dir and Buner Districts.

May 3
- Taliban takes Mingaora, lays mines, establishes checkpoints, and imposes curfews. Swat residents begin fleeing; UNHCR and GOP build more IDP camps.

May 7
- GOP army moves into Swat. GOP and UNHCR register IDPs for distribution of food, water, and information.

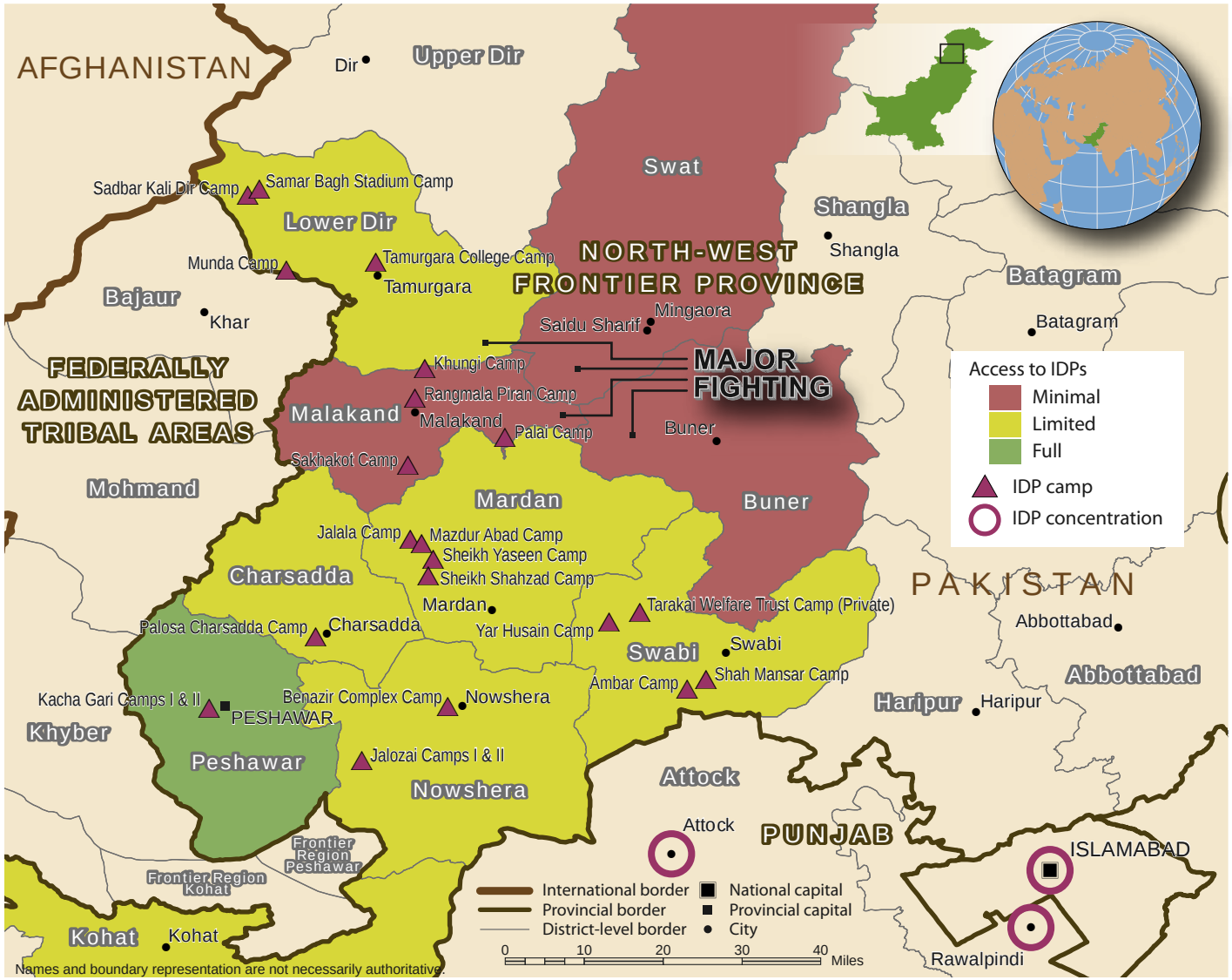
May 10-11
- Camps start reaching capacity. Extreme heat and lack of provisions result in further IDP dislocations in Mardan and Swabi Districts.

May 11-12
- Continued problems with aid distribution leads to IDP protests; UNHCR delivers 120 tons of non-food items.

May 15
- Pakistan military allows 100,000 civilians to flee zones of conflict; many more remain trapped and exposed to fighting.

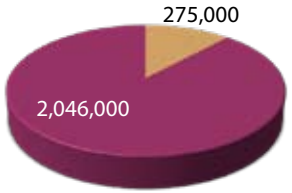
May 19
- Temperatures in excess of 100°F. Critical health needs rising among IDP population, including respiratory tract infections, diarrhea, scabies and malaria.

May 20
- UNOCHA reports nearly 1.8 million IDPs since May 2, with 88% sheltering outside of camps, with host families, in rented rooms or in spontaneous settlements.



New IDPs*: Vast Majority Sheltering outside Camps

(Source: UN OCHA - 5/19/09)

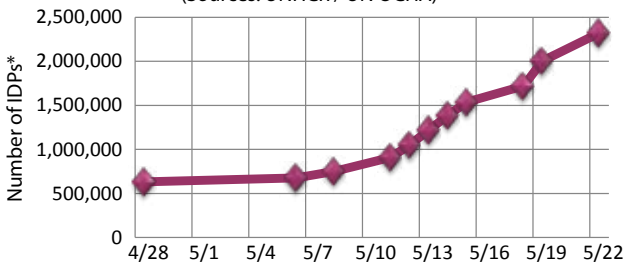


- Total New IDPs in Camps (12%)
- Total New IDPs with Host Families or in Spontaneous Settlements (88%)

*As of May 2, 2009. Does not include 550,000 pre-existing IDPs.

IDPs: 3 Weeks of Rapidly Growing Displacement

(Sources: UNHCR / UN OCHA)



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IDPs: Crisis Nearing Scale after 2005 Earthquake

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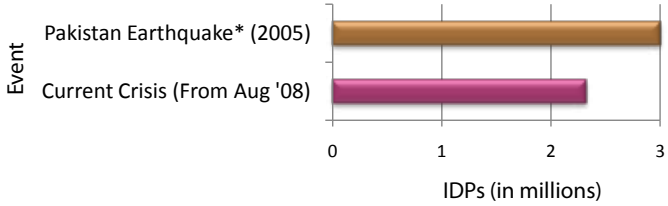

*Estimated number displaced at height of crisis

SOURCES: BBC, UNHCR, WHO, Pakistani Media, USG, UNOCHA