Overview

The FATA Disaster Management Authority (FDMA) reports that there are currently 102,047 registered TDP families, 69,021 of those families have been verified by NADRA. The Government continues to provide cash support to verified families and humanitarian partners continue to provide relief in the priority areas of food, health, protection, water and sanitation and hygiene. Resource mobilization efforts are ongoing in order to meet the needs of the affected population. Access to the affected area, particularly for NGO partners, remains a concern.

While there is still no official date for expected returns to NWA, the FATA Secretariat and FDMA are already working on a strategy to facilitate the return of all TDPs by promoting the rehabilitation of FATA. An outline of this strategy is expected to be shared with partners in the coming weeks.

Given that returns will most probably be scheduled for early to mid-2015, UNDP has modified the original NWA Community Resilience project proposal to include immediate community resilience support for returnees to FATA. The revised budget for this project is USD 10 million for a 1 year period.

The Community Restoration cluster, led by UNDP and co-chaired by FDMA remains active in KP/FATA with over 40 partners regularly attending meetings. Working groups have also been created to facilitate coordination in areas of legal assistance and livelihoods. (Please find attached a detailed update of Cluster activities).

Response to date

Local Governance

Since the offset of the displacement situation, UNDP has provided support to strengthen the capacity of the Provincial and District authorities. Immediate support in the form of human resources and assets was provided to FDMA, PDMA KP and DDMAs through UNDP implementing partner BEST. In particular UNDP human resource support helped to man the PDMA KP Call center which has received more than 13,000 calls to date.

Technical support has also been provided to FDMA to develop the Return and Rehabilitation Strategy. FDMA has developed an initial assessment of the most immediate rehabilitation needs and is working on the medium to longer term assessment of needs. A comprehensive Agency-based, sector-specific Strategy will then be developed to meet these rehabilitation needs.

Under its Rule of Law programme in KP, UNDP has initiated activities to increase legal awareness of around 25,000 people and provide direct legal assistance to around 5,000 NWA TDPs in Bannu and other hosting areas. In coordination with the local Bar Association, Legal Assistance Advisors will also be associated with Government TDP support services in order to provide on the spot legal advice.
**Support to TDPs and Host Communities**

UNDP has launched community resilience activities in 8 Union Councils of the District of Bannu, 4 Union Councils in Dera Ismail Khan and 3 Union Councils in Lakki Marwat through 4 NGO implementing partners: IDEA, PRDS, SRSP and FIDA. Needs assessments and stakeholder analysis have been carried out in these areas and more than 20 community networks have already been formed. Based on the needs assessment and the community prioritization, around 80 schemes will be selected and cash for work will be initiated. At least 10,000 working days will be created in the initial phase. All short-time workers in the project will be paid through mobile money in partnership with United Bank Limited (UBL) based on the rate of 400 PKR per day for unskilled workers as decided by the Cash Working Group.

In terms of livelihoods, UNDP will partner with ILO to provide vocational skills training for 200 TDPs and vulnerable members of the host communities in collaboration with TEVTA government training facilities. ILO is currently working on a vocational training needs assessment and participants will be selected accordingly.

A further 400 people will receive livelihoods support, in the form of business management training and replenishment of business assets in coordination with the NGO implementing partners (IDEA, PRDS, SRSP and FIDA).

**Next steps**

- UNDP is currently in discussions with the Provincial authorities in KP and FATA to devise a sustainable implementation framework for the project in order to scale up project activities.

- UNDP will continue its efforts to support the finalization and presentation of the Return and Rehabilitation Strategy before the end of the year.

- Further support has been requested by PDMA KP to set up an integrated Information Management System for TDP data management and tracing.

- Resource mobilization is ongoing with several donors and UNDP hopes to confirm additional funding from a number of donors in the coming weeks.