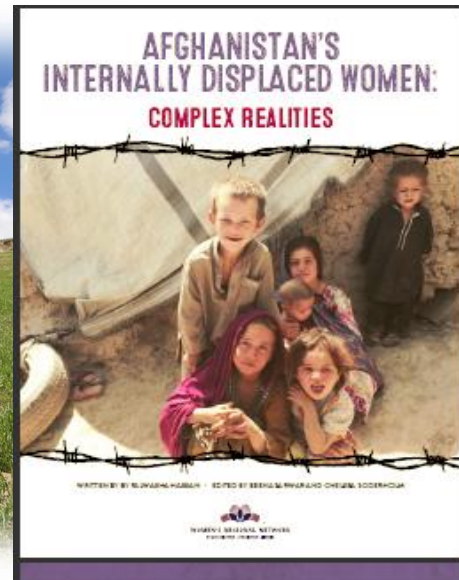




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AFGHANISTAN'S INTERNALLY DISPLACED WOMEN: COMPLEX REALITIES



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“One in every 122 humans is now either a refugee, internally displaced, or seeking asylum”

WHY IDPs IN AFGHANISTAN ARE A CRITICAL ISSUE?

- In the top 5 for number of conflict induced IDPs with numbers reaching **1.5 million** and the world's 2nd largest producer of refugees.
- **Multiple** displacements forming the life narrative of almost every Afghan.
- Now being returned from Iran, Pakistan and other countries Afghans also represent one of the **largest** group of repatriated persons.
- The situation is worsening.

WHY MUST WE PAY ATTENTION TO WOMEN IDPs?

- The experience of displacement is gendered- women suffer disproportionately from the impacts of displacement than men.
- HOWEVER, they are **KEY** to the solutions
 - i) Women's existing coping mechanisms and strategies must be built upon and supported
 - ii) Having sex disaggregated data and understanding the needs of different women such as female

headed households, lactating mothers and so forth is essential to providing states and humanitarian actors with critical information to improve humanitarian response.

- iii) Including women's voices in decision making processes is key to sustainable solutions for the wider community particularly other vulnerable groups.

WRN documented the everyday realities of internally displaced Afghan women as they cope with disrupted livelihoods, divided families, and destroyed homesteads and compiled "*Afghanistan's Internally Displaced Women: Complex Realities*." Case studies and research provided invaluable insight regarding how to respond to and prevent future displacement. WRN makes the following recommendations to the Afghan Government and the European Union.

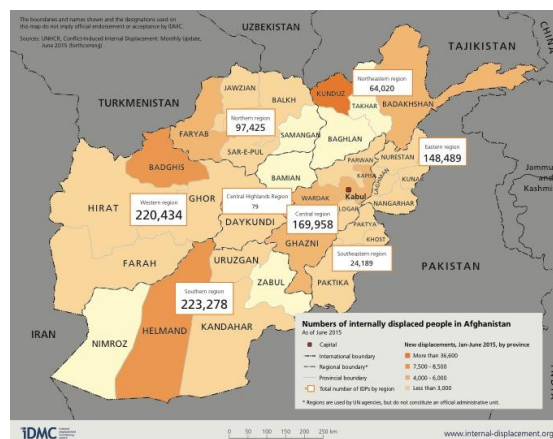
Recommendations:

To The National Government and President's Office:

- **Ensure** support and reparations are rights-based with particularly attention to the needs of women.
- **Implement** the existing IDP policy with further resource allocation and strengthened coordination and planning and particular attention to vulnerable groups such as female headed households and those with disability.

To the First Lady:

- **Ensure** commitments made by the government are being followed through.
- **Coordinate** with civil society and women's organizations to ensure monitoring and implementation of the national IDP policy and **support** resource building for women IDPs.



Map: July 2015 Afghanistan IDP map obtained from www.internal-displacement.org.

To MoRR

- **Clarify** the division of responsibilities between MoRR and ANDMA to improve policy implementation and prioritize land distribution for those without access to land and based on livelihood options and social service availability.

To the EU:

- Ensure the issues of IDPs and particularly women IDPs are part of all discussions.
- Support the NUG to implement its IDP policy sharing best practices on addressing forcible displacement.

About WRN:

In response to the growing number of human displacement and the impact it has on the lives of women, the Women's Regional Network (WRN) formed to amplify the voices of unheard, marginalized and displaced women and with them, address the interlinked issues of peace, militarization, security, justice and governance in South Asia. The WRN is comprised of women leaders of civil society from Afghanistan, Pakistan and India working to advance peace and justice for women in one of the most conflict ridden and militarized sub-regions of the world.

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