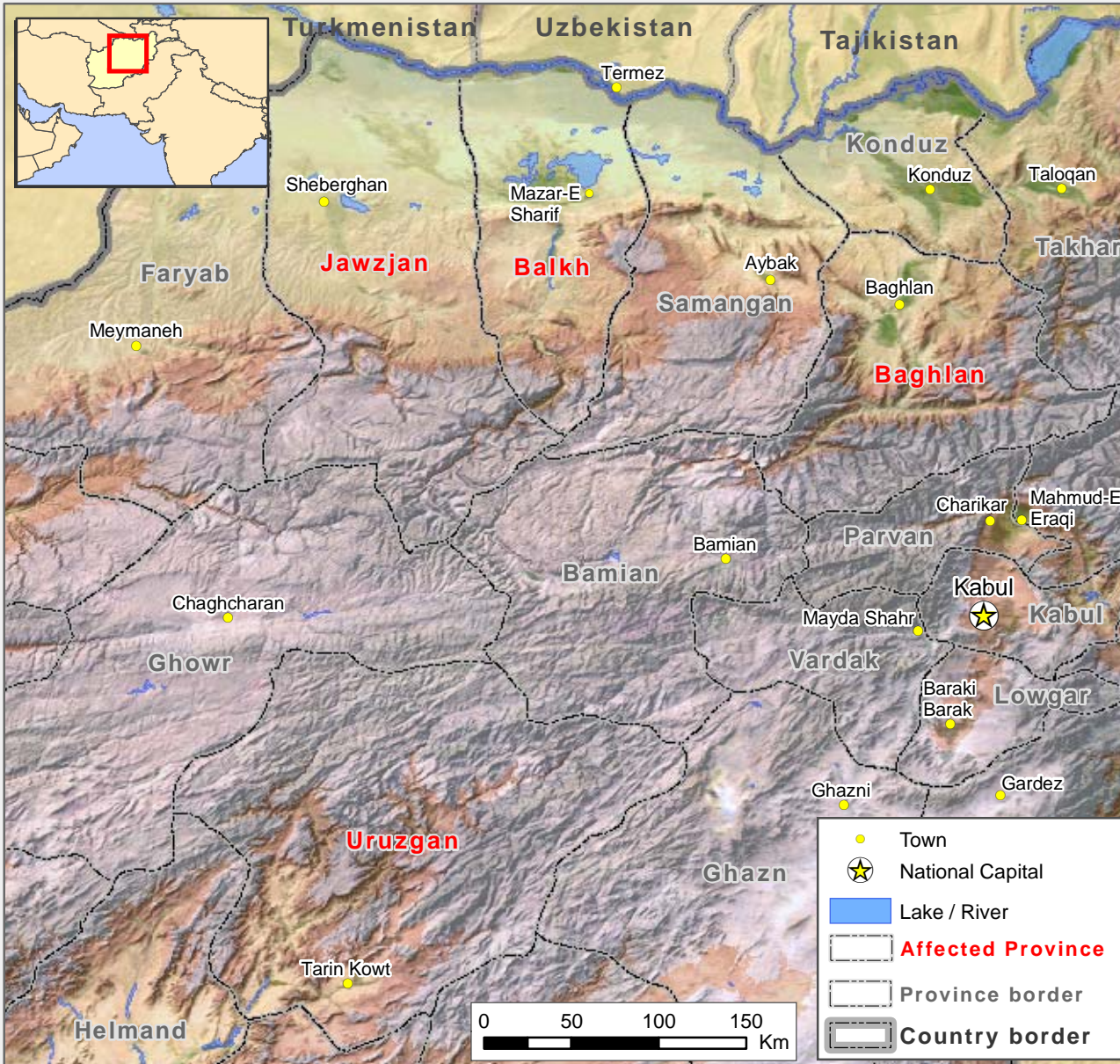




# Afghanistan: Floods

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## SITUATION

One week of heavy rainfall from 15 to 21 March 2005 resulted in flash flood across the country, leading to widespread damage to infrastructure and livelihoods in the central highlands and northeastern part of Afghanistan. An overflowing reservoir flooded 10 villages and affected more than 800 families in Darawad district of Uruzgan province. 100 people missing, roads and communication seriously affected.

In the northern regions of Baghlan, Balkh and Jawzjan, the worst affected districts have been Khwaja Doko, Dahana-e-Ghori and Ulmu Arub-Ulia. 370 houses destroyed, over 300 badly damaged, 174 livestock lost. Large areas of agricultural land inundated.

There is a real potential for serious flooding as the great mass of snow covering most parts of the country starts to melt.

## ACTION

200 tents, 200 kitchen sets, 400 jerry cans, 600 blankets and 67 plastic rolls dispatched to the most affected families in Darawad district of Uruzgan province by the Afghan Red Crescent Society with the support of the Federation. In addition, food and non-food items distributed to 100 most affected families in Khwaja Doko in Jawzjan province.

Joint assessments, response and coordination efforts are continuing with the International Committee of the Red Cross, United Nations agencies (UN Assistance Mission Afghanistan, World Food Programme, UN Children's Fund) and the Office of Disaster Preparedness.

Emergency assistance still has not reached many affected areas of the central highlands and northeastern parts of the country.

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