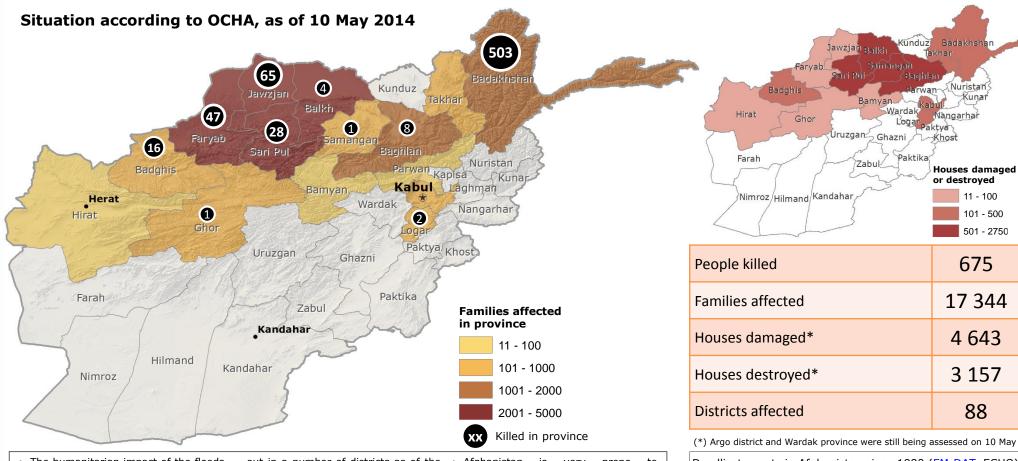
## 12 May 2014: Afghanistan - Floods and Landslides



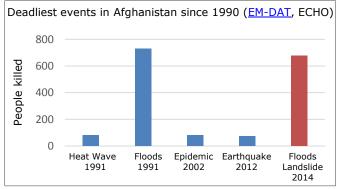


- The humanitarian impact of the floods and landslides that have been affecting northern Afghanistan since late April continues to rise. According to OCHA, as of 10 May more than 120 000 people were affected in 88 districts in 16 provinces. 675 people have been killed, 503 of which in the single landslide in Argo district, Badakhshan.
- Jawzjan, Faryab, Sari Pul and Balkh are the four most affected provinces, with about 75% of all the floodaffected people.
- Assessments were still being carried

- out in a number of districts as of the above date. Available relief stocks are deemed sufficient, but damage in the Balkh - Samangan highway and a number of roads in Badakhshan, as well as security concerns in Faryab, Jawzjan and Sari Pul render access problematic.
- According to the forecast of NOAA, scattered showers with locally heavy rainfall are expected to continue into the second week of May across northeast Afghanistan, prolonging further the risk of flash floods and landslides.
- Afghanistan is very prone to catastrophic natural disasters, whose impact is exacerbated by prolonged wars and conflicts. Eight months over the whole year (February November) September and considered as flood and landslide risk season, according to WFP. The floods and landslide of the past two weeks rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in terms of people killed among all (single) events since 1990, according to the EM-DAT database.



(\*) Argo district and Wardak province were still being assessed on 10 May



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