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AFGHANISTAN COUNTRY REPORT

THE STATE OF THE
HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM 2026

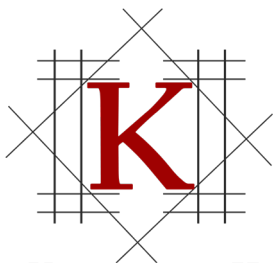
2. METHODOLOGY

The in-country research involved 26 key informant interviews (KIIs) and 6 focus group discussions (FGDs) conducted in three provinces. These provinces were purposefully selected to ensure broad and diverse representation across different humanitarian contexts, types of responding organisations, gender and socioeconomic groups of people affected by the crisis. These provinces serve as key regional hubs, each hosting a significant number of both humanitarian actors and affected populations.

Participant selection was guided by purposeful sampling. KIIs included representatives from United Nations (UN) agencies, international and national NGOs, community members and the current authorities. All of these representatives were directly involved in planning, managing or coordinating humanitarian assistance.

Three FGDs with women (23 participants) and three with men (24 participants) were conducted with individuals affected by crisis who met predefined vulnerability criteria. Participants were identified in coordination with community leaders to ensure balanced representation across gender, age and socioeconomic groups. Male FGDs were held in accessible community spaces, while female FGDs took place in culturally appropriate private settings.

A detailed Methodology is provided in [Annex I](#) and the research matrix is available in the global report.



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