

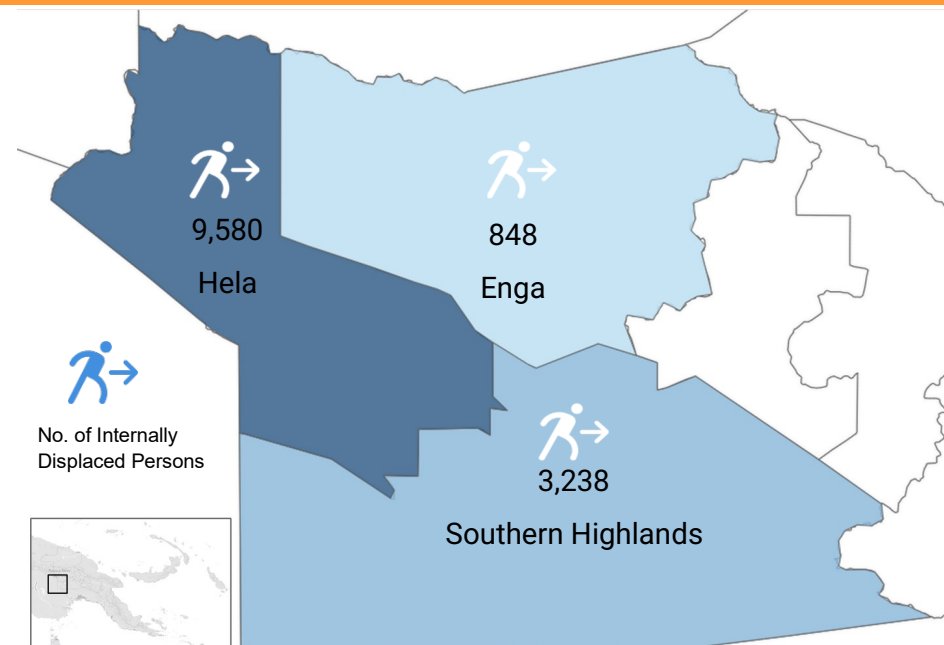


BACKGROUND

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in partnership with the local authorities deployed the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) from 13-18 August 2022, to track and monitor population movements and identify the multi-sectoral needs including protection for the affected population in response to violence and displacement in the Highlands region. DTM has identified a total of 12,818 persons [2,319 households] displaced across 78 locations in Hela and Southern Highlands provinces. Alongside partners, DTM has identified 848 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) [246 IDP households] in two (2) locations in Kompiam district in Enga province. Though fighting is on-going, and the situation remains tense and fluid the assessment teams continue to work closely with partners to gather additional information on the situation of the affected communities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The period July-August 2022 has seen an increase in violence in the Highlands region and affected communities are reporting injuries, deaths, damages to food gardens, destruction of property, displacement, and disruption of education services.
- A total of 13,666 IDPs [2,565 IDP households] have so far been identified in Hela, Southern Highlands and Enga provinces. Alongside partners, DTM has so far identified 848 IDPs in two (2) locations in Enga province.¹
- Emergency food, water and sanitation, shelter, health, protection, and non-food items (NFIs) are among the identified immediate needs for the affected population.



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¹ **The list of IDP population by site (See Annex 1) is not exhaustive and covers locations assessed through DTM. The total number of IDPs is estimated to be higher. Not all IDP sites have so far been assessed in the three provinces because of security reasons. Assessments are ongoing and figures reported may continue to evolve.**

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ANALYSIS

 **13,666**
IDPs²

 **2,565**
IDP Households

 **11**
Displacement-affected
Communities

 **80**
IDP Locations
Identified

ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

A total of 13,666 IDPs have so far been identified in Hela (9,580), Southern Highlands (3,238) and Enga (848) provinces. The breakdown of IDP households by province is as follows: Hela (1,687), Southern Highlands (632) and Enga (246).

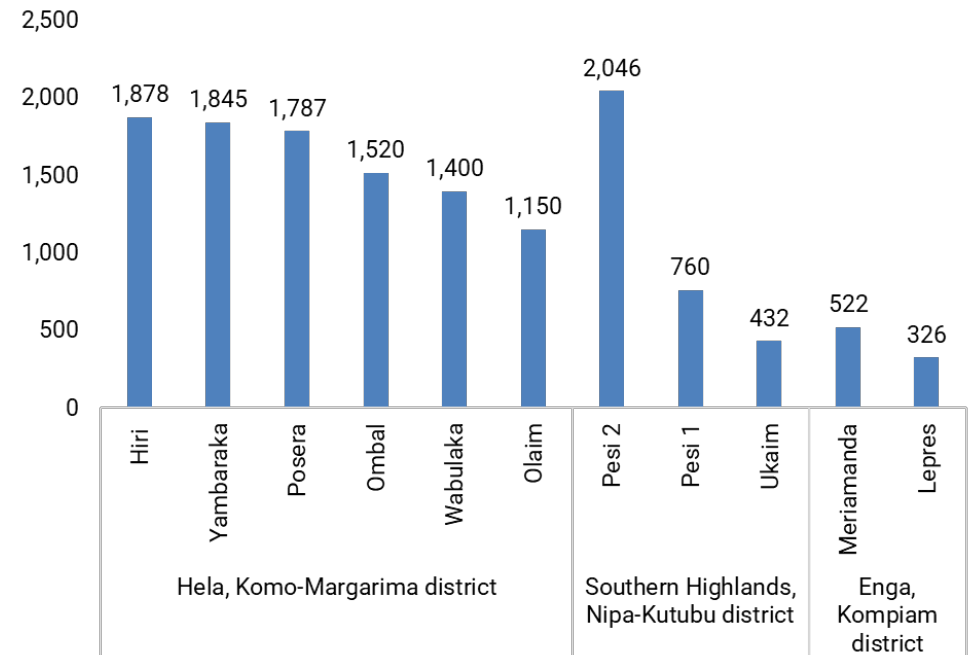
The average household size of the IDP population is 5, and the displaced population is spread across 80 locations. The highest numbers of IDPs are staying at Wapulaka in Komo-Margarima district (1,000) and Mongoro village in Nipa-Kutubu district (733).³

Key informants from the IDP population that were contacted during the field

² Disaggregation of the data by gender, and age is not available.

³ See Annex 1: Place of origin, and location of the IDPs/place IDPs moved to.

IDP Population by Place of Origin



assessments reported that some of their family members and neighbours continue to stay in hiding in the bushes and mountains in fear of being attacked by ‘enemies’.

Most IDPs remain in their provinces of origin. Sixty-seven (67) households from Hela province have sought refuge at Tuman in Jiwaka province (56), Kandep station in Enga province (8), and Pabrabuk in Western Highlands province (3).

Immediate needs identified for the affected population include emergency food, water and sanitation, shelter, health, protection, and NFIs.

The population assessed listed the following among items/materials and/or services needed:



FOOD AND NUTRITION: Rice, flour, cooking oil, salt, tinned fish and noodles. Additional food supplies and nutrition supplements are recommended.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE: Water containers, buckets and materials to construct latrines. IDPs reported that their properties at place of origin were destroyed and that access to safe and clean drinking water (rain-fed water tanks, gravity-fed supplies etc.) will be needed upon return to villages of origin/when conditions for safe return allow.



SHELTER: Tarpaulins, ropes, tire wire, nails and basic tools for shelter construction.



HEALTH : Healthcare services, dignity kits, face mask and sanitizers to mitigate the likely spread of COVID-19.



PROTECTION: Fighting is on-going and the situation remains tense. There has been instances of rape and family separation. As such the population, especially particularly vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities, children, and female headed households needs protection services. The affected population is living in fear and do not feel safe to move around. With the tensions still high, the assessment team as well as partners highlighted the need for continued coordination with the local authorities and that security personnel are needed to facilitate ‘safe’ access to the affected communities.



NFIs: Immediate — Kitchen utensils, solar lights, mosquito nets, beddings including blankets and sleeping mats, and clothing.

To promote recovery in food and livelihood security, the IDPs highlighted that they will need gardening tools upon return to their villages of origin.



EDUCATION: Education is disrupted in several communities and children are not attending school. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.



Photo: Displaced women show remains of properties destroyed during the fighting in Southern Highlands. © Highlands DTM Team

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ANNEX I: PLACE OF ORIGIN, AND LOCATION OF THE IDPs

Affected community (Villages of Origin for the IDPs)	Total No. IDPs	IDP Location (Place where most IDP are taking refuge at/ moved to)	IDP Location by Province	
Posera	120	Itbol	Hela	
	300	Kuipal		
	180	Hones		
	120	Mariste		
	240	Nembere (forest)		
	70	Komea		
	130	Oiyarep		
	30	Kiburu		
	22	Kambolo		
	25	Tagipa		
	100	Unknown		
	110	Waip		Southern Highlands
	40	Kandep - Station		Enga
	280	Tuman		Jiwaka
	20	Pabrabuk	Western Highlands	
Pesi 1	671	Yuk (hunting ground)	Southern Highlands	
	18	Merep	Southern Highlands	
	25	Pala		
	20	Yorda		
	26	Dula		
Pesi 2	733	Mongoro	Southern Highlands	
	367	Kembisa	Southern Highlands	
	467	Saharala		
	479	Somberep		
Yambaraka	300	Wapulaka	Hela	
	250	Porodaka		
	350	Magarima Station		
	50	Kambolo		
	150	Takipa	Hela	
	215	Tamulame		
	25	Yongo		
	30	Homaria		
	150	Kapandaka		
	70	Hapite		
	25	Tengo		
	50	Anali		
180	Poroloma			
Hiri	220	Lai-Valley	Hela	
	303	Imalhoma		
	150	Hones		
	305	Kuipal		
	15	Keme		
	22	Anali		
	25	Takipa		
	15	Tamulame		
	20	Kambolo		
	25	Tatape		
	130	Wapulaka		
	30	Homaria		
	20	Yongo		
	15	Perali		
	20	Kapandaka		
	73	Tengo		
	109	Poroloma		
	68	Hapite		
	47	Tuiya		
	92	Hones		
	74	Mendi/Hagen		
100	Waip	Southern Highlands		
Wabulaka	100	Porodaka	Hela	
	50	Anali		
	150	Takipa		
	100	Luipa		
	1,000	Wapulaka		
Ombal	245	Elpera	Hela	
	319	Koiste		
	38	Songura		
	285	Tirip		
	151	Enen		
	218	Ungura		
	52	Henep		
	212	Ipijal		
Ukaim	238	Towan	Southern Highlands	
	59	Poya		
	113	Suma		
	22	Sebiba		
Olaim	350	Hones	Hela	
	540	Kuipal		
	260	Waip	Southern Highlands	
Meriamanda	522	Meriamanda	Enga	
Lepres	326	Lepres		