



# Afghanistan Winter 2012 Appeal



Children outside in the snow at a temporary shelter for refugees in Kabul. *Photo: S.SABAWOON/EPA*

## Harsh Afghanistan winter kills 40 children

**Almost 40 children have been killed by a harsh winter in Afghanistan in the past month, most of them from refugee camps in Kabul.**



In the past month twenty-four children lost their lives in camps on the outskirts of the capital which houses thousands of Afghans fleeing war and Taliban intimidation in southern [Afghanistan](#).

Others died from cold in the central highlands, public health ministry spokesman Ghulam Sakhi Kargar Noorughli told the AFP news agency. "Over this past one month we have 40 deaths recorded. All have died from cold and are mostly children," he said.

Afghanistan, a landlocked and mountainous country, has suffered its coldest winter in 15 years.

International children's charity working in Afghanistan warned on the 20 February that weather conditions were expected to worsen, threatening the lives of more children in the camps. Temperatures were expected to drop as low as 1.4F (-17C).



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"Many are trying to survive without decent shelter or blankets, without fuel, food, warm clothes or shoes," states Fazila Tasmin of Tents4Peace International Inc, a charity working with the poor in Afghanistan.

"At night the temperature falls dangerously low, threatening the lives of newborns and small children. It's crucial we get urgent help to families so children are protected," she added.

Despite the flood of billions of dollars in aid from the international community after the collapse of the Taliban Afghanistan remains among the poorest nations in the world.



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**Over 30,000 people, fleeing insecurity caused by a Taliban-led insurgency, are living in more than 30 informal settlements in Kabul under extreme hardship. Most live in flimsy tents.**

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