

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

8 December 2021

In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population -- will face acute food insecurity from November 2021¹ including 8.7 million at risk of famine-like conditions

3.2 million children and 700,000 pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition

All 34 provinces are facing crisis or emergency levels of acute food insecurity.

Highlights

- WFP aims to meet the food and nutrition needs of more than 23 million people in 2022.² To meet the task at hand, WFP estimates it would require US\$ 220 million per month.
- WFP assisted around 7 million people in November, bringing the total to 15 million in 2021.³ This is 6 million more than 2020.
- WFP's latest food security [survey](#) shows 98 percent of Afghans are suffering from insufficient food consumption.

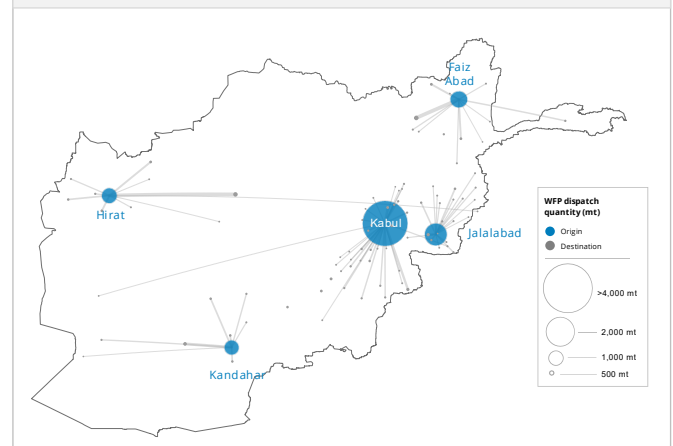
Situation Update

- **Snowfall has already begun disrupting deliveries.** This is prompting the movement of food via smaller corridors which can be relied on in the winter months.
- **More than half of the population** face crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of food insecurity, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [report](#).
- **This is the highest number of acutely food insecure people** ever recorded in Afghanistan and is among the highest levels of acute food insecurity worldwide.
- **An alarming 98 percent of Afghans are facing insufficient food consumption**, according to WFP's latest [survey](#): 17 percentage points more than early August.
- **More than half of the population (55 percent) are resorting to drastic measures to feed their families**, five times the number before 15 August.
- **The situation is especially alarming for children** under five, half of whom are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition (3.2 million). Acute malnutrition is above emergency thresholds in 27 of 34 provinces and is rapidly worsening.
- **For the first time, urban residents are suffering from food insecurity at similar rates** to rural communities, marking the shifting face of hunger in the country. Rising fuel and food [prices](#) are further exacerbating the situation.

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up its efforts to assist more than 23 million people in 2022. WFP has supported around 15 million beneficiaries so far this year—over 6 million more than in all of 2020.
- Since August, the number of beneficiaries reached by WFP each month has steadily increased, with 1 million people so far in December and around 7 million in November 2021.
- WFP's staff and partners deliver food and nutrition assistance to all 34 provinces to meet humanitarian needs, support women and girls, prevent and treat malnutrition, encourage school attendance, and boost community resilience.

WFP dispatches in December so far



1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections
 2. Planning figures for 2022 are being revised due to an ongoing planning exercise; they are subject to change and pending approval
 3. Actual beneficiary numbers are as of 8 December, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted around 13 million beneficiaries with unconditional resource transfers in 2021, including over 400,000 so far in December.
- **School feeding:** In 2021, WFP has reached over 200,000 primary and secondary school children and plans to reach 1 million from 2022. Since 1 November, WFP has resumed cash-based transfers under its Mazar Area Office to tens of thousands of adolescent girl students, which had been on hold for several months. During the past week, WFP dispatched 100 mt of fortified vegetable oil to support 22,000 school girls with take-home rations.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021, WFP has assisted over half a million pregnant and lactating women and over 1 million children under five with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities. WFP is treating moderate acute malnutrition by integrating with mobile health and nutrition teams in the most remote locations of the country. WFP is scaling up its support to reach hundreds of thousands more beneficiaries in the coming months.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** In 2021, WFP has assisted over 600,000 internally displaced persons (IDP).
- **COVID-19:** WFP has reached more than 900,000 people affected by the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in 2021.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** WFP's food assistance for assets and vocational skills training (VST) activities continue across the country; in 2021, WFP has reached over 200,000 beneficiaries, and will be scaling up its planned reach in 2022.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In the past week, WFP distributed 11,286 mt of food stocks to 83 locations.
- With 170 trucks currently operational, WFP is increasing its fleet of trucks and trailers in the coming months to increase deliveries.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 661 flights, transporting 3,713 passengers since flights resumed on 28 August for humanitarian workers and essential cargo.
- UNHAS continues to expand its weekly schedule, and now reaches 21 provinces.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP has borrowed internally to expedite food deliveries and urgently requests that all pledges be confirmed to meet mounting needs.
- To meet increasing needs in 2022, WFP estimates it could require US\$ 220 million per month.
- Following 15 August, WFP appealed for urgent funds to meet needs until the end of 2021; it has now received US\$ 400 million.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

WFP's Latest Food Security Update

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The food security situation continues to deteriorate.

93% of people in need of food assistance are in acute or severe food insecurity.

FURTHER FINDINGS

Indicator	Value	Change
Number of people in need of food assistance	7.0	↑
Number of people in need of food assistance	1.5	↑
Number of people in need of food assistance	0.9	↑

Families are barely coping

WFP Response

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