



World Food Programme

# WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

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## In Numbers

**22.8 million** people – half of the population -- will face acute food insecurity from November 2021<sup>1</sup>

**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 is ramping up its humanitarian support as we enter 2022 to meet the food and nutrition needs of almost 24 million people. To meet the task at hand, WFP estimates it could require US\$ 220 million per month.
- WFP has assisted 11.8 million people so far in 2021, which is already almost 3 million more than in all of 2020. This includes 5.1 million people in October.<sup>2</sup>

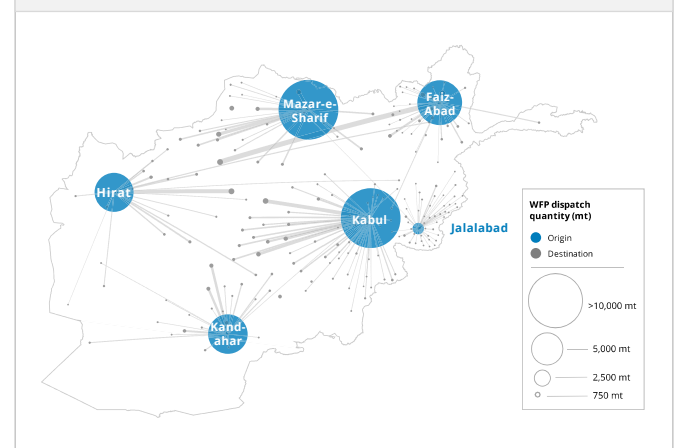
## Situation Update

- **More than half of the population** will be facing crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of acute food insecurity through the November 2021 to March 2022 lean season, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [report](#).
- **This is the highest number of acutely food insecure people** ever recorded in the ten years in which IPC analyses have been conducted in Afghanistan. Afghanistan has one of the highest levels of acute food insecurity in both absolute and relative terms.
- **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.
- **The report's findings come as Afghanistan's harsh winter looms**, threatening to cut off areas of the country where families desperately depend on humanitarian assistance to survive the freezing winter months.
- **The situation for children is especially alarming**, with half of all children under five (3.2 million) expected to suffer from acute malnutrition. Acute malnutrition is above emergency thresholds in 27 of 34 provinces and is rapidly worsening.
- **This winter, food stocks are expected to run out**, and millions will be forced to choose between migration and starvation unless urgent action is taken.

## WFP Response

- WFP is accelerating its scale-up to meet the increasing needs, reaching 11.8 million beneficiaries so far this year. This is almost 3 million more than in all of 2020.
- This includes 5.1 million in October and 4 million in September, which represents a substantial scale-up compared with the 1.3 million people reached in August.
- WFP's staff and partners delivered food and nutrition assistance to all 34 provinces to meet humanitarian needs, prevent and treat malnutrition, boost community resilience, encourage school attendance, and support women and girls.

WFP dispatches in October



1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections  
2. Beneficiary numbers are as of 3 November, and are subject to change.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted 10.8 million beneficiaries with unconditional resource transfers in 2021, including 4.7 million in October.
- **School feeding:** In 2021, WFP has so far reached 228,626 school children through its school feeding programme. On 1 November, WFP 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.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021, WFP has so far assisted 421,690 pregnant and lactating women and 856,675 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 and UNICEF are adding 100 new mobile health and nutrition teams to extend reach and continuity of services, bringing the total to around 200.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 599,984 internally displaced persons (IDP). In October, WFP assisted 73,472 people newly displaced by conflict.
- **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 228,102 beneficiaries.



## Supply Chain and Logistics

- Throughout October, WFP dispatched 42,524 mt to cooperating partners.
- This week, WFP made its first shipment from the warehouse in Termez, Uzbekistan of sunflower oil (1,433 mt) to Mazar-e-Sharif.



## UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 297 flights since flights resumed on 28 August for humanitarian workers and essential cargo, transporting 1,865 passengers.

- UNHAS humanitarian passenger flights now connect Kabul, Bamyan, Herat, Kandahar, Kunduz, Maymana, and Mazar.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

## Resourcing Update

- WFP appealed for US\$ 200 million for food and US\$ 30 million for UNHAS by the end of 2021; it has now received US\$ 142 million.
- It 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.
- Food and UNHAS requirements were included in the [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#)

### Key Figures *(View the [snapshot](#))*

WFP has reached **11.8M** beneficiaries throughout **2021**



**10.8M**

beneficiaries reached with WFP emergency relief assistance



**1.3M**

beneficiaries reached with WFP nutrition activities



**228K**

beneficiaries reached with WFP resilience activities



**10.1M**

IN-KIND



**2.1M**

CASH



**22.8M**

to face acute hunger from Nov 2021 ([IPC](#))



**3.2M**

children at risk of acute malnutrition



**681k**

displaced by conflict in 2021 ([OCHA](#))



**Currency**

value has dropped, to an all time low

### 'On Borrowed Time' - A Story Map (27 October)



#### On Borrowed Time

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