



WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

15 September 2022

In Numbers

18.9 million people – nearly half of the population – are estimated to be acutely food insecure between June and November 2022

4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022; 3.9 million children are acutely malnourished

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

Highlights

- In September, WFP has assisted more than **1.5 million people** in Afghanistan to date with food, nutrition, and livelihoods support, with plans to assist around 12.4 million people during the month. WFP needs **US\$ 1.14 billion** to sustain its operations over the next six months (October 2022 – March 2023).
- As part of its winter prepositioning efforts, WFP is implementing a new targeting strategy with refined vulnerability criteria, through a combined data-driven and community cascading process, from province to district and to community level to ensure that WFP assistance is helping the most vulnerable people.

Situation Update

- **An estimated 18.9 million people in Afghanistan are acutely food-insecure (IPC 3+)**, according to the [May 2022 IPC Analysis](#), including 6 million in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency), and 13 million in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis). Continued humanitarian assistance in Ghor Province is needed to deter IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe) conditions, which affected some 20,000 people between March and May.
- **Afghanistan continues to face the highest prevalence of insufficient food consumption globally**, as some nine in ten households struggle to meet their food needs, according to [WFP's latest Food Security Update: Round Eleven \(July 2022\)](#). Household food expenditure share continued to increase, reaching 91 percent in July (up from 80 percent in January) while some six in ten households saw their incomes drop.
- **Nearly half of the population continues to employ crisis coping strategies** to meet their basic needs. Households hosting persons with disabilities remain disproportionately impacted, with 58 percent relying on crisis coping strategies.
- **Households headed by women remain especially vulnerable**, as 96 percent are facing insufficient food consumption amid restrictions on women and girls. They are twice as likely as men to sacrifice their own meals so that their families can eat.

WFP Response

- **In September, WFP has assisted over 1.5 million people** with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihoods support. Distributions for September are ongoing, with plans to assist around 12.4 million people.
- **From January to July 2022, WFP reached a cumulative total of more than 21.5 million people** with over 686,828 mt of food and US\$ 187 million worth of cash-based transfers (CBT).
- **In September, WFP continued to assist some 29,500 people affected by flash floods** in Jalalabad, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces, including Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, Nuristan, Ghazni, and Paktya. In August, WFP reached around **123,000 people** affected by earthquake and flash floods across 20 provinces in Afghanistan.
- After seven months of negotiations, WFP was granted access to resume the assessment and unconditional CBT distributions to nearly 100,000 vulnerable people in **Kandahar City**.
- WFP continues to negotiate with the de facto authorities for the **resumption of its school feeding activities** which have been suspended following the Ministry of Education decision on 10 August. Distribution of school meals continued in some schools with permission from the provincial authorities.

1. Based on a 100 percent ration size for an average household size of 7 people.
2. Actual beneficiary and mt numbers are as of 15 September and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In September, WFP assisted over 1.5 million people with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihoods support, with the plan to reach 12.4 million people during the month.
- **General Food Assistance:** Thus far, in September, WFP has assisted **700,000** people with emergency food and nutrition support. In August, WFP assisted 10.9 million people with emergency food and nutrition support. Of these, around 81 percent received emergency food assistance, and the rest received cash, value and commodity vouchers. In August, WFP disbursed approximately **US\$ 21.3 million** in CBT. In Kabul, more than **96,000 people** redeemed their value voucher in August through 21 retailers while the September cycle is set to start through 23 retailers.
- **Nutrition:** Thus far in September, WFP has assisted **268,116** children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with nutritious foods to prevent cases of acute malnutrition, while treating **299,212** malnourished children and women. WFP currently supports 2,205 health centres and 440 mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs) across the country to ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In September, WFP distributed **33 mt** of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) to some **25,500** primary school students. Also, **1,848** secondary girls students received cash incentives across 437 schools in four provinces (Balkh, Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pol, Zabol) where they are permitted to attend school. More than **97,000** primary school students received daily rations of Bread+.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** In September, WFP assisted **11,606** people through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) in Samangan and Faryab provinces to meet their basic food needs while building their resilience against recurrent shocks and stressors. Six Food Assistance for Training (FFT) projects are ongoing in six provinces, while two projects are completed in five provinces (Badghis, Ghor, Farah, Herat, Kabul). In August, around 150,000 people benefitted from FFA and FFT across 14 provinces.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In September, WFP dispatched **38,000 mt** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan, reaching over half of the target for the month.
- WFP continues to monitor the impact of Pakistan floods on its supply chain operations; while no significant damage has been observed so far in Afghanistan, the situation remains fragile. Small trucks navigated around infrastructure damaged by flooding in Quetta en route to Spinboldak/ Kandahar. Peshawar operations (mill and warehouse) to Torkhum (with the destinations to Jalalabad and Kabul) remained operational.
- As part of its winter prepositioning efforts, WFP continues to identify priority locations at risk of inaccessibility during winter. Dispatches are ongoing around the clock, starting with Kabul and Kandahar. Nine out of 36 required mobile storage units have been sent to Faizabad and Mazar. WFP cooperating partners will also rent additional houses to expand storage capacity.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **2,850** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **17,926** passengers and **39.7 mt** of essential cargo.
- UNHAS currently operates flights to 23 domestic destinations and three airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha. Helicopter landing sites have been established in Giyan, Barmal, and Spera to facilitate regular UNHAS flights to earthquake-affected districts.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP faces a net funding shortfall of **US\$ 1.14 billion** to sustain operations over the next six months (October 2022 – March 2023).
- WFP requires **US\$ 172 million** to preposition **150,000 mt** of food commodities by November (of which US\$ 100 million are resourced), ahead of the 2023 winter season.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

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