

# WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

March 2025

WFP is providing food assistance through cash and vouchers to the most vulnerable food-insecure families in Kabul. ©WFP/Danijela Milic

## Highlights

- UNHAS services in Afghanistan are at serious risk due to critical funding shortfalls and urgently need US\$10.5 million to sustain operations in 2025. As part of cost-saving measures, UNHAS has discontinued its helicopter service to Tarinkot in Uruzgan Province as of 1 April.
- On 27 February, UNHAS suspended its flights to and from Tarinkot (Uruzgan Province) until further notice due to clearance concerns raised by airport authorities. UNHAS is actively engaging with the relevant stakeholders to resolve the issue and will resume operations once the necessary clearances are obtained.
- The Torkham border reopened after a 28-day closure due to armed clashes over the construction of security posts on both the Afghan and Pakistani sides, which had disrupted humanitarian supply routes.
- Following a joint assessment, WFP and partners identified and assisted 801 displaced households from Torkham and Durbaba, areas affected by the clashes at the Torkham border.

## In Numbers



6.1 million people assisted in March  
14.8 million people food-insecure (IPC Phase 3-4) from Nov 2024 to Mar 2025

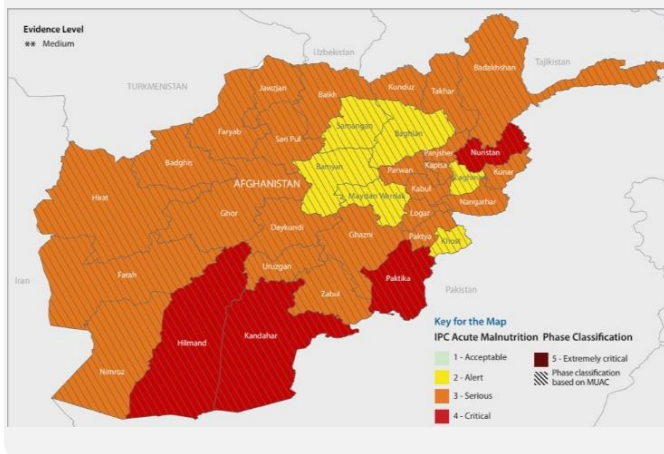


22.9 million people require humanitarian assistance based on the Humanitarian needs and Response plan for 2025



US\$19.8 million distributed to 3.3 million people through cash-based transfers

## Acute Malnutrition Situation November 2024 - May 2025



## SITUATION UPDATE

- **Food security situation:** While food insecurity in Afghanistan has slightly improved, WFP remains concerned about the ongoing needs, with 14.8 million people facing Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or Emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of food insecurity and requiring urgent humanitarian food assistance.
- **Malnutrition:** An alarming nutrition crisis is unfolding, with 3.5 million children and one million pregnant and breastfeeding women (PBW) expected to suffer from acute malnutrition. Compared to the 2024 estimation, there are 28 percent and 6 percent increases for moderately acute malnourished (MAM) children and PBW, respectively, with 2.95 million children under five years being stunted (too short for their age). This crisis is exacerbated by drastic reductions in WFP's emergency food assistance and malnutrition prevention activities over the past two years due to a lack of funding.
- **Returnee Response:** WFP is preparing for the expected influx of 800,000 returnees from Pakistan after Eid. WFP has already seen a 60 percent weekly increase in voluntary returns. The Border Consortium will be updating the funding appeal for the returnee response until 31 Dec 2025.
- WFP has leveraged its partnership with IOM to streamline border response activities to create a more efficient response. This initiative will reduce the steps returnees must take in the Transit Centers to access humanitarian assistance and reduce costs.

## WFP OPERATIONS

WFP assisted **6.1 million** people across its operations in Afghanistan with **23,800 mt** of food and **US\$19.8 million** in cash-based transfers.

### EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- WFP reached **5.2 million** vulnerable people with **18,100 mt** food and **US\$18.5 million** cash under its general food assistance.
- WFP assisted 12,920 returnees from Pakistan and Iran. With the Government of Pakistan preparing for a new wave of mass deportations, WFP's contingency plan is ready to support up to 100,000 returnees per month.
- WFP distributed 495 mt of food, including 5 mt of fortified biscuits, to 3,360 households (23,520 people) affected by floods, heavy rainfall, snowfall, and conflict-related incidents.

### NUTRITION

- WFP provided **3,000 mt** specialized nutritious food (SNF) to **615,000** children aged 6-59 months facing moderate acute malnutrition and acutely malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- For the prevention of acute malnutrition, WFP provided **2,500 mt** of SNF to **1.3 million** children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- For stunting prevention, WFP provided **47 mt** of SNF to **21,700** children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

### SCHOOL FEEDING

- School feeding operations are ongoing in three warm climate areas out of the ten targeted provinces for 2025. A total of **165,700** school children have been reached, with **87 mt** Bread+, samosas and fortified biscuits.

## RESILIENCE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- WFP's **livelihoods initiatives** continue to support resilience-building across Afghanistan, reaching **87,300 people** with **US\$1 million**. Through **food assistance for assets and food assistance for training**, WFP rehabilitated infrastructure, improved agricultural productivity, and provided vocational training, enabling communities to enhance food security and income generation.

### MATERNAL AND CHILD BENEFIT PROGRAMME

- Under the World Bank-funded maternal and child benefit programme, **18,330** pregnant women and mothers of children under the age of 5 years received social and behaviour change communication on nutrition, health, and immunization and received **US\$1.1 million** in cash assistance as an incentive to use health, nutrition services and purchase nutritious food.

### SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS

- WFP dispatched **22,400 mt** of food to our cooperating partners. **51,600 mt** of food is available at WFP warehouses in the country (including from the Global Commodity Management Facility), while **32,200 mt** of food was in transit or in WFP warehouses outside the country.
- A total of 47 trucks carrying 1,200 mt of specialized nutritious food (SNF) for WFP, stranded at Torkham and Peshawar have reached Afghanistan and offloaded at WFP warehouses.

### UN HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE (UNHAS)

- UNHAS operated **194 flights**, serving **995 passengers** from **53 humanitarian organizations** across **16 destinations** (15 domestic and 1 international) and transporting 2.3 mt of cargo which included medical equipment, medicines, vaccines, and other operational supplies.



A group of women working on the saffron fields in Herat, Afghanistan. © WFP/Rana Deraz

		PEOPLE ASSISTED*	FOOD DISTRIBUTED (MT)	CASH DISBURSED (USD)
<b>STRATEGIC OUTCOME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>6,115,108</b>	<b>23,787</b>	<b>19,827,431</b>
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: Nutrition-sensitive Food Assistance	5,213,446	18,079	18,552,661
	ACTIVITY 9: Malnutrition Supplementation	1,948,907	5,575	-
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 2: Transformative Livelihood Support	86,317	-	1,058,676
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 4: School Feeding	165,652	87	24,232
	ACTIVITY 10: Transitional Safety Nets	18,327	-	1,121,093

\* Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.



WFP fleet trucks on the road to the Salang Pass. ©WFP/Philippe Kropf



**RESOURCE OVERVIEW**

WFP Afghanistan is **14 percent** funded for the April to September 2025 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of **US\$451 million**.

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