



WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

16 August 2021

In Numbers

14 million people facing acute food insecurity including **2 million** children at risk of malnutrition.¹

389,000 people internally displaced by conflict since January,² in addition to over 3 million before the year had begun.³

151,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases.⁴

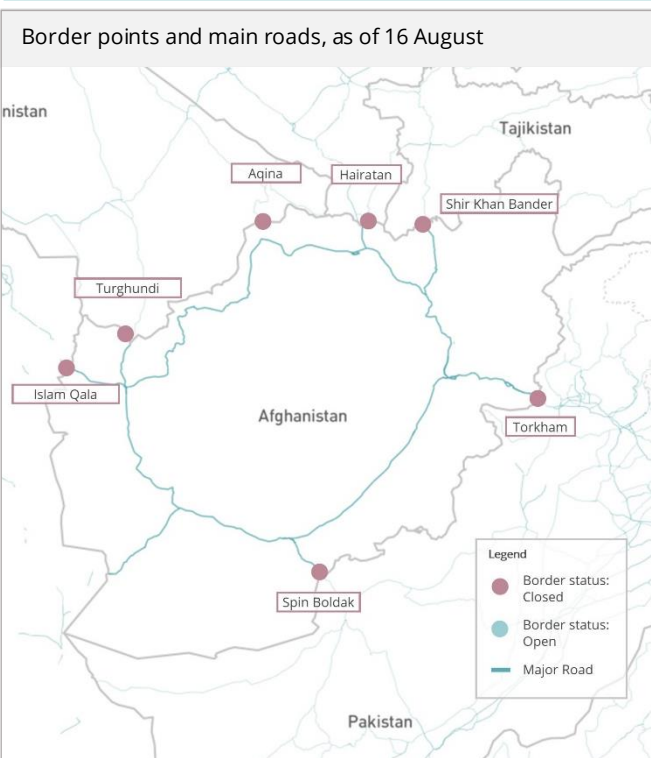
5.5 million beneficiaries reached by WFP between January and June 2021.

Highlights

- WFP is committed to stay and deliver, with plans to scale up assistance to **13.9 million** people in 2021 (an increase of almost 5 million from 2020).
- WFP needs US\$ 196 million for the next six months to address the sharp escalation of needs across the country.
- WFP still has access to most of the country from its six field offices, including areas experiencing active fighting.

Since the intensification of the conflict, in May to July alone:

4.1M people reached	US\$ 1.13M in cash-based transfers.
42,690 mt in food assistance.	223,000 people on the move.



Situation Update

- The conflict in Afghanistan continues to escalate at a drastic speed. On 15 August, Kabul was captured as the final piece of territory shifting control. More than 389,000 people have already been displaced internally by conflict this year. The number of civilian casualties in the first half of this year reached a record high, compared to the first halves of the last 12 years.
- According to the IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), 14 million people are currently facing emergency and crisis levels of food insecurity. Emergency levels of acute malnutrition exist in 27 of 34 provinces.
- Conflict converges with a multitude of existing crises; the country is facing one of its worst droughts in years, a deadly resurgence of COVID-19 cases, and there were over 3 million internally displaced people before the year had even begun.³

WFP Response

- **Scale-up:** WFP is scaling up its assistance to the increasing needs, with plans to reach a total of 13.9 million people in 2021, out of which 11.1 million are facing crisis and emergency levels of acute food insecurity.
- **Kabul:** In Kabul this week, WFP has started assistance to more than 1,000 households (7,000 people) displaced by conflict and is currently registering displaced people with mobile teams across the city.

1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), March to November 2021 Projections

2. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) [estimates](#) of conflict-induced displacements, as of 05 August 2021

3. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) [press release](#), 13 July 2021

4. World Health Organization COVID-19 tracking, as of 11 August 2021



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Internally Displaced People:** In 2021, WFP has so far assisted 409,388 internally displaced people (IDP). In the last week alone (1 to 5 August), WFP assisted 46,000 new IDPs fleeing fresh conflict.
- **COVID-19:** WFP has reached close to 602,203 people affected by the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in 2021. Each family selected for assistance receives US\$ 79 in cash-based transfers to partially cover their food needs for two months.
- **Nutrition:** WFP will continue to deliver nutrition assistance with a focus on the targeted supplementary feeding programme. This will include expanding mobile health clinics to address challenges to women and children in accessing static clinics due to the current security situation. In June, WFP provided over 375,000 children and pregnant and lactating women with 1,400 mt of nutrition assistance and services to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition.

through some of the most contested routes, identifying supply sources and corridors, and establishing a logistics hub at Termez, Uzbekistan. WFP has also established stand-by partnerships in all provinces in preparation for the scale-up.

- In anticipation of the high food needs and further disruptions to supply chains, WFP is planning to preposition food and other stocks at strategic border points in Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS is continuing to provide essential air services, flying to an average of 15 destinations per week with a fleet of five airframes to facilitate ongoing air services including relocations at the request of the humanitarian community. Last week alone (2 August to 8 August), the service relocated 490 UN and NGO staff and dependents from Kandahar and Herat, as well as to Faizabad, as territorial control continued to change.



Supply Chain and Logistics

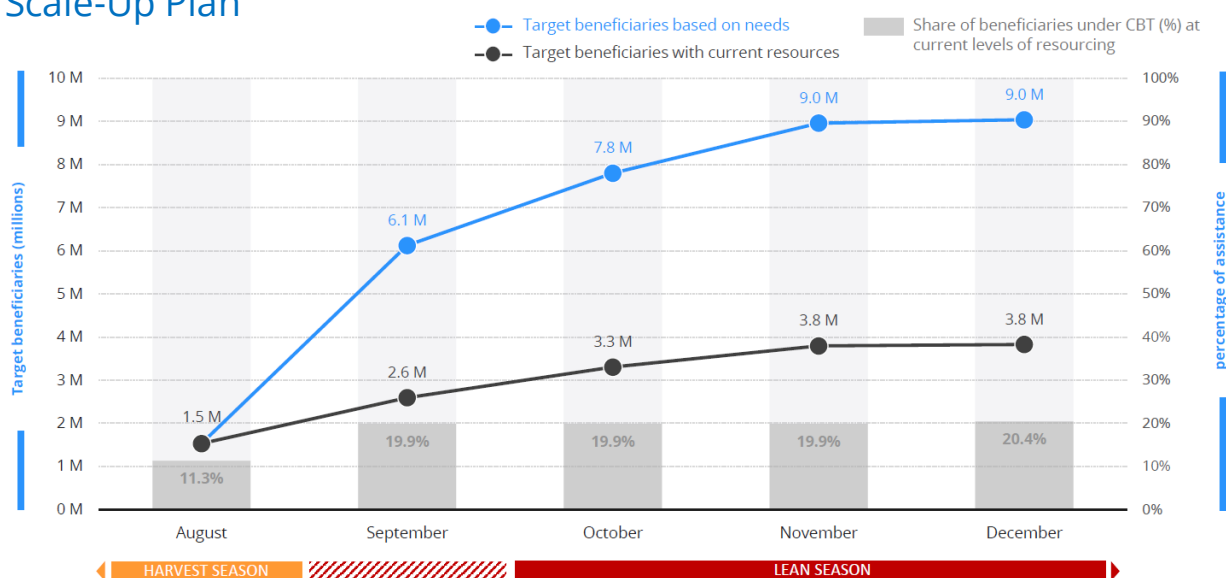
- WFP is increasing its fleet to 243 trucks to enable the delivery of up to 40,000 mt of food each month by the end of 2021.
- This comes amid major disruptions to supply corridors and four out of six border points used by WFP (through which 20 percent of requirements pass through). WFP is planning movements

Resourcing Update

- To meet the needs of this humanitarian emergency, WFP urgently requires US\$ 196 million for the next six months (August 2021 to January 2022).



WFP Scale-Up Plan



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