



Flood affected houses in Maidan Wardak, 500 km from Kabul.



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WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

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In Numbers

15.3 million people are projected to be acutely food-insecure between May and October 2023, including 2.8 million people in Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Phase 4 (Emergency)

4 million people are acutely malnourished, including 3.2 million children under the age of 5

28.8 million people – two-thirds of Afghanistan's population – require multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance in 2023

Highlights

- **WFP has reached 16.4 million people** since the beginning of 2023.
- **WFP announced a reduction in its aid ceiling for Afghanistan** due to budget constraints. With 8 million beneficiaries already slashed from assistance since April, further beneficiaries will not be reached in September if sufficient funding is not received.
- **WFP resumed activities in the province of Ghor in July** after months of suspensions and negotiations with de facto authorities. In alignment with other UN partners, WFP has put in place robust safeguards and monitoring mechanisms.

Situation Update

- **Heavy rainfall across many parts of Afghanistan in late July has triggered flash floods and landslides**, killing at least 61 people, with 24 people injured and six missing. In addition, livestock and agricultural land were also left damaged by the three-day rain. The highest number of casualties and damage were reported in Kabul and Maidan Wardak provinces.
- **WFP has been forced to drastically scale down its humanitarian response** from reaching 13 million people in March to only 5 million in July. Over the next five months, WFP will also be unlikely to reach 8 million planned people with assistance. A further drop in humanitarian funding could push this number even lower.
- **Afghanistan is among the countries with the highest prevalence of insufficient food consumption globally.** Hunger is primarily driven by the economic crisis that has gripped Afghanistan since August 2021, compounded by decades of conflict, climate shocks, and severe restrictions on the rights of women and girls to work and pursue higher education.

WFP Response

- **A UN team, including WFP, conducted initial needs assessments** within 72 hours of the floods. Further, WFP distributed 82 mt of mixed commodities and non-food items to 329 eligible households in five flood-affected provinces (Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Parwan, Kabul and Logar).
- **WFP has initiated a phased resumption of operations and movement in the Lal district of Ghor province**, following extensive UN engagement with the de facto authorities at the national and provincial levels. A comprehensive resumption plan with robust safeguards and monitoring mechanisms is in place.
- **WFP concluded district-level post-Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) rapid vulnerability assessments in June** to further examine the food security situation in six¹ provinces. The results, following IPC-compatible analysis, put all these areas in IPC Phase 3, with particular areas of concern among internally displaced populations in Darzab and Herat.
- **WFP and partners are seeking clarity on implementation arrangements for school feeding activities**, following the receipt of informal guidance from the Ministry of Economy that mandates all projects implemented by international NGOs within the Education Sector be handed over to national partners.

¹ Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pul, Herat, Badghis, Badakhshan, and Daikundi

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In July, WFP has so far distributed approximately **35,103 mt** of in-kind assistance (food) to 4.4 **million** people across various programmes, and cash-based transfers worth **US\$9.3 million*** to more than **1.27 million** people.

General Food Assistance

- In July, WFP has so far assisted approximately **3.8 million** people with emergency food assistance in-kind, while more than **1.2 million** people have received cash-based transfers.

Nutrition

- In July, WFP provided specialised nutritious food to **800,000** pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls and children aged 6-59 months, under the malnutrition prevention and treatment programme.
- WFP continues to support more than **380 mobile health and nutrition teams** across Afghanistan as it awaits further guidance on their transition to fixed health clinics as mandated by de facto authorities in March.

School Feeding

- WFP continues implementation of its school feeding programme in ten provinces of Afghanistan. Through this assistance, WFP provides a nutritious mid-morning snack of high energy biscuits (HEBs) and bread. Cash-based transfer incentives for secondary-level schoolgirls are on hold, as schools remain closed to secondary-level girls across the country.
- In July, school feeding activities in five cold-climate provinces reached **354,200** primary school children. In June, WFP assisted more than **286,240** students.

Resilience and Food Systems

- In July, WFP has reached more than **76,606** people through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) and Food Assistance for Training (FFT) interventions.

- In June, WFP reached **367,660** people through FFA schemes, **11,613** through food assistance for training and **7,725** farmers through smallholder agriculture market support activities.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In July, WFP has so far dispatched **38,474 mt** of food across Afghanistan, representing approximately 94 percent of its monthly target. Approximately **99,500 mt** of food is available in the country at WFP warehouses, while **56,500** of food is in-transit or within WFP warehouses outside the country.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **2,019 flights** thus far in 2023. A total of **11,983 passengers** and **26.2 mt** of humanitarian light cargo (medical equipment, medicines, vaccines, and office supplies) have been transported.
- UNHAS currently operates flights to **25** destinations - 21 domestic destinations and four airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe, Doha, and Dubai. Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- In 2023, WFP requires **US\$2.2 billion** to deliver emergency food, nutrition, and livelihood support to those in need.
- WFP is currently facing a net funding shortfall of **US\$1.21 billion** to sustain operations over the next six months (August 2023-January 2024).
- A further **US\$111 million** is required in the next month to preposition **109,000 mt** by November 2023 to cover emergency food and nutrition needs for **2.96 million people** over **4 winter months**.
- WFP's needs are reflected in [Afghanistan's 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan](#).

**Distribution figures for July are unreconciled and subject to change.*

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