



WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

22 April 2022

Students celebrate the launch of Bread+ in Nangarhar. © WFP/Sadeq Naseri

In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population – are projected to be acutely food insecure in 2022,¹ including 8.7 million at risk of famine-like conditions

4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022

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

Highlights

- WFP has assisted **6.8 million** people thus far in April. WFP plans to reach **23 million** people in 2022.
- WFP will launch Bread+ this month as part of its school feeding initiative. Bread+ is a new, more nutritious commodity pilot that will replace High Energy Biscuits in some areas, with bread made from fortified wheat flour, dried fruits and nuts. WFP plans to reach **40,606 primary school students** (boys and girls) with Bread+ across **185** schools.

Situation Update

- **Humanitarian assistance is reaching more people with each passing month**, according to the latest [Food Security Update](#) (March 2022). One in five households (21 percent) reported receiving humanitarian food assistance in March – mostly from UN/NGOs – which is a notable increase from the previous months. In some regions, this assistance reached as many as two in five households (43 percent in West).
- **This assistance is driving down severe food insecurity in several regions** (Hirat, Kabul, Northeast and Southeast). Families which did not receive humanitarian assistance in these regions did not see improvements in severe food insecurity levels.
- **But this is not enough; the number of people facing insufficient food consumption remains alarmingly high.** Only 7 percent of people reported having enough to eat in March. This is a slight improvement of 2 percentage points on the previous month, likely driven by a rise in food assistance, as well as some easing on access to income and markets. However, the situation still remains far worse than in pre-15 August.
- **Results of the ongoing Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) assessment** are expected in the coming weeks. Currently, 23 million people are acutely food insecure (IPC 3 and 4).

WFP Response

- **In April, WFP has reached 6.8 million people** so far with food, nutrition, and resilience support.
- **WFP resumed operations in Ghor province.** The Ministry of Economy was appointed as the line ministry to work with humanitarian partners. It is hoped that this will curtail future interference in humanitarian activities.
- **The export ban on vegetable oil from Turkey was officially lifted last week.** More than 21,000 MT of vegetable oil is expected from Turkey in the coming months.
- **WFP is scaling up school feeding activities to reach 1 million children.** Thus far in April, WFP has reached 173,743 children.
- **WFP is also launching Bread+ this month**, a new commodity pilot that will replace High Energy Biscuits (HEB) in some areas. Bread+ is more nutritious than HEBs and links local agricultural production, processing, and markets across national food systems. A total of 40,606 primary school students (boys and girls) will benefit through Bread+ in 185 schools.

WFP's 2022
Scale-Up
Factsheet
January 2022



1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections
2. Actual beneficiary and MT numbers are as of 21 April, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted **6.5 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support thus far in April.
- **Nutrition:** In April, WFP has assisted **538,458** children (aged 6-59 months) and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with nutritious foods to prevent cases of acute malnutrition, while treating **270,191** malnourished children and women. WFP continues to support 158 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) across 24 provinces in Afghanistan to ensure access in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In April, WFP has distributed approximately 225.9 MT of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) to **173,743** primary school students, including **7,591** girls who also received take-home rations of fortified vegetable oil. WFP has had to temporarily suspend plans to disburse cash-based transfers to secondary level schoolgirls, as they remain banned from attending classes in most provinces across Afghanistan.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** Thus far in April, WFP has assisted 100,079 people through food assistance for assets (FFA) and 4,109 through vocational skills training (VST). WFP recently completed a VST project in Nangarhar, benefitting 200 people. WFP assists more than 70,000 people through VST across 17 provinces.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- Between 11-18 April, WFP dispatched 29,474 MT of commodities. During the same period, 19,917 MT of food entered the country, bringing in-country food stocks to 96,509 MT. A further 123,943 MT of

commodities is expected to arrive in May through local, regional, and international procurement channels.

- Food is being uplifted as quickly as possible from the Hairatan border to the planned destinations, as there is currently more than 30,000 MT of mixed commodities in Hairatan. However, issues with transport capacity are limiting the speed.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 1,008 flights in 2022 so far, transporting 6,494 passengers and 15.2 MT of essential cargo.
- On Thursday, 21 April, UNHAS inaugurated its first Airbus 319 flight from Kabul to Doha, Qatar.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 20 domestic destinations and two on demand, as well as three airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

