



World Food Programme

# WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

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Female beneficiaries complete livelihoods training in Badghis. ©WFP Afghanistan

## In Numbers

**18.9 million** people – nearly half of the population – are estimated to be acutely food-insecure in June–November 2022.

**4.7 million** children, and pregnant and lactating women are 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

- Amidst rising inflation and a global surge in food prices, household incomes continue to shrink. To protect the purchasing power of beneficiaries, WFP is increasing the value of cash transfers from 7,700 to 9,900 AFG.<sup>1</sup> To maintain cash-based assistance at current levels WFP requires an additional **USD 45 million** in 2022.
- In July, WFP reached more than 6 million people including 70,800 people affected by the earthquake and 8,750 people affected by flash floods.

## 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 92 percent of households struggle to meet their food needs, according to WFP's latest [Food Security Update: Round Ten](#) (June 2022). For ten consecutive months, more than 90 percent of the population has experienced insufficient food consumption.
- **Household incomes continue to shrink for the second consecutive month**, while household food expenditure share increases amidst rising inflation and a global surge in food prices. Female-headed households remain the most vulnerable, with 94 percent reporting decreased income.
- **More than half of the population continues to employ crisis-level coping strategies** to meet their basic needs. Households hosting persons with disabilities remain disproportionately impacted, with 63 percent resorting to crisis-level coping strategies.

## WFP Response

- **In July, WFP reached more than 6 million<sup>2</sup> people** in Afghanistan with food, nutrition, and livelihoods support. Distributions are ongoing. In August, WFP plans to assist 10 million people.
- **WFP assisted 10,100 earthquake-affected households** (70,800 people) in Khost and Paktika provinces in July. Distributions continue as WFP plans to reach 362,000 people with two months of emergency food assistance before September. To date, some 1,551 mt of food has been dispatched to earthquake-affected areas.
- **WFP assisted 8,750 people affected by flash floods** in Ghazni, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, and Paktya provinces, in July. Distributions and vulnerability assessments are ongoing as flash flooding events continue to destroy homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods.
- **WFP opened a new Satellite Office in Bamyan City** to support field operations in the area. In the coming months, WFP plans to establish another five Satellite Offices in Faryab, Ghor, Hairatan, Kunduz, and Paktya to further support the 2023 winter lean season scale-up.
- **WFP finalized the construction of a helicopter landing site in Spera**. UNHAS will commence regular flights to the earthquake-affected district in early August, alongside existing flightpaths to Barmal and Giyan.

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 01 August, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Distributions for the month of July are ongoing until 5 August, after a slight delay due to the observance of Eid. In August, WFP plans to assist 10 million people.
- **General Food Assistance:** Thus far in July, WFP assisted **5.5 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support. Of this, **3.7 million** people received emergency food assistance in-kind, while **985,000** people were assisted via cash and value vouchers, and **538,000** people were provided with commodity vouchers. In July, WFP disbursed approximately **US\$14 million** in cash-based assistance.
- **Nutrition:** Thus far in July, WFP assisted **640,000** children (aged 6-59 months) and pregnant and lactating women with nutritious foods to prevent cases of acute malnutrition, while treating **271,000** malnourished children and women. WFP currently supports 2,200 health centres and 444 mobile health and nutrition teams across the country to ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In July, WFP distributed **91 mt** of High Energy Biscuits to **70,000** primary school students, including **27,000** girls who also received take-home rations of fortified vegetable oil. More than **174,000** primary school students received daily rations of Bread+. WFP continues to provide cash incentives to **21,000** secondary schoolgirls in provinces where they are permitted to attend school.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** In July, WFP assisted **104,300** people through food assistance for assets (FFA) and **55,000** through vocational skills training (VST). WFP VST activities are ongoing in 10 provinces, while FFA activities are ongoing in 15 provinces to enable vulnerable communities to meet their basic food needs while building resilience against recurrent shocks and stressors. Additional resilience and livelihoods projects are set to commence in August.



## Supply Chain and Logistics

- In July, WFP dispatched **71,000 mt** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan.
- The fifth and final 10,000 mt tranche of Indian wheat will be delivered in August. To date, India has contributed 40,000 mt of wheat, in-kind, to Afghanistan.
- In August, WFP plans to dispatch the first 30,000 mt of food for strategic prepositioning ahead of the upcoming 2023 winter season. Before November 2022, WFP plans to preposition 150,000 mt of food in areas typically isolated by harsh weather conditions to ensure continued assistance for 2.2 million people in hard-to-reach areas during the winter months.



## UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS conducted **2,302** flights in 2022, transporting **14,836** passengers and **32 mt** of essential cargo.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 22 domestic destinations and three airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha. Helicopter landing sites have been established in Barmal, Giyan, and Spera to facilitate regular UNHAS flight 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\$960 million** to sustain operations over the next 6 months (August 2022 – January 2023).
- WFP requires **US\$172 million** (of which US\$100 million has been resourced) to preposition **150,000 mt** of food commodities by November, 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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