



WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

24 November 2021

In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population -- will face acute food insecurity from November 2021¹ including 8.7 million at risk of famine-like conditions

3.2 million children and 700,000 pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition

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

Highlights

- WFP aims to meet the food and nutrition needs of more than 23 million people in 2022.² To meet the task at hand, WFP estimates it would require US\$ 220 million per month.
- In 2021 WFP has assisted 14.8 million people so far, which exceeds the plan for 2021 and is 5 million more than 2020. This includes 3.9 million to date in November.³
- Early snow has begun to disrupt routes; WFP is accelerating delivery of food in these areas before the snow cuts off roads.

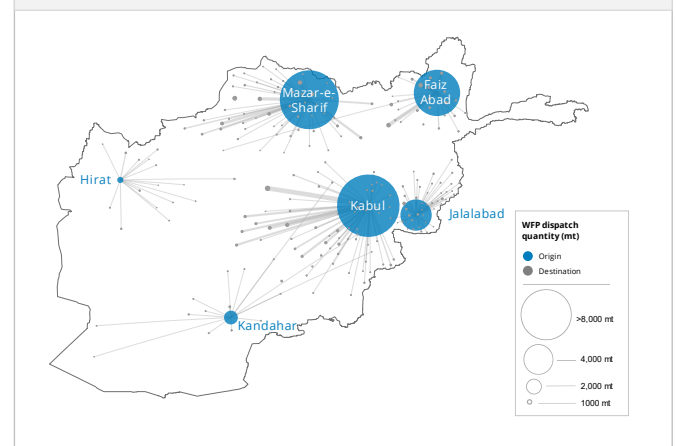
Situation Update

- **Early snow** is beginning to cut off areas of the country where families depend on humanitarian assistance to survive the freezing winter months.
- **More than half of the population** face crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of acute food insecurity from November 2021 to March 2022, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [report](#).
- **This is the highest number of acutely food insecure people** ever recorded in Afghanistan and is among the highest levels of acute food insecurity worldwide.
- **The situation is especially alarming for children** under five, half of whom are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition (3.2 million). Acute malnutrition is above emergency thresholds in 27 of 34 provinces and is rapidly worsening.
- **For the first time, urban residents are suffering from food insecurity at similar rates** to rural communities, marking the shifting face of hunger in the country. Rising fuel and food [prices](#) are further exacerbating the situation.
- **Poor families' food stocks are running out**, and millions will be forced to choose between migration and starvation unless aid arrives.

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up its efforts to assist more than 23 million people in 2022. WFP has supported 14.8 million beneficiaries so far this year—over 5 million more than in all of 2020.
- This includes 3.9 million so far in November, 5.5 million in October and 4 million in September, which represents a substantial scale-up compared with the 1.3 million people reached in August.
- WFP's staff and partners delivered food and nutrition assistance to all 34 provinces to meet humanitarian needs, prevent and treat malnutrition, boost community resilience, encourage school attendance, and support women and girls.

WFP dispatches in November so far



1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections
 2. Planning figures for 2022 are being revised due to an ongoing planning exercise; they are subject to change and pending approval
 3. Actual beneficiary numbers are as of 24 November, and are subject to change



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted 13.2 million beneficiaries with unconditional resource transfers in 2021, including 3.4 million so far in November.
- **School feeding:** In 2021, WFP has so far reached 230,184 primary and secondary school children through its school feeding programme and plans to scale up to reach 1 million from 2022. Since 1 November, WFP has resumed cash-based transfers under its Mazar Area Office to tens of thousands of adolescent girl students, which had been on hold for several months.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 479,605 pregnant and lactating women and 1 million children under five with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities. WFP is treating moderate acute malnutrition by integrating with mobile health and nutrition teams in the most remote locations of the country. WFP is scaling up its support to reach hundreds of thousands more beneficiaries in the coming months.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 615,426 internally displaced persons (IDP). In November, WFP assisted 19,082 people newly displaced by conflict.
- **COVID-19:** WFP has reached more than 900,000 people affected by the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in 2021.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** WFP's food assistance for assets and vocational skills training (VST) activities continue across the country; in 2021, WFP has reached 245,665 beneficiaries, and will also be scaling up its planned reach in 2022.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In the past week, WFP distributed 14,170 mt of food stocks to 100 locations.
- With 170 trucks currently operational, WFP will be increasing its fleet of trucks and trailers in the coming months to accommodate the scale-up in assistance.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 496 flights, transporting 2,850 passengers, since flights resumed on 28 August for humanitarian workers and essential cargo.
- UNHAS continues to expand its weekly schedule, and now reaches 20 provinces.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP has borrowed internally to expedite food deliveries and urgently requests that all pledges be confirmed to meet mounting needs.
- To meet increasing needs in 2022, WFP estimates it could require US\$ 220 million per month.
- Food and UNHAS requirements were included in the [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#)

Key Figures *(View the [snapshot](#))*

14.8M beneficiaries reached throughout 2021



13.2M

beneficiaries reached with WFP emergency relief assistance



1.5M

beneficiaries reached with WFP nutrition activities



246K

beneficiaries reached with WFP resilience activities



12.5M

IN-KIND

2.3M

CASH

A snapshot



22.8M

to face acute hunger from Nov 2021 ([IPC](#))



3.2M

children at risk of acute malnutrition



>600k

displaced by conflict in 2021 ([OCHA](#))



17.9%

drop in currency value in the last year (against USD)²

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