



WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

10 June 2022

In Numbers

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

4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022; 1.1 million children are acutely malnourished

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

Highlights

- WFP has assisted **2 million** people thus far in June. WFP plans to reach **10 million** people this month and a cumulative total of **23 million** people in 2022.¹
- Afghanistan has been raised to the highest alert level in the latest Hunger Hotspots [report](#) released by FAO and WFP. It joins Somalia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan, and Yemen with populations experiencing catastrophic hunger conditions.

Situation Update

- **A total of 18.9 million people in Afghanistan are currently 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.
- **In Afghanistan, 92 percent of the population faces insufficient food consumption**, while nearly 60 percent of households resort to crisis-level coping strategies to get by, according to WFP's latest [Food Security Update: Round Eight](#) (April 2022).
- **Nearly one quarter (24 percent) of the population is receiving humanitarian food assistance**, as support continues to reach more people with every passing month. This is a substantial increase from January 2022, when only 14 percent of the population was receiving assistance.
- **Afghanistan's harvest is projected to suffer from the drought, which threatens to further compound the current food insecurity crisis.** [FEWSNET](#) data shows that dry weather conditions from March to May 2022 have already resulted in reduced crop yields during the current harvest season, particularly in north and north-eastern rainfed regions.

WFP Response

- **In May, WFP assisted 15 million people across Afghanistan.** Between January and April 2022, WFP reached a cumulative total of 18.2 million unique beneficiaries with food, nutrition, and resilience support. In 2022, WFP has distributed more than 415,000 MT of food and USD 115 million worth of cash-based assistance.
- **In June, WFP aims to reach 10 million people**, this reduction is due to better access to food after the harvest period and limited resources available to WFP. Thus far, WFP has assisted 2 million people in June.
- **WFP will now provide specialised nutritious foods for the prevention of malnutrition** to all pregnant and lactating women and children under the age of five who are receiving emergency food assistance, including those receiving cash-based support. This will come under WFP's blanket supplementary feeding programme.
- **WFP has further scaled up to support a total of 316 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs)**, 48 of which are jointly supported by WFP and UNICEF. WFP has doubled the number of MHNTs supported since January to ensure continued nutrition coverage for the most vulnerable in hard-to-reach areas.

1. Actual beneficiary and MT numbers are as of 09 June, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted **1.8 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support thus far in June. Of this total, more than **1 million** people have received emergency food assistance in-kind, while **525,000** people were assisted via cash and value vouchers, and **192,000** people were assisted via commodity vouchers. Thus far in June, WFP has disbursed **USD 5.2 million** in cash-based assistance.
- **Nutrition:** In June, WFP has assisted **54,000** children (aged 6-59 months) and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with nutritious foods to prevent cases of acute malnutrition, while treating **100,000** malnourished children and women. WFP currently supports 1,544 health centres and 316 mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNT) across the country. Support to MHNTs ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In June, WFP has distributed High Energy Biscuits (HEB) to **47,500** primary school students, including **18,000** primary school girls who also received take-home rations of vegetable oil. A total of **10,500** students have received daily rations of Bread+ this month. Bread+ is a pilot product that will replace High-Energy Biscuits (HEBs) in some areas. It is made from locally produced and processed fortified wheat flour, dried fruit and nuts. Bread+ is a more nutritious than HEBs and supports local agricultural production, processing, and markets across Afghanistan's national food system. In June, WFP will support 21,000 secondary school girls with cash-based transfer incentives across four of the eight provinces currently allowing secondary level girls to attend school. WFP plans to further scale up assistance to secondary schoolgirls in the remaining four provinces, where possible.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** Thus far in May, WFP has assisted **96,000** people through food assistance for assets (FFA) and **42,000** through vocational skills training (VST).



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In May, WFP dispatched **125,520 MT** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan, reaching approximately 91 percent of its implementation plan within the calendar month.
- In April, WFP-supported local millers produced a total **24,090 MT** of fortified wheat flour, all of which was procured by WFP for humanitarian assistance operations. The amount of flour produced in April 2022 represents a 16 percent increase from March and more than double the amount produced in April 2021.
- WFP is working to further strengthen the capacity of millers and transporters in Pakistan to streamline expected wheat deliveries to Afghanistan during the summer months.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **1,544** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **10,373** passengers and **23 MT** of essential cargo.
- 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

- WFP faces a net funding shortfall of **USD 828 million** to sustain operations over the next 6 months (June-November 2022).
- WFP requires USD 150 million 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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