



# WFP Afghanistan

## Situation Report

January 2025

Women in Bamyan, Afghanistan making high-quality dairy products through WFP-supported training. ©WFP/Rana Deraz

### Highlights

- In January, the restriction on the use of biometric authentication in seven districts in the Western Region by the provincial Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation Department resulted in WFP temporarily suspending distributions in the affected districts. Following engagements with the de facto authorities, WFP approved authentication through PIN code as an interim solution to allow resumption of winter assistance distribution.
- WFP’s cross border movements into Afghanistan continued facing disruptions, due to ad hoc customs restrictions and tax- related issues from the Pakistan side, impacting supply flows.
- UNHAS flights to Islamabad have been suspended since December 2024 due to unresolved aviation charges. WFP has been actively engaging with the Ministry of Aviation and the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority to reinstate flight clearances.

### In Numbers



6.9 million people assisted in January



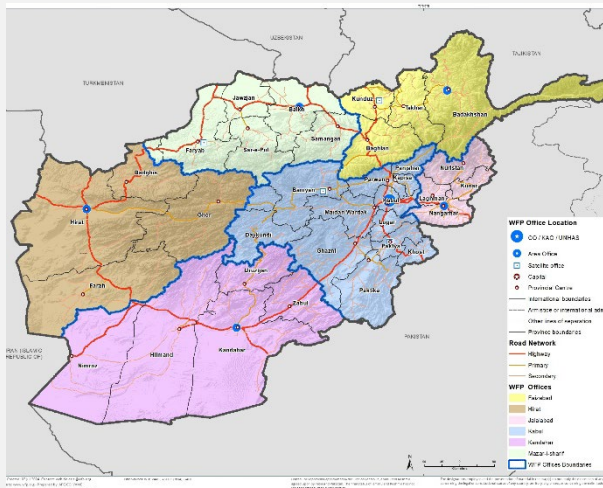
14.8 million people food-insecure (IPC Phase 3-4) from Nov 2024 to Mar 2025

22.9 million people require humanitarian assistance in 2025



US\$19.9 million distributed to 6.9 million people through cash-based transfers

### WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



### SITUATION UPDATE

- **Food insecurity:** WFP’s food assistance coverage has dropped **from 23 million in 2022 to 12 million in 2024**, while blanket supplementary feeding programmes (BSFP) support declined from 2.6 million to 1.4 million due to funding shortages. With resources stretched, WFP is reaching only six million people, less than half of those in need. Humanitarian food and agricultural assistance have so far prevented deeper hunger, but urgent support is required to sustain these gains and avert further deterioration.
- **Malnutrition rates:** **3.5 million children** under five are expected to be **malnourished** this year, **500,000 more than last year** - the sharpest surge in malnutrition ever recorded in Afghanistan. This increase comes on top of 1.2 million pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls projected to be acutely malnourished.
- The deterioration of the nutrition situation correlates with severe cuts of WFP’s general food assistance and the closure of nearly 350 mobile health teams and 450 clinics or health centres, leaving remote communities without critical support.
- This alarming situation highlights a severe public health emergency where urgent action to restore nutrition programmes and immunization campaigns, while long-term efforts must prioritize affordable diets for women, children and families.

## WFP OPERATIONS

- In January, WFP assisted approximately **6.9 million people** across its operations in Afghanistan with **41,125 mt food** and **US\$19.9 million** in cash-based transfers.



## EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- In January, WFP reached **6.2 million vulnerable people** with **38,450 mt food** and **US\$19.3 million cash** under its general food assistance. Over half of them (53 percent) received cash-based transfers and commodity vouchers in areas where markets are operational, empowering them with the choice in meeting their food needs.
- Following last month's challenges with biometric registrations, the process has now been completed countrywide. In January, biometric authentication using SCOPE (WFP's beneficiary registration platform) was restricted in seven districts of the Western Region by the provincial MRRD department, where WFP targeted **12,930 households**. As a result, distributions in these districts were suspended. Through engagements with de facto authorities at both national and provincial levels, WFP approved a PIN code authentication as an interim solution, enabling distributions to resume and ensuring beneficiaries did not miss their winter assistance.
- **Mass deportation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan:** The Pakistani government is set to initiate a new phase of mass deportation of Afghan refugees and migrants. WFP is already present and active at both the border crossing points with Pakistan and stands ready to scale up assistance in case of a new influx.



## NUTRITION

- WFP supplemented **2,610 mt** specialized nutritious food (SNF) to treat **519,400** children aged 6-59 months facing moderate acute malnutrition and acutely malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. For the prevention of acute malnutrition, WFP provided **3,770 mt** of SNF to **1.4 million** children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. For stunting prevention, WFP provided **6 mt** of specialized nutritious food to **4,400** children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.



## SCHOOL FEEDING

- School feeding operations are currently running normally in 3 warm climate areas, out of the 10 targeted provinces for 2025. A total of **125,000** beneficiaries have been reached in January 2025, with Bread+, Samosa and Fortified Biscuits.



## RESILIENCE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- WFP's **livelihoods initiatives** continue to support resilience-building across Afghanistan, reaching over **10,800 people** with over **14 mt food** and **US\$119,000** in January 2025. Through **food assistance for assets** and **food assistance for training**, WFP has rehabilitated infrastructure, improved agricultural productivity, and provided vocational training, enabling communities to enhance food security and income generation.
- Under its smallholder agricultural market support activity, WFP supports agro-processing chains through training and capacity-building, including the provision of seeds and equipment. This has increased production capacity and sales, boosted farmers' incomes, and aligned with local market demand.



## MATERNAL AND CHILD BENEFIT PROGRAMME

- Under the World Bank-funded maternal and child benefit programme, **6,070** pregnant women and mothers of children under 5 received social and behaviour change communication on nutrition, health and immunization as well as **US\$370,250** in cash assistance in January.



## SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS

- In January, WFP dispatched **18,150 mt** of food, reaching 100 percent of its January target; **55,800 mt** of food was available at WFP warehouses in the country (including GCMF), while **21,550 mt** of food was in transit or in WFP warehouses outside the country.
- WFP dispatches from Peshawar remain on hold, pending a 2 percent tax waiver approval. Only specialized nutritious food from Pakistan-based suppliers are moving into Afghanistan, while operations have been rerouted through Quetta and Chaman/Spin Boldak to maintain supply flows.

## UN HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has so far operated **212 flights in 2025**, serving **1,300 passengers** from **61 humanitarian organizations** across **18 destinations** (17 domestic and 1 international) and transporting 3.9 mt of cargo.
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WFP's vocational training programme on tailoring and carpet weaving, Bamyan, Afghanistan. ©WFP/Rana Deraz

<a href="#">WFP AFGHANISTAN</a> <a href="#">COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (2018-2025)</a>		PEOPLE ASSISTED*	FOOD DISTRIBUTED (MT)	CASH DISBURSED (US\$)
<b>STRATEGIC OUTCOME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>6,944,742</b>	<b>41,125</b>	<b>\$19,976,918</b>
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: Nutrition-sensitive Food Assistance	6,186,026	38,455	\$19,282,397
	ACTIVITY 9: Malnutrition Supplementation and Prevention	2,027,599	6,381	-
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 2: Transformative Livelihood Support	10,800	13.61	\$118,980
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 4: School Feeding	124,962	65.79	\$5,639
	ACTIVITY 10: Transitional Safety Nets	6,065	-	\$370,237

\* Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.

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### RESOURCE OVERVIEW

WFP Afghanistan is 10 percent funded for the February–July 2025 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of **US\$590 million**.