

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

7 October 2021

In Numbers

- 14 million** people facing acute food insecurity¹
- 3.2 million** children at risk of acute malnutrition
- 8.8 million** beneficiaries reached by WFP so far in 2021
- 34 provinces** receive WFP food and nutrition assistance
- US\$ 200 million** required to December 2021; US\$ 100 m received
- US\$ 300 million** required for January-April 2022

Highlights

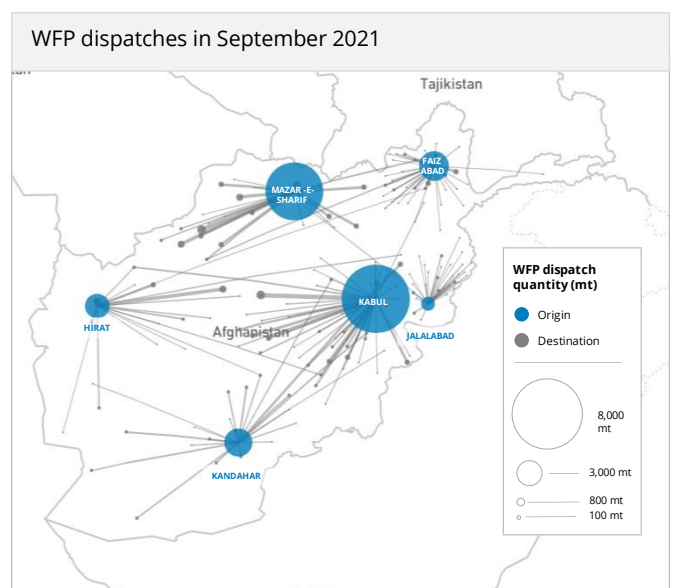
- WFP has declared Afghanistan an L3 emergency, making it one of WFP's highest priority responses.
- From 1-30 September, WFP assisted 4 million beneficiaries, a three-fold increase from August 2021 (1.3m).²
- WFP delivered 30,188 mt of food to cooperating partners during September.
- WFP is scaling up support to community-based education and expanding to three additional provinces most affected by conflict, in collaboration with UNICEF.

Situation Update

- Food security is deteriorating sharply:** just 5 percent of households are consuming enough food according to WFP's [surveys](#).
 - Urban residents are suffering from food insecurity at similar rates to rural communities, who were ravaged by drought twice in the past three years.
 - Families with lower education levels are hardest hit by food insecurity, but more than 90 percent of households with high-school or university educations are also unable to afford enough food to feed their families.
- Almost no one has enough money to buy food.**
 - Three out of four households now limit portion sizes; adults are eating less so their children can eat more.
 - Households headed by women are skipping meals, and reducing their portions far more than those headed by men.
 - WFP's latest [market monitor](#) shows that food and fuel prices remain significantly higher than the last week of July. This exerts greater pressure on families' ability to buy food.
- The situation for children is especially alarming,** with half of all children under five (3.2 million) expected to suffer from acute malnutrition.

WFP Response

- WFP assisted 4 million people from 1-30 September, including 2 million women and girls and 2 million men and boys.
- WFP is scaling up to reach all 14 million people in need of emergency food and nutrition assistance by year's end.
- 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.



1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), March to November 2021 Projections
2. Beneficiary numbers are as of 5 October, and may still change.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **School feeding:** In September, WFP reached 88,480 school children through its school feeding programme. WFP and UNICEF are expanding support to community-based education (CBE) in collaboration from 4,000 to 7,000 students in three additional provinces most affected by the conflict.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021, WFP has so far assisted 393,745 pregnant and lactating women and 785,375 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 and UNICEF will add 100 new mobile health and nutrition teams to extend reach and continuity of services, bringing the total to almost 200.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 588,525 internally displaced persons (IDP). In September alone, WFP assisted 235,403 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.
- WFP is committed to integrating gender equality and women’s empowerment into its activities and continues to advocate in this regard. Read more [here](#).



Supply Chain and Logistics

- WFP dispatched 30,188 mt of food to cooperating partners in September.
- WFP is positioning food and other stocks at strategic border points in Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

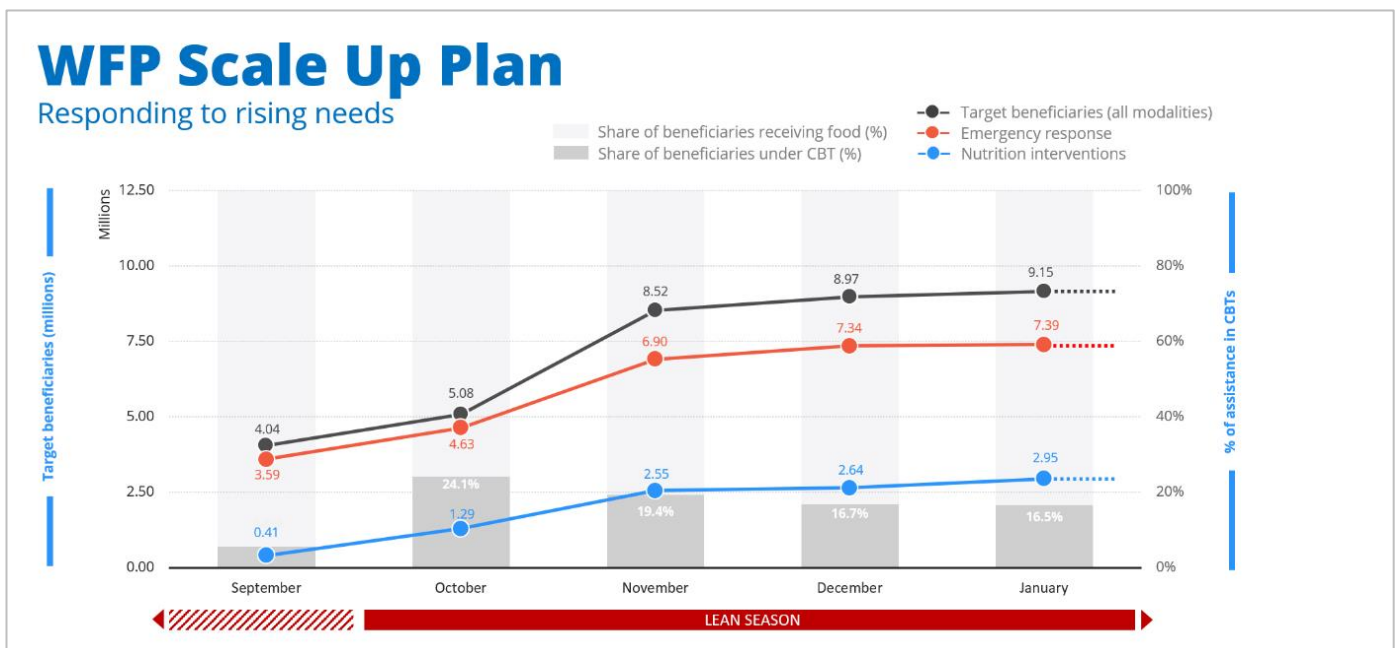


UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 101 flights since flights were resumed on 28 August for humanitarian workers and essential cargo.
- Throughout 2021, UNHAS has relocated 1,780 UN and NGO personnel, conducted 13 medical evacuations and delivered 48 mt of humanitarian cargo.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP appealed for US\$ 200 million for food and \$30 million for UNHAS by the end of 2021; it has now received US\$ 104 million.
- It has borrowed internally to expedite food deliveries and urgently requests that all pledges be confirmed to meet mounting needs.
- A further US\$ 300 million is required for the first quarter of 2022.
- Food and UNHAS requirements were included in the [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).



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