

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

May 2025

Three primary schoolchildren snacking on fortified biscuits provided through WFP's School Feeding Programme in Zabul Province, Kandahar. ©WFP Afghanistan

Highlights

- **With current available funding, WFP could only cover a small fraction of the acutely hungry.** Activities aimed at preventing malnutrition have been curtailed and acutely malnourished children and women are being turned away amid serious funding cuts. WFP currently operates way below the minimum threshold and, with current prospects, will continue to do so, as acute hunger peaks during the winter months. Malnutrition is already rising, with life-threatening consequences for millions of Afghans.
- **WFP's school feeding activities will soon be suspended due to lack of funding, leaving 400,000 children without the daily meals they depend on.** Increased dropout rates are expected, along with a reversal of the educational gains the programme has supported. Likewise, the gains made by local economic opportunities offered by the programme, are likely to be eroded. Girls will be disproportionately affected.

In Numbers



3 million people reached with food and cash assistance in May



US\$8.2 million distributed to 1.3 million people through cash-based transfers



Women with children across the country make up **80 percent** of WFP assistance

SITUATION UPDATE

- **Integrated Food Security Phase Classification:** The findings from the [latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification](#) for acute food insecurity have been published. From May to October 2025, 9.5 million people are projected to be in IPC Phase 3 and above (crisis and higher levels of food) of which 1.59 million are in IPC4.
- **Impact of funding shortfall on nutrition response:** Due to insufficient resources, WFP's activities aimed at preventing acute malnutrition are suspended from June to December 2025, cutting off monthly support to an average of 100,000 children and 150,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women at the year's most critical period.
- Moderate Acute Malnutrition treatment sites have been closed across 16 provinces, with services scaled down in 98 districts. A total of 142 Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) sites, through which WFP was treating acute malnutrition, have closed. As many as 22 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams have been suspended. These reductions affect 13,500 children with moderate acute malnutrition and 9,150 pregnant and breastfeeding women. Without additional funding, further closures can be expected.
- **Returnee response:** The influx of returnees from Pakistan continues to decrease steadily since the peak in mid-April. Meanwhile, crossings at the Islam Qala border point with Iran have seen a significant increase, averaging 1,700 individuals per day, marking a 70 percent rise compared to early May, while Zaranj border point with Iran remained stable, with daily crossings averaging 1,400 individuals. In May, WFP assisted over 55,000 Afghan returnees with approximately US\$665,000 in cash and 63 mt of food assistance.
- WFP is already maximizing and stretching existing resources to manage the influx at the borders throughout its unpredictable but frequent waves. To meet immediate needs, WFP has reallocated resources initially programmed for other activities, resulting in the postponement of the hotspot response by one month. Based on current projections, WFP will not be able to scale up winter assistance for 6 million beneficiaries as originally planned.

WFP OPERATIONS

In May, WFP assisted **3 million people** across its operations with **7,000 mt** of food and **US\$8.2 million** in cash-based transfers.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- WFP reached **1.8 million** vulnerable people with **4,800 mt** of food and **US\$6.2 million** cash under its general food assistance.

NUTRITION

- WFP provided **1,400 mt** specialized nutritious food (SNF) to **326,500 children** aged 6-59 months facing moderate acute malnutrition and acutely malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Before the malnutrition prevention programme was suspended, WFP provided **380 mt** of SNF to **192,500 children** aged 6-59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- For stunting prevention, WFP provided **40 mt** of SNF to **18,500 children** aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

SCHOOL FEEDING

- Through its school feeding programme, WFP reached **288,000 schoolchildren** with **400 mt** Bread+, samosas and fortified biscuits.

RESILIENCE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- WFP's **livelihoods initiatives** continue to support resilience-building across Afghanistan, reaching **7,400 people** with **US\$95,000**. Through **food assistance for assets and food assistance for training**, WFP rehabilitated infrastructure, improved agricultural productivity, and provided vocational training, enabling communities to enhance food security and income generation.

MATERNAL AND CHILD BENEFIT PROGRAMME

- Through the World Bank-funded maternal and child benefit programme, **211,000 pregnant women and mothers** of children under the age of 5 years received social and behaviour change communication on nutrition, health, and immunization and **US\$1.8 million** in cash assistance.

SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS

- In May, WFP dispatched **7,500 mt** of food to its cooperating partners across the country. Additionally, in an effort to support the local economy, WFP procured **200 mt** of food locally, directly injecting **US\$418,000**.

UN HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE (UNHAS)

- UNHAS operated **206 flights**, serving **1,440 passengers** from **63 humanitarian organizations** across **14 destinations** (13 domestic and 1 international) and transporting 3.2 mt of cargo, including medical equipment, medicines, vaccines, and other operational supplies.



Scenes from local markets in Afghanistan, where in May WFP reached more than 3 million people ©WFP Afghanistan

STRATEGIC OUTCOME	ACTIVITY	PEOPLE ASSISTED*	FOOD DISTRIBUTED (MT)	CASH DISBURSED (USD)
		3,028,612	7,045	8,221,530
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: Nutrition-sensitive Food Assistance	1,834,759	4,753	6,276,186
	ACTIVITY 9: Malnutrition Supplementation	518,807	1,749	-
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 2: Transformative Livelihood Support	7,434	-	94,656
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 4: School Feeding	287,826	415	25,468
	ACTIVITY 10: Transitional Safety Nets	210,868	-	1,812,263

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



A WFP food distribution in Kabul, part of efforts that supported over 482,100 people in May. ©WFP/Danijela Milic

RESOURCE OVERVIEW

WFP Afghanistan is **10 percent** funded for the June to December 2025 period, with a net funding requirement of **US\$650million**.

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