



WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

10 November 2021

In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population -- will face acute food insecurity from November 2021¹

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 is ramping up its humanitarian support as we enter 2022 to meet the food and nutrition needs of almost 24 million people. To meet the task at hand, WFP estimates it could require US\$ 220 million per month.
- WFP has assisted 12.4 million people so far in 2021, which is already over 3 million more than in all of 2020. This includes 5.5 million people in October.²

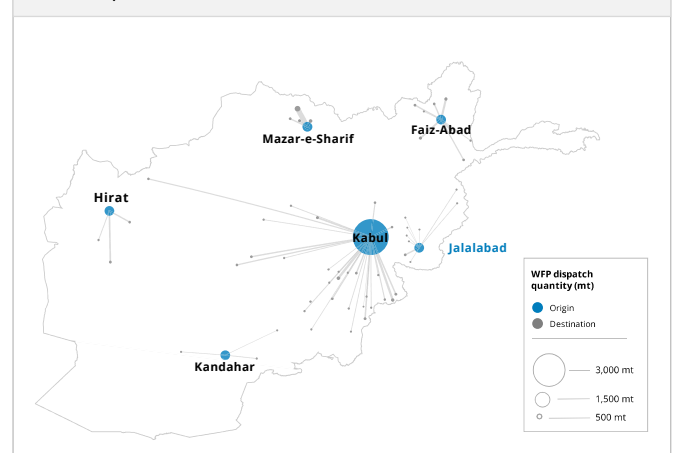
Situation Update

- **More than half of the population** will be facing crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of acute food insecurity through the November 2021 to March 2022 lean season, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [report](#).
- **This is the highest number of acutely food insecure people** ever recorded in the ten years in which IPC analyses have been conducted in Afghanistan. Afghanistan has one of the highest levels of acute food insecurity worldwide.
- **The situation for children is especially alarming**, with half of all children under five (3.2 million) expected to suffer from acute malnutrition. 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.
- **The report's findings come as Afghanistan's harsh winter looms**, threatening to cut off areas of the country where families desperately depend on humanitarian assistance to survive the freezing winter months.
- **Poor families' food stocks are expected to run out**, and millions will be forced to choose between migration and starvation unless urgent action is taken.

WFP Response

- WFP is accelerating its scale-up to meet increasing needs, reaching 12.4 million beneficiaries so far this year. This is over 3 million more than in all of 2020.
- This includes 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. Beneficiary numbers are as of 10 November, and are subject to change.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted 11.4 million beneficiaries with unconditional resource transfers in 2021, including 5.0 million in October.
- **School feeding:** In 2021, WFP has so far reached 230,184 school children through its school feeding programme and plans to scale up to reach 1 million children from 2022. On 1 November, WFP 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 so far assisted 436,765 pregnant and lactating women and 895,200 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 are adding 100 new mobile health and nutrition teams to extend reach and continuity of services, bringing the total to over 200.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 601,034 internally displaced persons (IDP). In October, WFP assisted 73,472 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 235,739 beneficiaries.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In the past week, WFP distributed 9,627 mt of food stocks to 94 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 336 flights, transporting 2,161 passengers, since flights resumed on 28 August for humanitarian workers and essential cargo.

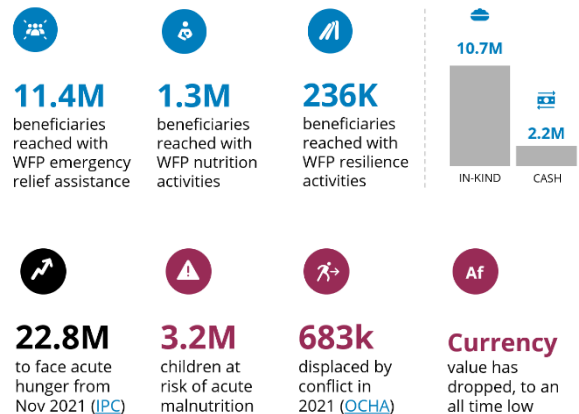
- Last week, the first UNHAS flights to and from Dushanbe, Tajikistan took place. This is in addition to flights connecting Kabul, Islamabad, Kandahar, Herat, Mazar, Kunduz, Bamyan, Faizabad, Maymana, and Jalalabad.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

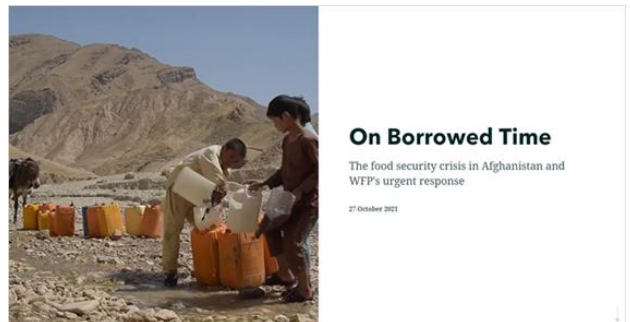
- WFP appealed for US\$ 200 million for food and US\$ 30 million for UNHAS by the end of 2021; it has now received US\$ 191 million.
- It has borrowed internally to expedite food deliveries and urgently requests that all pledges be confirmed to meet mounting needs.
- To meet increasing needs in 2022, 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](#))

WFP has reached **12.4M** beneficiaries throughout 2021



'On Borrowed Time' - A Story Map (27 October)



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