

WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

April 2025

WFP food rations being delivered in Kabul. WFP is committed to ensure safe and dignified assistance at all distribution sites across the country. ©WFP/Danijela Milic

Highlights

- In anticipation of the expected drought in the north and northeast regions of Afghanistan in the upcoming months, WFP and partners are mobilizing to deliver cash and other assistance. These efforts will support food security, agriculture, livestock, water, sanitation, hygiene, nutrition, and protection, ensuring a coordinated and timely response under the Anticipatory Action framework.
- Despite malnutrition rates being at an all-time high, WFP will be forced to (1) reduce its malnutrition treatment programme by 60 percent this year, leaving 1.2 million children and half a million women untreated; (2) suspend all malnutrition prevention programmes in peak periods of vulnerability.
- To meet immediate increased needs for the returnee response, WFP has reallocated resources initially programmed for other activities, resulting in the postponement of the hotspot response by at least one month.

In Numbers



7.8 million people reached with WFP food and cash assistance in April



US\$21.7 million distributed to 2.8 million people through cash-based transfers



3.5 million children aged 6 to 59 months, are suffering or projected to suffer from acute malnutrition between June 2024 and May 2025

WFP is currently assisting the bare minimum number of people for whom food aid is often the only and last lifeline. The households WFP assists face multiple compounding vulnerabilities caused by decades of conflict, several years of drought, and economic collapse in 2021.

- **Returnee Response:** In April, more than 110,130 returnees entered Afghanistan, 86,200 from Pakistan and 23,930 from Iran. While a slight decrease in crossings has been observed over the past week, the overall influx remains significantly higher compared to March. WFP distributed over US\$1.2 million in assistance and 67.3 mt of fortified biscuits. Thanks to contributions from donors, WFP has sufficient resources to continue distributions into May.
- Tom Fletcher, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, has launched [The Border Consortium Integrated Appeal for Afghan Returnees from Pakistan](#). Led by UN agencies and key partners (WFP, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, and NGOs), the response provides immediate aid at border crossings, including food, healthcare, protection, and transportation, and longer-term support (shelter, WASH, and livelihoods).
- The appeal aims to assist 600,000 to 1.5 million returnees in 2025, depending on the scale of returns.
- WFP hosted a one-day Anticipatory Action (AA) workshop in Mazar to prepare for the upcoming drought response, with attendance from UN Women, cooperating partners, and third-party monitors. The training covered the OCHA AA framework,

SITUATION UPDATE

- **Funding shortfall:** As a result of the funding shortfall, WFP will be unable to scale up winter assistance for 6 million beneficiaries as originally planned. WFP will have to rely on its famine prevention approach, assisting up to 1 million beneficiaries per month through the hotspot response modality for the remainder of the year. This adjustment comes even though in excess of 12 million people are currently in crisis (IPC Phase 3) and above (IPC Phase 4).
- **Malnutrition and Food insecurity:** Following peak hunger levels in 2021 and 2022 and a massive scale up of life-saving assistance, Afghanistan has seen slight improvements in food security and nutrition.

implementation timeline, targeting and verification exercises, and the differences between the AA and hotspot responses.

WFP OPERATIONS

WFP assisted **7.8 million** people across its operations with **33,325 mt** of food and **US\$21.7 million** in cash-based transfers.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- WFP reached **6.1 million** vulnerable people with **26,420 mt** of food and **US\$19.6 million** cash under its general food assistance.
- Additionally, under the contingency response, WFP distributed 31.8 mt of food, including 0.3 mt of fortified biscuits, to 217 households (1,520 people) affected by floods, heavy rainfall, snowfall, and conflict-related incidents.

NUTRITION

- WFP provided **3,150 mt** specialized nutritious food (SNF) to **1.6 million** children aged 6-59 months facing moderate acute malnutrition and acutely malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- For the prevention of acute malnutrition, WFP provided **3,240 mt** of SNF to **616,900** children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- For stunting prevention, WFP provided **38 mt** of SNF to **17,850** children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

SCHOOL FEEDING

- School feeding operations are ongoing in eight out of the ten targeted provinces for 2025, with **540,600** schoolchildren reached with **435 mt** Bread+, samosas and fortified biscuits.

RESILIENCE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- WFP's **livelihoods initiatives** continue to support resilience-building across Afghanistan, reaching **18,400 people** with **US\$234,130**. 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

- Under the World Bank-funded maternal and child benefit programme, **17,313** pregnant women and mothers of children under the age of 5 years received

social and behaviour change communication on nutrition, health, and immunization and of **US\$1 million** in cash assistance.

SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS

- WFP dispatched **32,540 mt** of food, reaching 99 percent of its target for the month. Meanwhile, 41,040 mt of food was available at WFP warehouses in the country (including from the Global Commodity Management Facility), and 22,460 mt of food was in transit or in WFP warehouses outside the country.

UN HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE (UNHAS)

- UNHAS operated **201 flights**, serving **962 passengers** from **61 humanitarian organizations** across **16 destinations** (15 domestic and 1 international) and transporting 2.3 mt of cargo, including medical equipment, medicines, vaccines, and other operational supplies.
- UNHAS operations to and from Tarinkot (Uruzgan Province) have resumed after more than a month of suspension, after resolving clearance issues.

WORKING GROUPS COORDINATION

- **Nutrition Cluster:** WFP and UNICEF, in coordination with the Nutrition Cluster, are planning a phased transition to the new WHO guidelines for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) management starting July 2025. Under the proposed approach, UNICEF will focus on high-risk cases, while WFP will continue supporting early MAM treatment, adapting the response based on funding.
- **Logistics Working Group (LWG):** As part of the LWG 2025 workplan, a joint visit was conducted on 29 April to the UN FAO Kabul warehouse to enhance partner coordination and address supply chain challenges amid current funding constraints. The visit focused on knowledge sharing around warehouse planning, inventory management, and logistics, while identifying opportunities for operational improvements.
- **Food Security Cluster (FSAC):** The Cluster supported operational coordination across 11 provinces under the AHF Reserve Allocation, engaging 12 partners to deliver food assistance through cash and in-kind modalities. The IPC Acute Food Insecurity (AFI) analysis for the lean season was finalized to inform response planning, with results expected to be released in mid-May 2025.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME	ACTIVITY	7,830,926	33,325	23,042,003
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: Nutrition-sensitive Food Assistance	6,188,980	26,421	19,662,657
	ACTIVITY 9: Malnutrition Supplementation	2,231,426	6,434	-
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 2: Transformative Livelihood Support	212,548	-	234,127
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 4: School Feeding	540,566	435	1,833,871
	ACTIVITY 10: Transitional Safety Nets	17,313	-	1,055,767

Below are the links to the latest **UNHAS Flash Appeal**, **2024 Annual Country Report**, and **Weekly Market Report**, providing key updates on humanitarian needs, WFP's progress and achievements, and market trends in Afghanistan.



Urgent Funding Request for the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

AFGHANISTAN

Funding shortfalls threaten humanitarian access in Afghanistan

US\$ 10.5 million 2025 Funding Shortfall

WFP UNHAS Flash Appeal 2025



WFP Afghanistan Annual Country Report 2024



Weekly Market Report

Issue 246: Week 1 – May 2025

Highlights

Food Items: During the 1st week of May 2025, food prices remained relatively stable, with most staple food prices showing a downward trend. The Afghan strengthened by 1.1% against the US dollar, supporting lower import driven prices. Weekly declines were notable for pulses (-2.0%), sugar (-1.3%), cooking oil (-1.0%), and rice (-1.2% for high price, -1.4% for low price). On a year-on-year basis, prices of cooking oil and salt increased significantly by 21% and 20%, respectively, while declines were observed for sugar (-18%), Inland (-9%) and wheat grain (-4%). Despite exchange rate fluctuations since January, market stability has been maintained, although food prices remain elevated compared to pre-Covid and June 2021 levels—excluding wheat grain, wheat flour and cooking oil (only compared to June 2021), which have continued to decline.

Food Basket: The national average WFP in-kind food basket price continues to reflect a stable trend, with minimal week-on-week changes and a minor 0.2% year-on-year decrease. However, it remains 8% above pre-COVID levels. The FSAC food basket, revised to 5,800 AFN in May 2024, shows a 5.9% decline from the revised transfer value.

Vegetable Items: Vegetable prices showed mixed movements: Tomato prices rose by 2.9%, while Potato and Onion declined by 1.4% and 6.0%, respectively. Compared to last year, prices of Tomato and Potato are down by 8% and 6%, respectively. Meanwhile, Onion prices are up by 18%. Prices of these vegetables varies across provinces and as of May 2025, Tomato prices ranged from 18-40 AFN/kg, Peas from 18-40 AFN/kg, and Onion from 19-40 AFN/kg.

Labour Market and NFIs: The national average labour availability for casual workers stood at 2.3 days per week, with the unskilled labour wage averaging AFN 313 per day during the first week of May, remaining nearly unchanged from the previous week. However, labour availability remains significantly lower than pre-COVID and June 2021 levels, highlighting persistent gaps in work opportunities. Prices of key agricultural inputs, including fertilizers (DAP and Urea) and improved seeds, remained largely stable this week. Meanwhile, year-on-year changes indicate a slight decline in the prices of DAP, Urea, and improved seeds.

Global: The national average diesel price stood at 37.8 AFN per litre during the first week of May 2025, reflecting a slight decrease of 0.4% from the previous week and 5% compared to the same period last year. On the global market, the average diesel price declined to \$1.18 per litre, down from \$1.15 last week.

Afghanistan: Countrywide Weekly Market Report: Issue 246: Week 1 – May 2025

RESOURCE OVERVIEW

WFP Afghanistan is **12 percent** funded for the May to October 2025 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of **US\$483 million**.

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