

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

19 January 2022



Rubble from buildings affected by the earthquake in Badghis province

In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population – are projected to be acutely food insecure in 2022,¹ including 8.7 million at risk of famine-like conditions

4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022

All 34 provinces are facing crisis or emergency levels of acute food insecurity

Highlights

- WFP has reached 2.2 million people with food and nutrition support so far this year. WFP plans to reach 12 million people with food and nutrition support in January and aims to reach more than 23 million people in 2022.²
- WFP is expanding commodity vouchers into three additional provinces to help sustain the local economy.
- A 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck in Badghis Province on 17 January 2022. WFP is dispatching food immediately, and has deployed teams to further assess the situation.

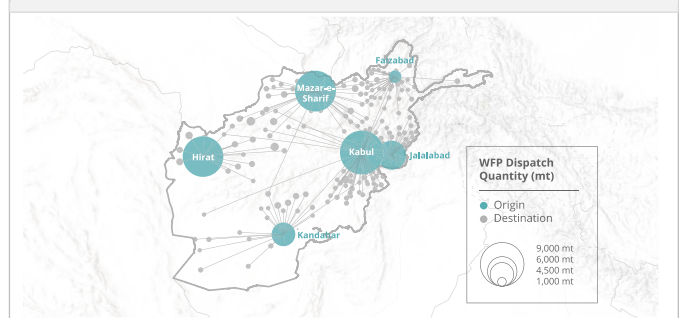
Situation Update

- **A 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck in Badghis Province on 17 January 2022.** Initial reports indicate that 26 people have been killed, including four children, and hundreds of houses have been damaged or destroyed. Preliminary [reports](#) indicate that food, shelter, and non-food items, and heating materials are most urgently needed.
- **The joint [Humanitarian Response Plan](#) was launched on 11 January, highlighting 24.4 million people in need** and requesting US\$ 4.44 billion. This is the largest ever single-country humanitarian appeal, and is reflective of Afghanistan's dire humanitarian circumstances.
- **In the past month, 57 percent of families have taken drastic measures to feed their families;** this is an increase from the previous month, and a five-fold increase from before 15 August. The past month also saw a slight increase in the proportion of people who reported not having enough to eat in the last two weeks. (WFP's latest [survey](#)).
- **More than half of the population face crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of food insecurity,** according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [report](#). This is the highest number of acutely food insecure people ever recorded in Afghanistan and is among the highest levels of acute food insecurity globally.

WFP Response

- **WFP responded to the earthquake in Badghis by dispatching 12 mt of food** on 20 December for affected populations, with further assistance planned. WFP is conducting needs assessments and stands ready to meet identified needs.
- **WFP has reached 2.2 million people with food and nutrition assistance in 2022 so far.**³ WFP plans to reach 12 million people with food and nutrition support in January, scaling up to assist more than 23 million people throughout the year. As the economic crisis worsens, WFP is adapting and expanding cash-based transfers, particularly in urban areas, to help sustain the local economy and keep markets functional.
- WFP's staff and partners deliver food and nutrition assistance to all 34 provinces to meet humanitarian needs, support women and girls, prevent and treat malnutrition, encourage school attendance, and boost community resilience.

WFP dispatches in 2022 so far



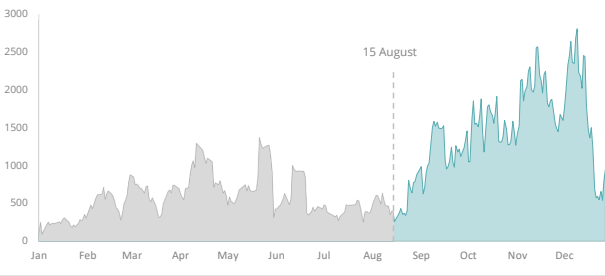
1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections

2. Planning figures for 2022 are being revised due to an ongoing planning exercise; they are subject to change and pending approval

3. Actual beneficiary and mt numbers are as of 12 January, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments

WFP scaled up in the last months of 2021

(WFP dispatches, mt daily – seven day rolling average)



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has reached 2 million people with unconditional resource transfers in 2022. After launching commodity vouchers in Kabul in December 2021, WFP is expanding these into Balkh, Herat and Ghor provinces, to enable more than a million beneficiaries to purchase food from local markets. These will further promote local market functionality, along with existing cash distributions and value vouchers. In January, WFP plans to reach 3.7 million people with cash-vouchers, scaling up to 6 million each month from March to May.
- **School feeding:** WFP has reached around 30,000 children under its school feeding activities so far in 2022,⁴ even though schools in 28 of 34 provinces are closed for the winter. It plans to reach a million children throughout the year. WFP and UNICEF are scaling up support to community-based education classes. Since August 2021, WFP has already scaled up from 108 to 579 classes, and plans to reach 2,100 classes by April 2022, increasing coverage to students in hard-to-reach areas.
- **Nutrition:** WFP has reached 38,000 pregnant and lactating women and 97,000 children in 2022 so far with prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition activities.⁴ Throughout the year, WFP plans to reach 6.4 million children and pregnant and lactating women with these activities. WFP has also scaled up its support for mobile health and nutrition teams, from 72 in August 2021, to 158 by the start of 2022. These MHNTs reach remote areas of 24 provinces, providing treatment for moderate acute malnutrition.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** WFP has reached around 10,000 people with asset creation and

livelihoods activities so far in 2022, and plans to support over a million beneficiaries throughout the year.⁴ WFP started several new vocational skills training activities across 12 provinces in December 2021 and January 2022. WFP is also continuing its food assistance for assets programme across 13 provinces, with several new activities starting in December 2021.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In the last week (9-15 January), WFP dispatched 15,565 mt of food to cooperating partners for further distribution in 112 destinations across the country.
- With 170 trucks currently operational, WFP is increasing its fleet of trucks and trailers in the coming months to increase deliveries.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 100 flights in 2022 so far, transporting 718 passengers and essential cargo.
- Deteriorating weather conditions have disrupted and cancelled flights, which is forecast to continue in the coming weeks.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 18 destinations, including airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- To meet increasing needs in 2022, WFP requires US\$ 220 million per month.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

WFP's 2022 Scale-Up Factsheet January 2022



4. These cumulative statistics correct the cumulative figures stated in the first version of the previous [situation report on 12 January 2022](#).