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WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

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In Numbers

18.9 million people – nearly half of the population – are estimated to be acutely food insecure between June and November 2022

4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022; 3.9 million children are acutely malnourished

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

Highlights

- In September, WFP assisted more than **10 million** people in Afghanistan with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihoods support.
- In October, WFP begins scaling up its emergency response efforts for the 2022/23 winter lean season. Between October and December 2022, WFP plans to reach 15 million people per month with lifesaving food and nutrition support.
- WFP requires **US\$ 1.14 billion** to sustain operations over the next six months (October 2022 – March 2023).

Situation Update

- **An estimated 18.9 million people in Afghanistan are acutely food-insecure (IPC 3+)**, according to the [May 2022 IPC Analysis](#), including 6 million in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency), and 13 million in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis). Continued humanitarian assistance in the most remote and vulnerable provinces including Ghor is needed to prevent further deterioration to IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe) conditions, which affected some 20,000 people in Ghor between March and May 2022.
- **Afghanistan continues to face the highest prevalence of insufficient food consumption globally**, as some nine in ten households struggle to meet their food needs, according to [WFP's latest Food Security Update: Round Eleven \(July 2022\)](#). Household food expenditure share continued to increase, reaching 91 percent in July (up from 80 percent in January) while some six in ten households saw their incomes drop.
- **Nearly half of the population continues to employ crisis coping strategies** to meet their basic needs. Households hosting persons with disabilities remain disproportionately impacted, with **58 percent** relying on crisis coping strategies.
- **Households headed by women remain especially vulnerable**, as **96 percent** are facing insufficient food consumption amid restrictions on women and girls. They are twice as likely as men to sacrifice their own meals so that their families can eat.

WFP Response

- **In October, WFP has reached close to 1 million people in Afghanistan** so far, with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihood support. Distributions are ongoing with the plan to assist 15 million people.
- **In September, WFP assisted more than 10 million people**, reaching close to 90 percent of its monthly target. Approximately 76,000 mt of food and US\$ 27 million worth of cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed.
- **School Feeding activities resumed** in five of seven provinces, except Kandahar and Helmand, after a six-week suspension. Negotiations are ongoing for the resumption of activities in all areas by November.
- **A revised IPC Analysis for Afghanistan is in preparation**, with updated information on the food security situation for the current period as well as projections for the upcoming winter lean season. WFP plans to reach 15 million people per month between October and December 2022, while plans for January to March 2023 will be informed by results of the revised IPC.
- **To date, WFP has prepositioned 75,000 mt** of food commodities in remote areas of the country typically isolated during the winter months due to harsh weather conditions. A total 20 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been erected to store prepositioned commodities.

1. Based on a 100 percent ration size for an average household size of 7 people.
2. Actual beneficiary and mt numbers are as of 13 October and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** Thus far, in October, WFP has assisted more than **443,000** people with emergency food and nutrition support, including **335,500** people with in-kind food assistance, and **11,200** people with CBT. So far, a total **14,967 mt** of food and **US\$ 393,000** in CBT has been disbursed.
- **Nutrition:** In October, WFP has assisted **7,400** women and children with specialized nutritious foods for the prevention of malnutrition, while **98,300** women and children were treated for existing cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). WFP currently supports 2,205 health centres and 440 mobile health and nutrition teams across the country to ensure continued and equitable access to nutrition assistance in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In October, WFP has so far distributed nutritious school meals to **510,000** primary school students. Secondary schoolgirls receive cash incentives across 437 schools in four provinces (Balkh, Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pol, Zabul) where they are permitted to attend school.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** In October, WFP assisted **9,300** people through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) across Afghanistan to meet their basic food needs while building their resilience against recurrent shocks and stressors. Resilience and Food Systems interventions are ongoing in 27 provinces.
- **Earthquake support:** WFP will continue to support earthquake-affected households in Paktika and Khost provinces until the end of October, after which emergency response activities will conclude. To date, WFP has provided emergency food and nutrition support to **101,000** beneficiaries with 3,691 mt of mixed food commodities.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In October thus far, WFP dispatched over **33,920 mt** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan, reaching almost 36 percent of its 96,500 mt target for the month.

- WFP secured a new warehouse in Peshawar, Pakistan with a storage capacity of approximately 10,000 mt to support its operations in Afghanistan.
- WFP is providing warehouse storage and management services to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Afghanistan. Thus far, WFP has transported 27,000 mt of fertilizers to FAO implementing partners, while an additional 10,000 mt are stored in WFP warehouses.
- Following the signing of a Service Level Agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO), WFP will receive WHO's first shipment of medical supplies this month for onward storage in Kabul and Herat.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has operated **3,243** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **20,624** passengers (14,311 on domestic flights and 6,313 on international flights), including transportation of nine medevac patients and 44 mt of humanitarian light cargo (medical equipment, medicine vaccine and office supply).
- UNHAS currently operates flights to 26 destinations - 23 domestic destinations and three airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha. Helicopter landing sites were established in Giyan, Barmal, and Spera to facilitate regular UNHAS flights to earthquake-affected districts.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP faces a net funding shortfall of **US\$ 1.14 billion** to sustain operations over the next six months (October 2022 – March 2023).
- WFP requires **US\$ 172 million** to preposition **150,000 mt** of food commodities by November (of which US\$ 100 million are resourced), ahead of the 2023 winter season.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

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