



# WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

23 June 2022

## In Numbers

**18.9 million** people – nearly half of the population – are estimated to be acutely food insecure between June-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

- WFP has assisted **4.3 million** people thus far in June. WFP plans to reach **23 million** people in 2022.<sup>1</sup>
- On 22 June, a [5.9 magnitude earthquake](#) struck Paktika and Khost provinces, killing more than 1,000 people and destroying hundreds of homes. While vulnerability assessments take place, WFP is distributing High Energy Biscuits to affected populations and prepositioning mobile storage units. On 23 June, WFP deployed 170 MT of food for 2,600 households as an initial response.

## Situation Update

- **In addition to the deadly earthquake on 22 June, flash floods have destroyed homes and livelihoods in at least four provinces** following heavy rains on 21 June. WFP is awaiting the results of ongoing vulnerability assessments to determine if emergency response is needed.
- **A total of 18.9 million people in Afghanistan are currently 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 Ghor province is needed to deter IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe) conditions, which affected some 20,000 people between March and May.
- **In Afghanistan, 92 percent of the population faces insufficient food consumption**, while 57 percent of households resort to crisis-level coping strategies to get by, according to WFP's latest [Food Security Update: Round Nine](#) (May 2022).
- **Recurrent drought and erratic climatic shocks are expected to result in a below average harvest in Afghanistan.** This threatens to further compound the current food insecurity crisis. [FEWSNET](#) data shows that dry weather conditions have already resulted in reduced crop yields during the current harvest season, particularly in north and north-eastern rainfed regions.

## WFP Response

- **Thus far in June, WFP has reached 4.3 million people** in Afghanistan with food, nutrition, and livelihoods support. WFP is scaling down from plans to reach 18 million people each month, to 10 million people in each of the summer months between June and September, in line with the post-harvest season and limited resources.
- **Within hours of the 22 June earthquake a convoy of WFP trucks** had dispatched 170MT of high-energy biscuits for 2,600 households affected by the 22 June earthquake.
- **WFP has suspended operations in Balkhab district of Sar-e-Pul province** due to the imminent risk of armed conflict in the area. The suspension will impact nearly 2,700 households (18,900 people) during the month of June.
- **WFP has switched 30 percent of its cash-based transfer caseload to in-kind food assistance** between June and September, due to funding constraints for cash-based transfer programming.
- **WFP is working to bolster warehouse capacity across all six Area Offices** in preparation for the 2023 winter season. WFP requires USD 150 million to preposition 151,000 MT of food by November 2022 to feed 2.2 million people who are likely to be cut off during the winter (out of the 18 million planned to receive assistance during the harsh winter lean season) for five months.

1. Actual beneficiary and MT numbers are as of 21 June, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted **4 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support thus far in June. Of this total, more than **2.5 million** people received emergency food assistance in-kind, while **770,000** people were assisted via cash and value vouchers, and **574,000** people were assisted via commodity vouchers. Thus far in June, WFP has disbursed **USD 14.9 million** in cash-based assistance.
- **Nutrition:** In June, WFP has assisted **314,000** children (aged 6-59 months) and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with nutritious foods to prevent cases of acute malnutrition, while treating **247,000** malnourished children and women. WFP currently supports 1,700 health centres and 316 mobile health and nutrition teams across the country to ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In June, WFP has distributed High Energy Biscuits (HEB) to **65,000** primary school students, including **25,500** primary school girls who also received take-home rations of vegetable oil. A total of **47,000** student have received daily rations of Bread+ this month. WFP has supported 2,000 of the planned secondary school girls with cash-based transfer incentives across four of the eight provinces currently allowing secondary level girls to attend school. WFP plans to further scale up assistance to secondary schoolgirls in the remaining four provinces, where possible.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** Thus far in June, WFP has assisted **40,100** people through food assistance for assets (FFA) and **19,000** through vocational skills training (VST). This month, WFP will conclude three VST projects assisting 2,000 people across five provinces. Over the course of six months, participants were trained in carpet weaving, embroidery, tailoring, and mobile phone repairs, as well as numeracy, literacy, and micro-business development.



## Supply Chain and Logistics

- In June, WFP dispatched **51,406 MT** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan, fulfilling approximately 54 percent of its monthly implementation plan thus far.
- In May, WFP-supported local millers produced a total **9,179 MT** of fortified wheat flour, of which WFP procured 86 percent (7,887 MT) for humanitarian response. An additional **8,671 MT** of non-fortified wheat flour was produced, of which 771 MT was procured by WFP, while the remaining 7,900 MT was produced for commercial markets.
- WFP is working to further strengthen milling, storage, and transport capacity in Pakistan to streamline expected commodity deliveries during the summer months.
- **WFP is exploring options to support FAO, UNICEF, and WHO's** requests for logistics and distribution support of agricultural inputs, WASH, and health supplies.



## UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **1,715** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **11,445** passengers and **25 MT** of essential cargo.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 20 domestic destinations and two on demand, as well as three 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

- WFP faces a net funding shortfall of **USD 1.15 billion** to sustain operations over the next 6 months (July-December 2022).
- WFP requires USD 150 million to preposition 151,000 MT of food commodities by November, 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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