

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

28 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 reached 5 million people with food and nutrition support so far this year.² WFP plans to reach 23 million people with food and nutrition support in 2022.³
- Two earthquakes recently hit Badghis and Baghlan provinces. Assessments and emergency food distributions are ongoing.
- Harsh winter weather has delayed operations in some areas.
- The UN Transitional Engagement Framework was launched; it comprises the US\$ 4.4 billion Humanitarian Response Plan plus US\$ 3.6 billion to sustain essential services.

Situation Update

- **A 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck in Baghlan Province on 24 January 2022.** No casualties were reported; assessments are ongoing. This is the second 5.3 magnitude earthquake to strike Afghanistan within the span of one week.
- **Emergency response to the previous 5.3 magnitude earthquake in Badghis Province is ongoing.** The number of deaths rose to 27, while initial assessments identified 1,900 people in need of emergency food assistance.
- **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.
- **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. It is part of the US\$ 8 billion [One-UN Transitional Engagement Framework](#) coordinating the UN system's efforts to save lives, sustain essential services—such as health and education—and preserve essential community systems.

WFP Response

- **WFP delivered 21 MT of food to earthquake-affected households in Badghis** as of 26 January. Each assisted household will receive a month's food basket consisting of 100kg wheat flour, 9.1kg vegetable oil, 12.5kg pulses, 1kg salt, and 2.1kg high energy biscuits. WFP plans to assist 1,900 affected households this month.
- **WFP has reached 5 million people with food and nutrition assistance in 2022 so far.**³ WFP is 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 in Afghanistan** to meet humanitarian needs, support women and girls, prevent and treat malnutrition, encourage school attendance, and boost community resilience.
- **WFP complements life-saving food assistance with life-changing livelihoods training** to ensure that vulnerable communities are empowered to meet their food needs in the long-term. Since December, 425 women have received vocational skills training in areas such as tailoring, embroidery and food processing.

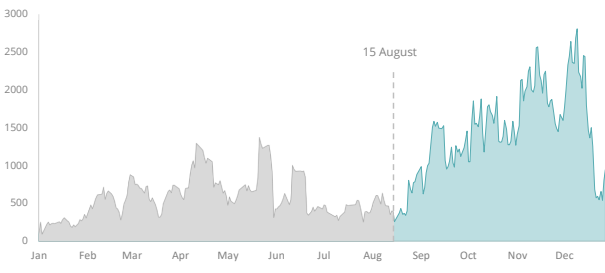
1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections

2. Actual beneficiary and mt numbers are as of 26 January, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments

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

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 reached 4.8 million people, including 2.2 million girls and women 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. WFP plans to reach 3.7 million people with cash-vouchers, scaling up to 6 million each month from March to May. In January, WFP distributed a total of 32,450 MT of in-kind food to 3.5 million people.
- **School feeding:** WFP has reached around 74,000 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:** Thus far in 2022, WFP has assisted 243,596 women and children currently suffering from acute malnutrition.⁴ WFP has also helped 145,263 children and pregnant or lactating women with specialised nutritious foods to avoid malnutrition. Throughout the year, WFP plans to reach 6.4 million children and pregnant and lactating women with these activities. WFP has more than doubled 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 reached 17,000 people with asset creation and livelihoods activities in 2022, and plans to support 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, where a diverse set of assets are being constructed to boost the resilience of communities against natural shocks, and to meet the immediate food needs of targeted communities.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- Between 16-22 January, WFP dispatched 22,132 MT of food to cooperating partners for distribution in 118 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 145 flights in 2022 so far, transporting 987 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

