



# WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

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Earthquake-affected households receive WFP food assistance in Spera. ©WFP Afghanistan

## 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 assisted roughly **8 million** people in June. While 18 million people require assistance, funding constraints have forced WFP to drastically reduce its caseload between June and September.
- WFP continues to provide emergency food assistance and inter-agency logistics support to Paktika and Khost provinces following the deadly earthquake on 22 June. WFP requires **USD 14 million** to assist 362,000 people in need for two months, as per the [Emergency Earthquake Response Plan](#).

## 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 Ghor province is needed to deter IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe) conditions, which affected some 20,000 people between March and May.
- **For nine months, more than 90 percent of Afghans have experienced insufficient food consumption**, according to WFP's latest [Food Security Update: Round Nine](#) (May 2022). Food insecurity among female-headed households is on the rise as nearly 100 percent experience insufficient food consumption, while the proportion of female-headed households reporting severe levels of food insecurity rose to 82 percent in May 2022 from 69 percent in April 2022.
- **Recurrent drought and erratic climatic shocks are expected to result in a below average harvest in Afghanistan, which threatens to further compound the food insecurity crisis.** [FEWSNET](#) data show 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

- **In June, WFP reached approximately 8 million people** in Afghanistan with food, nutrition, and livelihoods support. WFP continues to target 10 million people for assistance during the summer months between June and September in line with the post-harvest season and limited resources.
- **WFP has provided emergency food assistance to 6,000 earthquake-affected households** (42,000 people) in Paktika and Khost. While vulnerability assessments are ongoing, WFP has verified at least 10,500 households (73,500 people) in need of emergency food assistance, to date. More than 783 MT of food has been dispatched for the earthquake response.
- **WFP has assisted 523 households affected by flash floods across 5 provinces in Afghanistan.** WFP has identified a total of 750 households in need of emergency food assistance in Kunar, Laghman, Nangargar, Badakhshan, and Takhar.
- **WFP requires USD 170 million to strategically preposition 150,000 MT of food** ahead of the 2023 winter season in areas typically affected by road closures between November and March. Positioned food stock will ensure uninterrupted assistance for 2.2 million people in hard-to-reach areas for a period of five months.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Resource constraints have forced WFP to suspend programming for 8 million vulnerable Afghans in need of food assistance. Until additional funds are received, the food and nutrition security status of already vulnerable people risks further deterioration.
- **General Food Assistance:** In June, WFP assisted **7.7 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support. Of this total, approximately **5 million** people received emergency food assistance in-kind, while **1.2 million** people were assisted via cash and value vouchers, and **950,000** people were assisted via commodity vouchers. In June, WFP disbursed approximately **USD 18.6 million** in cash-based assistance.
- **Nutrition:** In June, WFP assisted **620,000** children (aged 6-59 months) and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with nutritious foods to prevent cases of acute malnutrition, while treating **513,000** malnourished children and women. WFP currently supports 1,700 health centres and 316 mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs) across the country to ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas. Currently, four MHNTs are providing nutrition support to earthquake-affected districts, while WFP and UNICEF plan to jointly dispatch an additional nine MHNTs in the coming weeks.
- **School feeding:** In June, WFP assisted approximately 200,000 students through school feeding activities, including the daily distribution of High Energy Biscuits (HEB), Bread+, and take-home rations of vegetable oil for primary school girls. WFP is assisting 20,000 secondary schoolgirls with monthly cash-based incentives across four provinces where they are permitted to attend school.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** In June, WFP assisted **140,000** people through food assistance for assets (FFA) and **24,000** through vocational skills training (VST). WFP VST activities are ongoing in 17 provinces, while FFA activities are ongoing in 22 provinces to enable vulnerable communities to meet their basic food needs while building resilience against recurrent shocks and stressors.



## Supply Chain and Logistics

- In June, WFP dispatched **62,211 MT** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan.
- WFP is leading the national logistics working group in providing coordination and logistics support to sustain inter-agency response efforts in earthquake-affected areas. WFP has helped establish common Humanitarian and Logistics Hubs in Giyan, Barmal, and Spera districts through the erection of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), as well as the provision of solar power and VSAT internet for humanitarian teams on the ground.
- Storage space for food arrivals remains a challenge across Afghanistan due to insufficient warehouse capacity. WFP is working to further expand its warehouse capacity ahead of prepositioning for the 2023 winter season.



## UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **1,941** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **12,636** passengers and **27 MT** of essential cargo.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 23 domestic destinations and two on-demand, as well as three airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha. UNHAS has added three routes to Giyan, Khost, and Sharana districts to support earthquake response efforts.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

## Resourcing Update

- WFP faces a net funding shortfall of **USD 1.06 billion** to sustain operations over the next 6 months (July-December 2022).
- WFP requires **USD 170 million** to preposition 150,000 MT of food commodities by November, ahead of the 2023 winter season and **USD 14 million** for the earthquake response.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

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