



# WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

30 August 2022

## 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 August, WFP has assisted more than **9.2 million people** in Afghanistan to date with food, nutrition, and livelihoods support, including earthquake- and flood-affected households. WFP needs **US\$1.1 billion** to sustain its operations over the next six months (September 2022 – March 2023).
- As winter approaches rapidly, WFP is currently prepositioning 150,000 mt of food for around 2.2 million vulnerable Afghan men, women and children in strategic, hard-to-reach locations to sustain distributions during the season. WFP now requires **US\$172 million** to procure necessary stocks.

## 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.
- **Afghanistan continues to face the highest prevalence of insufficient food consumption globally**, as 92 percent of households struggle to meet their food needs, according to WFP's latest [Food Security Update: Round Ten](#) (June 2022). For ten consecutive months, more than 90 percent of the population has experienced insufficient food consumption.
- **Household incomes continue to shrink** while household food expenditure share increases amidst rising inflation and a global surge in food prices. Female-headed households remain the most vulnerable, as 94 percent report decreased income.
- **More than half of the population continues to employ crisis-level coping strategies** to meet their basic needs. Households hosting persons with disabilities remain disproportionately impacted, with 63 percent employing crisis-level coping strategies.

## WFP Response

- **In August, WFP has assisted over 9.2 million people** with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihoods support. Distributions for August are ongoing, with plans to assist 10.4 million people.
- **From January to June 2022, WFP has reached a cumulative total of more than 21.4 million people** with over 609,000 mt of food and US\$167 million worth of cash-based transfers (CBT).<sup>2</sup>
- **Unrelenting floods** continued to hit several provinces across Afghanistan, causing widespread damage and loss of life and livelihoods. WFP continued to step up its relief efforts and joint assessments with other humanitarian partners, to meet immediate needs. By end August, WFP reached nearly **39,000 flood-affected people across 13 provinces** with emergency food response. Nevertheless, some distributions have been delayed due to adverse road conditions and limited access to flood-affected families.
- As part of its earthquake response, WFP delivered food assistance to **70,000 vulnerable individuals** across five districts in Khost and Paktika provinces. A total of 15 mobile storage units have been erected in Barmal, Giyan and Spera districts to date, while VSAT internet and solar power continue to be supplied to three common Humanitarian and Logistics Hubs.
- Ahead of the 2023 winter season, WFP is ramping up its much-needed prepositioning of food stocks

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 30 August and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments.

in 192 food distribution points in 110 districts across 20 provinces in Afghanistan, which are likely to be inaccessible during winter, to ensure uninterrupted assistance.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** Thus far in August, WFP has assisted **close to 9.1 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support. Of this, approximately **6.4 million** people received emergency in-kind food assistance, while around **1.4 million** people were assisted via cash and value vouchers, and **681,000** people were assisted via commodity vouchers. In August, WFP disbursed approximately US\$22 million in CBT.
- **Resumption of Value Vouchers:** In Kabul City, WFP reintroduced value voucher distribution through 21 new retailers. This modality will help beneficiaries to satisfy their emergency food needs while tracking their transactions, through the debit card provided to beneficiaries. Around 91,000 individuals (13,000 households) received and used their debit cards during August.
- **Nutrition:** Thus far in August, WFP has assisted over **1 million** children (aged 6-59 months) and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with specialized nutritious foods to prevent acute malnutrition, while treating close to **521,000** malnourished children and women. WFP currently supports 2,205 health centres and 440 mobile health and nutrition teams across the country to ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In August, WFP distributed 35 mt of high energy biscuits to **26,296** primary school students, including **11,199** girls who also received 91 mt of take-home rations of fortified vegetable oil.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** In August, WFP assisted **89,000** people through food assistance for assets and **15,750** through vocational skills training. Asset creation projects are ongoing in 12 provinces while 11 projects were completed in the provinces of Badghis, Ghor, Ghazni, Herat, Kabul, Khost, Kunar, Logar, Laghman, Nuristan and Nangarhar.



## Supply Chain and Logistics

- In August, WFP dispatched over **78,000 mt** of mixed food commodities across Afghanistan thus far, while around 61,000 mt of food stocks are available in WFP warehouses.
- As part of the winter prepositioning, WFP continues to assess potential physical access constraints, and map critical transportation infrastructure.
- WFP signed a service level agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to provide storage, warehouse management and transport services for around 50,000 mt of seeds and fertilizers in Herat, Kabul, Kandahar and Mazar.
- Dispatches from Pakistan have slightly slowed down following the devastating floods that hit the country. WFP continues to monitor closely the flood impact on supply chain corridors to avert any delays, as the situation remains fluid.



## UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **2,708** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **16,950** passengers and **37.3 mt** of essential cargo.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 23 domestic destinations and three airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe, and Doha. Helicopter landing sites are operational in Barmal, Giyan and Spera in Paktika 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\$1.1 billion** to sustain operations over the next six months (September 2022 – February 2023).
- WFP requires **US\$172 million** (of which US\$100 million has been resourced) to preposition **150,000 mt** of food commodities by November. Additional funds to complete the food procurements and prepositioning are urgently required, failure to do so will put thousands of families in remote and isolated districts at risk.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

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