



WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

February 2025

An elderly woman receiving WFP's emergency winter assistance in Bamyan, Afghanistan. ©WFP/Rana Deraz

Highlights

- In late February, heavy rainfall and floods affected several provinces, especially western and southern parts of the country, resulting in approximately 30 dead and wounded including women and children. Assessments are ongoing to determine the number of affected people in need of humanitarian assistance.
- The Torkham border crossing between Afghanistan and Pakistan has been closed since February 21 due to armed clashes. Thousands of trucks are stranded on both sides, including those carrying WFP food supplies and other commercial and humanitarian cargo.
- The Pakistani government has launched a new wave of arrests and deportations of Afghan migrants. This would impact an additional 800,000 undocumented Afghan migrants still residing in Pakistan. Nearly a million Afghans have returned since October 2023 when the Pakistan government began forced repatriations.

In Numbers



7 million people assisted in February



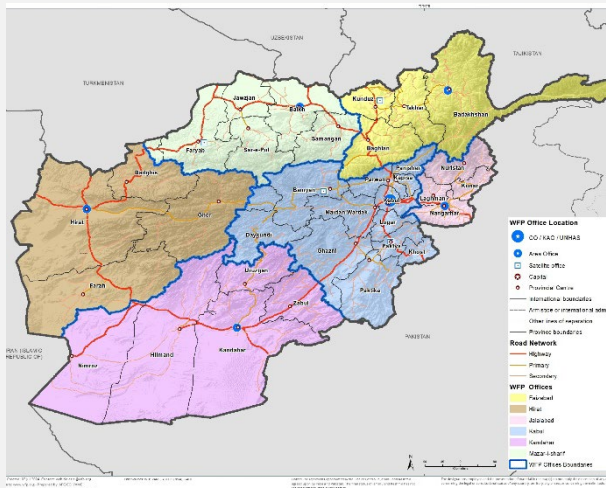
14.8 million people food-insecure (IPC Phase 3-4) from Nov 2024 to Mar 2025



20.9 million people require humanitarian assistance in 2025

US\$20.9 million distributed to 3.3 million people through cash-based transfers

WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



SITUATION UPDATE

- **Food insecurity:** The latest Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) Acute Food Insecurity assessment projects **14.8 million** people – nearly a third of the population – in Phase 3 (Crisis) or above (Emergency) are in urgent need of humanitarian food assistance from November 2024 to March 2025. Food insecurity has improved slightly compared to the same period in 2024, with one million fewer people categorized as acutely food insecure.
- With resources stretched, WFP is only able to reach approximately **6 million** people, **less than half of those in need**. Humanitarian food and agricultural assistance have so far prevented deeper hunger, but urgent support is required to sustain these gains and avert further deterioration.
- **Malnutrition rates:** **3.5 million children** under the age of 5 are estimated to be **malnourished** this year, **500,000 more than last year** - the sharpest surge in malnutrition ever recorded in Afghanistan. This increase comes on top of **1.2 million** pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls projected to be acutely malnourished.
- The deterioration of the nutrition situation correlates with severe cuts to WFP's general food assistance and the closure of nearly 350 mobile health teams and 450 health centres, leaving remote communities without critical nutrition support.
- Urgent action is needed to restore nutrition programmes and immunization campaigns, while long-term efforts must prioritize affordable diets for women, children and families.

WFP OPERATIONS

In February, WFP assisted **7 million** people across its operations in Afghanistan with **22,650 mt** of food and **US\$20.9 million** in cash-based transfers.



EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- In February, WFP reached **6.6 million** vulnerable people with **22,440 mt** of food and **US\$17.6 million** cash under its general food assistance. Half of them received cash-based transfers and commodity vouchers in areas where markets are operational, empowering them with the choice in meeting their food needs.
- In February, an average of 20 families were returning daily from Pakistan, and around 60 from Iran. The figure for individual returnees from Iran was much higher, with close to 2,000 returnees per day and still expected to rise. WFP assists returnee families with cash for food (AFN 5,900/~USD 80), and each individual returnee with 200g fortified biscuits.



NUTRITION

- WFP supplemented **2,060 mt** of specialized nutritious food (SNF) to **560,800** children aged 6-59 months facing moderate acute malnutrition and acutely malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- For the prevention of wasting, WFP provided **2,850 mt** of SNF to **1.6 million** children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women. For stunting prevention, WFP provided **22 mt** of SNF to **10,000** children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.



SCHOOL FEEDING

- School feeding operations are currently running normally in three warm climate areas, out of the ten targeted provinces for 2025. A total of **163,700** beneficiaries have been reached in February 2025, with Bread+, samosas and fortified biscuits.



RESILIENCE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- WFP's **livelihoods initiatives** continue to support resilience-building across Afghanistan, reaching **94,200 people** with **67 mt** of food and **US\$1.9 million** in February 2025. Through **food assistance for assets** and **food assistance for training**, WFP rehabilitated infrastructure, improved agricultural productivity, and provided vocational training, enabling communities to enhance food security and income generation.
- Under its smallholder agricultural market support activity, WFP supports agro-processing chains

through training and capacity strengthening, including the provision of seeds and equipment. This has increased production capacity and sales, boosted farmers' incomes, and aligned with local market demand.



MATERNAL AND CHILD BENEFIT PROGRAMME

- More than **143,400** people benefited from the World Bank-funded Maternal and Child Benefit Programme, where **20,490** pregnant women and mothers of children under the age of 5 received social and behaviour change communication on nutrition, health, and immunization and **US\$ 1,215,742** in cash assistance in February.



SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS

- In February, WFP dispatched **18,389 mt** of food, reaching 100 percent of its target for the month; **49,250 mt** of food was available at WFP warehouses in the country (including from the Global Commodity Management Facility), while **21,560 mt** of food was in transit or in WFP warehouses outside the country.
- Due to armed conflict, the Torkham crossing has been closed for both vehicles and pedestrian movement since February 21. This has affected 47 trucks carrying 1,200 mt of SNF products for WFP stuck both at the border and at Peshawar.
- In February, the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provincial government waived the 2 percent cess/tax for WFP shipments transiting via Torkham border crossing. Subject to the border re-opening, this will allow dispatches to resume from the WFP Peshawar hub by mid-March.



UN HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE (UNHAS)

- In February, UNHAS has operated **202 flights**, serving **1,236 passengers** from **61 humanitarian organizations** across **18 destinations**, and transporting 2.9 mt of light humanitarian cargo.
- UNHAS flights to Islamabad have been suspended since December 2024 due to unresolved aviation charges. WFP has been actively engaging with the Pakistani authorities to reinstate flight clearances.

		PEOPLE ASSISTED*	FOOD DISTRIBUTED (MT)	CASH DISBURSED (USD)
STRATEGIC OUTCOME	ACTIVITY	7,051,346	22,648	\$20,947,968
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: Nutrition-sensitive Food Assistance	6,078,149	17,535	\$17,535
	ACTIVITY 9: Malnutrition Supplementation	2,137,445	4,907	-
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 2: Transformative Livelihood Support	94,185	114	\$1,945,348
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 4: School Feeding	163,677	193	-
	ACTIVITY 10: Transitional Safety Nets	143,423	-	\$1,215,742

* Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.



RESOURCE OVERVIEW

WFP Afghanistan is **5 percent** funded for the March–August 2025 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of **US\$556 million**.

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