

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

17 November 2021

In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population -- will face acute food insecurity from November 2021¹ including 8.7 million at risk of famine-like conditions

3.2 million children and 700,000 pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition

All 34 provinces are facing crisis or emergency levels of acute food insecurity.

Highlights

- WFP aims to meet the food and nutrition needs of more than 23 million people in 2022.² To meet the task at hand, WFP estimates it would require US\$ 220 million per month.
- WFP has assisted 13.7 million people so far in 2021, which is already over 4 million more than in all of 2020. This includes 5.5 million people in October and 665,559 in the previous week.³

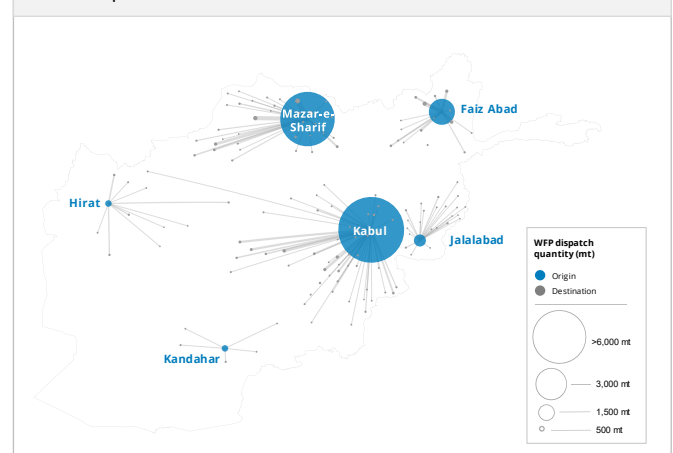
Situation Update

- **More than half of the population** face crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of acute food insecurity from November 2021 to March 2022, 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 worldwide.
- **The situation for children is especially alarming**, with half of all children under five (3.2 million) expected to suffer from acute malnutrition. Acute malnutrition is above emergency thresholds in 27 of 34 provinces and is rapidly worsening.
- **For the first time, urban residents are suffering from food insecurity at similar rates** to rural communities, marking the shifting face of hunger in the country. Rising fuel and food [prices](#) are further exacerbating the situation.
- **The first snows have been reported**, threatening to cut off areas of the country where families desperately depend on humanitarian assistance to survive the freezing winter months.
- **Poor families' food stocks are expected to run out**, and millions will be forced to choose between migration and starvation unless urgent action is taken.

WFP Response

- WFP is accelerating its efforts to assist more than 23 million people in 2022. WFP has supported 13.7 million beneficiaries so far this year—over 4 million more than in all of 2020.
- This includes 5.5 million in October and 4 million in September, which represents a substantial scale-up compared with the 1.3 million people reached in August.
- WFP's staff and partners delivered food and nutrition assistance to all 34 provinces to meet humanitarian needs, prevent and treat malnutrition, boost community resilience, encourage school attendance, and support women and girls.

WFP dispatches in November so far



1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections
 2. Planning figures for 2022 have been revised due to an ongoing planning exercise; they are subject to change and pending approval
 3. Actual beneficiary numbers are as of 17 November, and are subject to change



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has assisted 12.1 million beneficiaries with unconditional resource transfers in 2021, including 5.0 million in October.
- **School feeding:** In 2021, WFP has so far reached 230,184 primary and secondary school children through its school feeding programme and plans to scale up to reach 1 million from 2022. Since 1 November, WFP has resumed cash-based transfers under its Mazar Area Office to tens of thousands of adolescent girl students, which had been on hold for several months.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 457,282 pregnant and lactating women and 947,735 children under five with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities. WFP is treating moderate acute malnutrition by integrating with mobile health and nutrition teams in the most remote locations of the country. WFP is scaling up its support to reach hundreds of thousands more beneficiaries in the coming months.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** In 2021, WFP has assisted 607,285 internally displaced persons (IDP). In October, WFP assisted 73,472 people newly displaced by conflict.
- **COVID-19:** WFP has reached more than 900,000 people affected by the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in 2021.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** WFP's food assistance for assets and vocational skills training (VST) activities continue across the country; in 2021, WFP has reached 239,918 beneficiaries, and will also be scaling up its planned reach in 2022.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In the past week, WFP distributed 14,408 mt of food stocks to 108 locations.
- With 170 trucks currently operational, WFP will be increasing its fleet of trucks and trailers in the coming months to accommodate the scale-up in assistance.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 417 flights, transporting 2,461 passengers, since flights resumed on 28 August for humanitarian workers and essential cargo.
- UNHAS has added five destinations to its weekly schedule, and now reaches 18 provinces.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP appealed for US\$ 200 million for food and US\$ 30 million for UNHAS by the end of 2021; it has now received US\$ 196.4 million.
- It has borrowed internally to expedite food deliveries and urgently requests that all pledges be confirmed to meet mounting needs.
- To meet increasing needs in 2022, WFP estimates it could require US\$ 220 million per month.
- Food and UNHAS requirements were included in the [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#)

Key Figures *(View the [snapshot](#))*

13.7M beneficiaries reached throughout 2021



12.1M

beneficiaries reached with WFP emergency relief assistance



1.4M

beneficiaries reached with WFP nutrition activities



240K

beneficiaries reached with WFP resilience activities



11.5M

IN-KIND



2.2M

CASH



22.8M

to face acute hunger from Nov 2021 ([IPC](#))



3.2M

children at risk of acute malnutrition



683k

displaced by conflict in 2021 ([OCHA](#))



Currency

value has dropped, to an all time low

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