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.

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 people in October and 665,559 in the previous week.3

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.