



WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

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In Numbers

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Situation Update

- **Nearly 20 million people in Afghanistan are acutely food-insecure (IPC 3+)**, including more than 6 million people on the brink of famine-like-conditions in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency), according to preliminary projections for November 2022 to March 2023.² Afghanistan continues to face the highest prevalence of insufficient food consumption globally.
- **Female-headed households are disproportionately affected**, as **96 percent** are facing insufficient food consumption amid restrictions on women and girls. Female heads of household are twice as likely to sacrifice their meals so that their families can eat, compared to male-headed households.
- **Household debt has increased six-fold since 2019**, and by **44 percent** among urban households since 2021, as households struggle to meet their basic needs amidst economic crisis.
- **The current food crisis is perpetuated by concurrent climate crisis**, as 30 out of 34 provinces in Afghanistan report extremely low water quality. The proportion of households feeling the impact of drought in 2022 is **six times** greater than in 2020 as Afghanistan enters its third consecutive drought year.
- **More than 28.3 million people will require humanitarian assistance in 2023**, including 21.2 million in need of food and agriculture support, according to the [2023 Humanitarian Response Plan](#). Humanitarian partners plan to reach 23.7 million people with multi-sectoral assistance.

Highlights

- In November, WFP surpassed **1 million mt of food distributed** in 2022. WFP also disbursed more than **US\$286.5 million** worth of cash-based transfers.¹
- WFP has prepositioned **97,000 mt** of food ahead of the winter lean season. WFP plans to preposition 100,000 mt to feed 1.5 million people in hard-to-reach areas for a period of five months.
- **WFP urgently requires US\$1.46 billion** to sustain operations through May 2023, to avoid catastrophic levels of hunger. Distributions may be interrupted if additional funds are not received in coming weeks.

WFP Response

- **In November, WFP has so far assisted 11.3 million people in Afghanistan** with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihood support.
- **Between January and October 2022, WFP reached 22.6 million people**, cumulatively. To date, more than 1 million mt of food has been distributed in 2022, along with US\$286.5 million in cash-based transfers disbursed.
- **To date, WFP has prepositioned more than 97,000 mt of food** in hard-to-reach areas ahead of the winter season. WFP aims to preposition 100,000 mt to feed 1.5 million people for five months.
- **In November, WFP hosted Afghanistan's Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG)** and other dignitaries on a visit to the WFP warehouse in Termez, Uzbekistan. A multi-functioning logistics hub for humanitarian assistance is set to open in Uzbekistan, which will serve as a regional humanitarian hub for UN operations in Afghanistan.
- **WFP continues to support the World Health Organization (WHO)** in the delivery of its deworming campaign in conjunction with WFP School Feeding activities. To date, 7 million out of the 9.7 million targeted students have received deworming medication.
- **In November, the average price of basic food commodities decreased for the first time since March 2022.** A 32 percent increase in the price of WFP's basic food basket was recorded in August 2022, compared to August 2021.

1. Cumulative figures for cash-based transfers are based on unreconciled data and are subject to changes.

2. Based on September 2022 [Whole of Afghanistan Assessment](#). WFP awaits the official endorsement of the latest IPC Analysis.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** In November, WFP has so far assisted more than **10 million** people with emergency food and nutrition support, including **6.6 million** people with in-kind food assistance, **1.6 million** people with direct cash or value vouchers, and more than **1.5 million** people with commodity vouchers. In 2023, WFP aims to increase its use of cash-based transfer modalities in urban areas.
- **Nutrition:** In November, WFP provided specialized nutritious foods for the prevention of malnutrition to **570,180** pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children aged 6-59 months, as well as treatment services to 370,000 women and children suffering from existing cases of malnutrition. WFP supports more than 2,200 health centers and 421 mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs) across the country to ensure continued and equitable access to nutrition assistance in hard-to-reach areas.
- **School feeding:** In November, WFP provided nutritious mid-day snacks to more than **887,000** primary school students. WFP also provided cash incentives to more than **9,560** secondary school girls in four provinces (Balkh, Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pul, and Zabul) where they are permitted to attend school.
- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** In November, WFP assisted more than **255,600** people through food assistance for assets (FFA) programming and more than **24,000** people through food assistance for training (FFT) activities. WFP also provided technical capacity support to 1,575 women through Smallholder Agriculture Market Support (SAMS) and FFA projects in Badakhshan and Takhar provinces. WFP seeks to enable more women to engage with Afghanistan's dairy value chain, from dairy cow

keeping to the processing and marketing of dairy products.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- In November, WFP dispatched **65,820 mt** of mixed food commodities, representing 90 percent of its target.
- The first tranche of **30,000 mt** of Ukrainian wheat designated for Afghanistan has been milled in Türkiye. WFP expects 18,000 mt to arrive via Pakistan in mid-December.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted **4,014** flights in 2022 so far, transporting **29,093** passengers (18,358 on domestic and **7,735** on international flights), including transportation of 10 medevac patients and **54.5 mt** of humanitarian light cargo (medical equipment, medicine vaccine, and office supply).
- UNHAS currently operates flights to **27** destinations - 23 domestic destinations and four airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe, Dubai, and Doha.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- In 2023, WFP requires **US\$2.2 billion** to deliver emergency food, nutrition, and livelihood support to those in need.
- WFP is currently facing a net funding shortfall of **US\$1.46 billion** to sustain operations over the next six months (December 2022-May 2023).
- WFP's needs are reflected in the [2023 Humanitarian Response Plan](#), which requires **US\$4.62 billion** to meet the prioritised, multi-sectoral needs of 23.7 million people.

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