



World Food Programme

WFP Afghanistan Situation Report

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In Numbers

22.8 million people – half of the population – are projected to be acutely food insecure in 2022,¹ including 8.7 million at risk of famine-like conditions

4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022

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

Highlights

- WFP has reached 7.5 million people with food and nutrition support in 2022 to date. Due to the sharp spike in food insecurity, WFP plans to reach 23 million people in 2022.³
- WFP has assisted 1,350 earthquake-affected households in Badghis province after the 5.3 magnitude shook the area on 17 January.
- Harsh winter weather conditions continue to delay operations in some areas due to snow and subsequent road closures.

Situation Update

- **Afghanistan has been listed as a country of concern** in WFP/FAO's latest [Hunger Hotspots Report](#) for 2022, released on 26 January. The report highlights the need to urgently contain the humanitarian crisis before the 8.7 million people who are currently at emergency levels of food insecurity face famine-like conditions.
- **More than half of Afghanistan's population** face crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of food insecurity, 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 globally.
- **The One-UN Transitional Engagement Framework (TEF)** was launched in January to coordinate the provision of lifesaving assistance and the preservation of essential services in Afghanistan. USD 3.6 billion is needed for basic service provision in addition to the USD 4.4 billion needed to provide emergency assistance under the 2022 [Humanitarian Response Plan](#).
- **Harsh winter conditions, including freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall**, continue to impede the timely delivery of humanitarian assistance across the country.

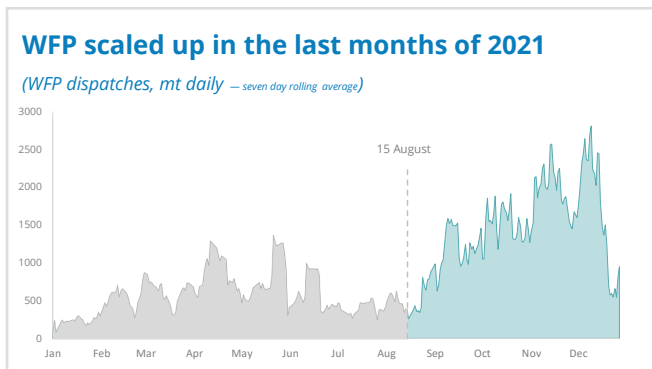
WFP Response

- **WFP has reached 7.5 million people with food and nutrition assistance in 2022 so far.**³ Distributions are ongoing for the month of January. Due to increased food needs, WFP plans to assist 15 million people in February, and more than 23 million people in 2022.
- **WFP has delivered 133.5 MT of food to 1,350 earthquake-affected households in Badghis**, as distributions continue in the aftermath of a 5.3 magnitude earthquake that shook the area on 17 January. Assisted households have received a full month's food basket consisting of 100kg wheat flour, 9.1kg vegetable oil, 12.5kg pulses, 1kg salt, and 2.1kg high energy biscuits. WFP plans to assist 2,821 households in need. A second earthquake shook Baghlan province on 24 January, but no damage was reported.
- **WFP assisted 15 million people in 2021**, including 7.7 million women and girls, and 7.3 million men and boys. Around 277,000 MT of food was distributed throughout the year in addition to USD 43.8 million in cash-based transfers.

1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), November 2021 to March 2022 Projections

2. Actual beneficiary and mt numbers are as of 2 February, and are subject to change and further overlap adjustments

3. Planning figures for 2022 are being revised due to an ongoing planning exercise; they are subject to change and pending approval



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **General Food Assistance:** WFP has reached 7.5 million people, including 3.2 million girls and women, with unconditional resource transfers in 2022. Of these, 5.1 million people have received food in-kind. To date, WFP has distributed 53,398 MT. WFP successfully scaled-up its use of commodity vouchers in three additional provinces in January to enable more than a million beneficiaries to purchase food from local markets.
- **School feeding:** Although schools remain closed in 28 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces for winter break, WFP has dispatched 297.49 MT of high energy biscuits and fortified vegetable oil to assist 135,265 primary school students. WFP is currently assisting 783 primary schools across the country in addition to 579 community-based education classes. By April 2022, WFP plans to further scale up assistance to reach 2,100 community-based education classes in order to increase coverage in hard-to-reach areas.
- **Nutrition:** In 2022, WFP has assisted 269,394 children aged 6-59 months with specialised nutritious foods to prevent acute malnutrition, while treating a further 323,090 women and children for existing cases of acute malnutrition. WFP supports 158 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) across 24 provinces in Afghanistan to treat cases of acute malnutrition. The number of active MHNTs have more than doubled since August 2021. This year, WFP plans to reach 6.4 million vulnerable women and children through nutrition activities.

- **Asset creation and livelihoods:** WFP has reached more than 17,000 people with asset creation and livelihoods activities so far in 2022, and plans to support over a million beneficiaries throughout the year.⁴ WFP started new vocational skills training activities in 12 provinces in December 2021 and January 2022. WFP is continuing food assistance for assets across 13 provinces, where a diverse set of assets are being constructed to effectively build the resilience of communities against natural shocks, and to meet the immediate food needs of targeted communities.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- Between 23-29 January, 23,135 MT of food was dispatched to 170 destinations across Afghanistan.
- WFP currently has 171 of its own trucks operating on the ground to deliver food assistance across the country, in addition to hundreds of trucks that have been commercially contracted. In the coming months, WFP's fleet will increase to 239 trucks.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS has conducted 261 flights in 2022 so far, transporting 1,503 passengers and essential cargo.
- UNHAS currently offers flights to 18 destinations, including airbridges that connect Kabul to Islamabad, Dushanbe and Doha.
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- To meet increasing needs in 2022, WFP requires US\$ 220 million per month.
- Food, nutrition and UNHAS requirements were included in the [Global Humanitarian Overview](#) and [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

