



WFP COMMON SERVICES BRIEF

COVID-19 RESPONSE

8 DECEMBER 2020



WFP staff prepare to load COVID-19 cold-chain items onto a passenger plane for transport to Herat City, Afghanistan

WFP URGENTLY REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL **US\$ 33 MILLION**:

- ✓ To maintain passenger services to locations where no viable options exist
- ✓ To move all of the remaining essential COVID-19 cargo accepted for transport
- ✓ To ensure critical cold chain capacity at the most strategic hubs for future response needs

ACHIEVEMENTS

118,000 m³ CARGO DISPATCHED
 of which **101,600** via Free-to-User services
 171 countries reached
 68 organizations served

26,100 PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED
 68 destinations reached
 415 organizations served

100 MEDEVACS PERFORMED
 under the COVID-19 Medical Evacuation System
 62 carried out by WFP and 38 by UNDOS

CURRENT OUTLOOK

WFP designed and built its COVID-19 Common Services to be flexible and driven by partner requirements. To honour this commitment WFP has accepted all final requests for cargo transport. In parallel, WFP is expanding its infrastructure at critical hubs to meet potential cold chain storage and transport needs for the next phase of the response and for any future health responses. WFP is also committed to continuing passenger flights where no other viable options exist, ensuring that both essential personnel and light cargo - including critical items such as vaccines - can continue to reach destinations for as long as they are needed by partners.

However, without an urgent injection of funds, **all services will end as of 15 January** and, against an operational backdrop of continued uncertainty, WFP will not be able to maintain its strategic capacity should it need to step up again.

US\$ 33M
 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

\$ 283M
 CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 33M
 GAP

\$ 316M