



Islamic Republic of Iran

Annual Country Report 2021
Highlights

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Overview

• Iran continued to be one of the countries hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2021.

• The operations focused on uninterrupted assistance to vulnerable refugees residing in settlements and disadvantaged local communities in the highly deprived provinces struck by drought and COVID-19.

• WFP successfully assisted around 30,600 refugees by providing three commodities (wheat flour, vegetable oil and lentils) and cash. Almost 3,000 refugee girl students received education incentives and school feeding items were provided to 7,700 schoolchildren and 579 teachers with the aim of improving their education and nutrition status.

• WFP also stepped up to assist newly arrived refugees who were forced to leave Afghanistan, following the collapse of the official government and the power seizure by the Taliban through prepositioning food items.



4,389 mt

Total actual food transferred in 2021



\$1.38M

Total actual cash transferred in 2021

\$5.3M

Needs Based Plan

\$8.1M

Available Resources

\$5.2M

Expenditure

Beneficiaries by Residence Status



30,524
Refugees



13,752
IDPs



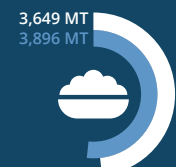
579
Residents

Beneficiaries by Programme Areas

■ Planned ■ Actual



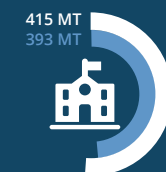
Cash Incentive for Girl Students



Unconditional Resource Transfer (Food)



Asset Creation and Livelihood



School Feeding



Unconditional Resource Transfer (Cash)

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Bi Bi Shah, Nazanin's mother



How WFP's School Feeding programme is helping Nazanin to achieve her dream

In the Afghan tradition, girls are more likely excluded from education. Poverty, early marriage, cultural and traditional views are amongst the factors driving educational inequality and hindering the prospects of girls. Despite the challenges faced by Afghan girls, some are determined to stay in education and obtain professional qualifications— girls like Nazanin, a young refugee student.

Nazanin is a shy 11-year-old student in primary school in Saveh settlement. She is very clear on her career aspirations. Nazanin wants to be a doctor when she grows up. "I don't want anyone to be sick and I want to help my fellow citizens, I want other girls to learn and get educated as well."

Nazanin lives with her mother and eight brothers in a tiny house in the settlement where they struggle financially since her father passed away years ago. Her mother is old and cannot work constantly, which is why WFP's assistance plays a major role in her family economy.

"When you are hungry you have neither energy to work or go to school, nor desire to learn." Says Bi Bi Shah, Nazanin's mother.

For Bi Bi Shah, a mother of nine, the school feeding programme is essential for the future of her children because the snacks provided to them are the only nutritious meal they may receive in the day. "I really appreciate this programme, because at least I'm sure my kids don't go to school on an empty stomach." School snacks mean a lot to many children living in settlements. Today, thousands of boys and girls are benefitting from WFP's school feeding programme which prevents them from being victims of child labour and losing out on their childhood.

As a result of the Education Incentive initiative, girls like Nazanin have become nurses, teachers and doctors and are serving their fellow citizens inside the settlements and in the host community.

Strategic Outcome Activity

Strategic Outcome 1 focuses on three main activities to improve the food security, livelihoods and education of 31,000 refugees living in 20 settlements, as well as around 13,752 Iranians affected by natural disasters. The related activities under this outcome were designed in direct alignment with WFP's core mandate of achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2; Zero Hunger:

- Unconditional food assistance to food insecure refugees
- Conditional support, especially to refugee women and girls, to incentivize and facilitate educational and livelihood activities
- Support to the Government for emergency preparedness and response, including the provision of emergency food assistance through cash-based or in-kind transfers to crisis-affected populations

Strategic Outcome 2 focuses on the provision of on-demand cash-based transfer services partners.

Strategic Outcome 01

Improving Food Security of refugees and other crisis-affected populations



31,000

refugees were reached through food distribution and cash assistance uninterrupted



WFP assisted 13,752 Iranians affected by natural disasters and COVID-19 pandemic



8,500

boys and girls and their teachers were reached through school feeding programme



3,000

girl students received education incentives uninterrupted



280 women and 100 men were reached by livelihood activities

Strategic Outcome 02 Partnership



One UN-to-UN agreement was signed with UNHCR to transfer winterization top-up to all beneficiaries

Achievements

- Improved gender equality and women's empowerment among WFP-assisted population.



- Affected populations are able to benefit from WFP programmes in a manner that ensures and promotes their safety, dignity and integrity. Affected populations are able to hold WFP and partners accountable for meeting their hunger needs in a manner that reflects their views and preferences.



- Targeted communities benefit from WFP programmes in a manner that does not harm the environment.

