



## Operational Context

Afghanistan remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises with 28.3 million people - two-thirds of the population - in need of humanitarian assistance. Decades of conflict, extreme climate shocks, and severe economic decline characterised by high unemployment, cash shortages, and rising food prices have plunged millions into poverty. According to the [2023 Humanitarian Response Plan](#), some 20 million people are acutely food insecure between November 2022 and March 2023, including more than 6 million people on the brink of famine-like conditions in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency). Further, the global food and fuel crisis makes it harder for already vulnerable households to meet their basic food needs.

In response to unprecedented levels of hunger and vulnerability, WFP has scaled-up humanitarian operations with the aim to reach 23 million people in 2022 with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihoods support. Present in Afghanistan since 1963, WFP's current Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023) has adapted to the new operating environment, providing lifesaving support to those who need it most, while continuing, where possible, to support long-term community resilience, gender, and education initiatives.



Population: **41.7 million**

2021 Human Development Index: **180 out of 191 countries**

Income Level: **Low income**

Chronic malnutrition: **54% of children between 6-59 months (WB)**

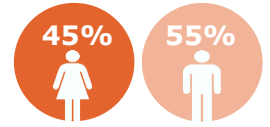
## In Numbers

**99,660 mt** of food distributed

**US\$29.8 million** in cash-based transfers made

**US\$1.46 billion** six months (December 2022-May 2023) net funding requirements

**12.4 million people** assisted



## Operational Updates

### General Food Assistance

- In November, WFP surpassed **1 million mt** of food distribution in 2022. WFP also disbursed more than US\$260 million worth of cash-based transfers.
- WFP reached **12.4 million people** with emergency food, nutrition, and livelihood support in November, including 16,940 internally displaced people, across all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.
- Cash-based transfers delivered via direct cash, vouchers, and mobile money, accounted for **28 percent** of assistance provided in November.

### Asset creation and livelihoods

- WFP assisted more than **390,000 people** through Food Assistance for Assets across 26 provinces to meet their basic food needs while building their resilience against recurrent shocks and stressors.
- WFP assisted more than **27,000 people** through Food Assistance for Training (FFT) activities, including more than 13,000 women. FFT activities are operational in 16 provinces.

### Nutrition Support

- WFP assisted more than **708,000 children** aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women with nutritious foods for the prevention of acute malnutrition, while providing malnutrition treatment to **625,000 women and children**.
- WFP currently supports more than 1,770 health centers and 427 mobile health and nutrition teams to ensure continued and equitable access in hard-to-reach areas.

### School feeding

- WFP distributed **758 mt** of Bread+ and **520 mt** of high energy biscuits to more than 558,000 primary students and 523 mt of fortified vegetable oil to 84,000 primary schoolgirls.
- Around 3,600 secondary-level girls received cash incentives in Balkh, Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pol, and Zabul provinces where they are permitted to attend school.
- School Feeding activities have resumed in all areas after successful negotiations with de facto authorities.

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**Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)**

CSP Requirements	Allocated Contributions	Six Month Net Funding Requirements
<b>USD 6.05 billion</b>	<b>USD 3.06 billion</b>	<b>USD 1.46 billion</b>

**Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food**

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Vulnerable people in Afghanistan are able to meet their food and nutrition needs during and immediately after emergencies through 2022

**Focus area:** *Crisis response*

**Activities:**

- Emergency food assistance
- Prevention and treatment of malnutrition of crisis-affected

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Vulnerable people in Afghanistan are increasingly able to meet their food and nutrition needs on their own by 2022

**Focus area:** *Resilience building*

**Activities:**

- Livelihood support
- Emergency preparedness capacity strengthening

**Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition**

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable people at each stage of the life cycle in target areas have improved nutrition by 2022

**Focus area:** *Resilience building*

**Activities:**

- School feeding

**Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems**

**Strategic Outcome 4:** People throughout the country can have access to a wide range of fortified nutritious food products at affordable prices by 2022.

**Focus area:** *Resilience Building*

**Activities:**

- Nutritional value chains

**Strategic Result 6: Policy coherence**

**Strategic Outcome 5:** National and subnational institutions have a strengthened policy approach to food security and nutrition by 2022

**Focus area:** *Resilience building*

**Activities:**

- Policy coherence support on food security and nutrition

**Strategic Result 8: Enhance global partnerships**

**Strategic Outcome 6:** The Humanitarian community has enhanced capacity to respond to needs throughout the country through 2022.

**Focus area:** *Crisis response*

**Activities:**

- Common service provision (SCOPE, Supply Chain, ICT)
- UN Humanitarian Air Service.

**2022 Donors**

Asian Development Bank, Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Private Donors, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, UN CERF, United Kingdom, United States of America

**Monitoring**

- In November, WFP registered its 100,000<sup>th</sup> case since the inception of Community Feedback Mechanism channels in 2018.
- Throughout the month, WFP registered 12,627 cases, of which 12,363 were received via WFP's toll-free hotline, 186 cases were received via email, and 92 cases were registered by Awaaz and referred to WFP.
- Results from WFP's latest [Afghanistan Food Security Update Round 13 \(Sep-Oct 2022\)](#) show that, on average, 90 percent of household income is spent on food, while 50 percent of households rely on crisis-level coping strategies to meet their basic food needs. Furthermore, 90 percent of households continue to face insufficient food consumption for the 12<sup>th</sup> month in a row. Female-headed households are disproportionately affected, with 84 percent experiencing insufficient food consumption, compared to 50 percent of male-headed households.

**Supply Chain**

- WFP dispatched **28,655 mt** of mixed food commodities to its cooperating partners, representing 41 percent of the monthly plan.
- WFP is contracting six additional transport companies to support operations in Hairatan.
- WFP successfully transported and erected 34 mobile storage units across the country to boost storage capacity for prepositioning efforts ahead of the winter season.

**Flour Fortification & Prepositioning**

- In November, WFP procured **26,284 mt** of locally produced wheat flour, valued at **US\$14 million**, for distribution across Afghanistan.
- The average price of wheat flour in local markets during November was reported at **US\$540/mt** with an average decrease of USD 10/mt compared to October due to increased wheat imports from Kazakhstan.
- As of end November, WFP prepositioned **86,500 mt** of food out of the planned **100,000 mt** in hard-to-reach areas head of the winter hunger season.

**Challenges/Funding Shortfalls**

- 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. In 2023, WFP requires **US\$2.2 billion** for the year.
- WFP continues to work closely with both national and provincial authorities to ensure that humanitarian activities continue without interference.