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.

In Numbers

- **99,660 mt** of food distributed
- **US$29.8 million** in cash-based transfers made
- **US$955 million** 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.

In Numbers

45% 55%

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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)

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Monitoring

- In November, WFP registered its 100,000th 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 12th 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 USD 14 million, for distribution across Afghanistan.
- The average price of wheat flour in local markets during November was reported at USD 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.

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