

A woman in Bamiyan, Afghanistan, benefiting from the WFP FFT programme. ©WFP/Afghanistan

WFP AFGHANISTAN

2023 Annual Country Report Overview

Despite enduring hunger and human rights crises, a positive narrative is emerging, with resourceful and talented Afghans reclaiming control over their lives. In 2023, WFP assisted 18.6 million people, including 9.3 million women and girls, providing life-saving food, nutrition and livelihood support totalling over 600,000 mt of food and USD 189 million in cash-based assistance.



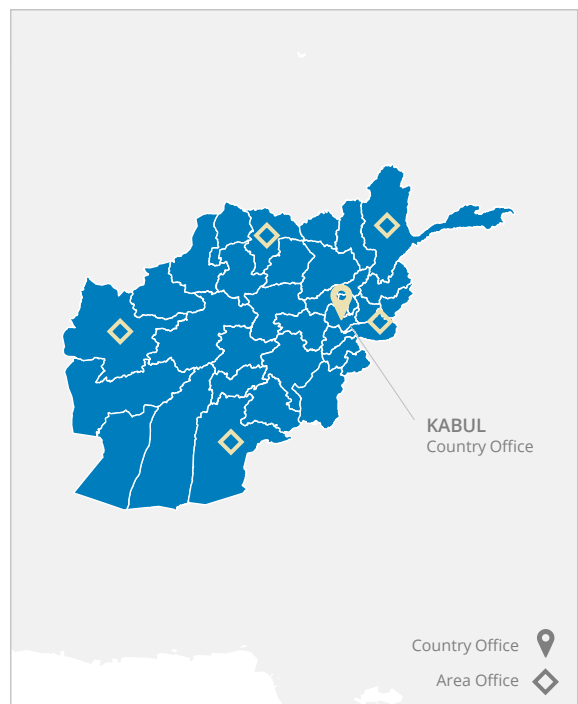
18.6m

beneficiaries reached in 2023



US\$415m

WFP operations' contribution to the local economy





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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Crisis Response

Reaching millions despite funding challenges

WFP supported 15.8 million people in Afghanistan during and post emergencies, including the October 2023 earthquakes and returnee response. We adapted to funding shortages by redefining targeting to only the most vulnerable and reducing rations to 50 percent for the most vulnerable. Amid challenges, the needs remain pressing.



15.8 million

people reached with emergency food or unconditional cash-based assistance



507,299 mt

of emergency food and nutrition commodities distributed to people in need.



US\$108.4 million

in emergency cash-based transfers disbursed to people in need



1.2 million

pregnant & breastfeeding women and girls supported with specialised nutritious food



1.5 million

children aged 6-59 months supported through the provision of specialized nutritious foods



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support over 8 million of the most vulnerable people in Afghanistan, enhancing operational effectiveness, targeting, and analysis, prioritizing the extended winter lean season. Additionally, WFP will also implement a more agile contingency plan to address escalating needs during crisis. Finally, WFP will pilot a safety nets programme to enhance nutrition for pregnant, breastfeeding women and children.





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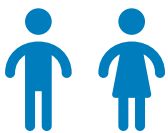
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School Feeding

Addressing education barriers in Afghanistan

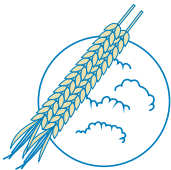
Against the backdrop of persistent educational gaps, including in infrastructure, and the formidable challenge of food insecurity in Afghanistan, which was compounded by the October earthquakes in Herat, WFP extended support to over 1.5 million children.

As an incentive for parents to ensure their children's continued attendance in school, WFP extended its support beyond on-site provision of high-energy biscuits. Specifically targeting girls in grades 4-6, WFP provided complementary take-home rations of vegetable oil and wheat soy flour, with the aiming of reducing dropout rates.



1.5 million

primary school students received daily nutritious snacks, including high energy biscuits



12,242 mt

of fortified food distributed



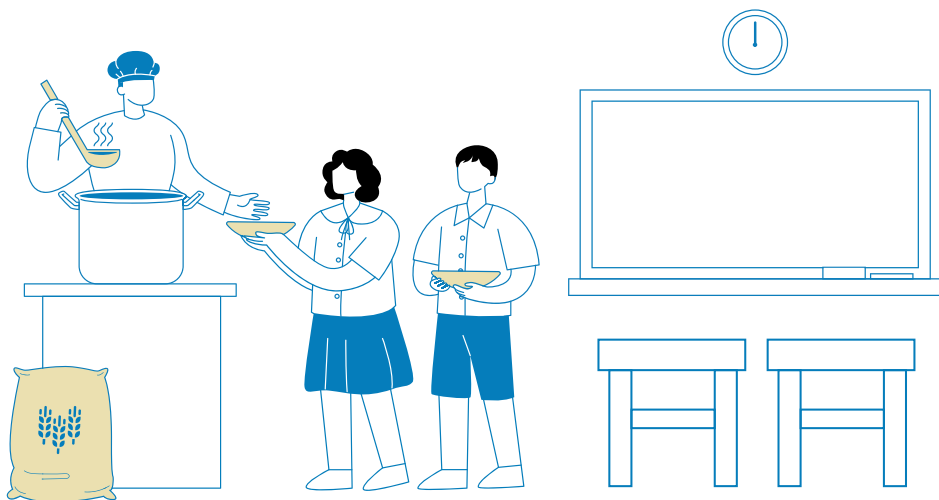
144,721

primary schoolgirls received complementary take-home rations

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support school feeding programmes that will benefit over 1 million school-aged children with in-school meals and Take-Home Rations (THR) across 8 provinces. In addition, WFP also aims to pilot two new modes including samosas and school vouchers, targeting 3,350 primary school children.





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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Resilience Building

Strengthening resilience

WFP and its partners enhance resilience in vulnerable communities by addressing food system root causes holistically. This approach aims to build capacities for individuals, households, and communities to absorb, adapt, transform, and anticipate shocks and stressors effectively.



US\$28.5 m

transferred to food insecure, vulnerable households



38,537 ha

of land rehabilitated through irrigation infrastructures

As part of the resilience and food systems (RFS) integrated approach, WFP implemented **smallholder agricultural market support** (SAMS) alongside asset creation schemes in the same communities. SAMS provided smallholder farmers with training and inputs to boost agricultural production, diversify crops, reduce post-harvest losses, and enhance value-added processing.



784,994

People received food or cash transfers through their participation in asset-creation schemes



54,705 people

received cash transfers through livelihood skill training, with a particular focus on women



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continue contributing to individuals, households, communities' resilience building efforts, reaching nearly 500,000 of the most vulnerable Afghans through climate resilient assets, vocational skills training and climate smart agriculture initiatives.

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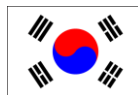
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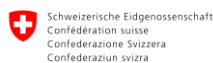
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