



AFGHANISTAN



COUNTRY BRIEF

APRIL 2026

IN NUMBERS



2.5 million people assisted in March 2026



51%
Male



49%
Female



7,300 mt food distributed



USD 7.2 M cash transferred



USD 299 M (Apr – Sep 2026) net funding requirements

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Humanitarian needs across Afghanistan remain extremely high. Combined effects of a collapsing economy, climate extremes, mass returns, deep cuts in aid, as well as conflict, are driving conditions toward further deterioration.
- Funding cuts mean that WFP's nutrition services can reach only one in four acutely malnourished children and one in three pregnant or breastfeeding women—leaving millions at risk.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Flash floods have affected multiple provinces across Afghanistan including Logar, Nangarhar, Laghman, Jawzjan, Samangan, Balkh, Takhar, Baghlan, Hirat, Badghis, Helmand, and Kandahar.

Rapid joint assessments are ongoing, with teams deployed to affected areas to evaluate needs and guide the response. Where assessments are complete, WFP is providing fortified biscuits and two-months of in-kind food or cash assistance.

The escalation of hostilities in Iran risks driving a surge of returnees towards Afghanistan's western border. Afghans, in a state of heightened hunger, now are reeling with conflict and instability.

WFP's contingency response for conflict impacted population is ongoing. During the reporting period WFP have assisted nearly 5,100 families with fortified biscuits and 2,300 families with cash-based assistance.

In conflict-affected border areas, Maternal Child Benefit Programme (MCBP and MCBP livelihoods activities have resumed in the affected districts, except in Kamdesh (Nuristan).

Resilience and Food Systems activities in conflict-affected border areas which had resumed earlier, have now been suspended in five districts across Khost, Paktika, Paktya and Nuristan.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food Assistance

In March, WFP assisted 1.9 million people through its General Food Assistance programme, delivering 65,00 mt of food and USD 6.3 million in cash assistance.

Since January 2026, WFP has assisted nearly 72,000 returnees from Iran and Pakistan with 65 mt of food— including fortified biscuits and other nutritious commodities— and provided USD 900,000 in cash-based support.

Pakistan border: The returnee response is ongoing at the Torkham border, which reopened on 31 March, and at Spin Boldak. The Bahramcha border, in Helmand province, remains closed to all types of movement, except for individual deportees.

Iran border: Cross-border movements are continuing at both Islam Qala and Zaranj.

Nutrition

Through the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP), WFP provided approximately 800 mt of Specialized Nutritious Food (SNF) to nearly 190,000 acutely malnourished children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Impacted by the border closure with Pakistan, WFP is facing total shortfalls in Specialized Nutritious Food (SNF), which is urgently needed to support the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) and Targeted Supplementary Feeding programme (TSFP). These programmes aim to prevent and treat acute malnutrition of children aged 6-59 months, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Due to funding cuts, WFP had to prioritize TSFP treatment cases over BSFP prevention activities and substituted Lipid-based Nutrient Supplements with the Wheat Soya Blend commodities.

For stunting prevention, WFP provided 25 mt of SNF to nearly 13,000 children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

School-Based Assistance

In March, WFP provided targeted food, including Bread+, samosas and fortified biscuits, to nearly 315,000 primary school children in Nangarhar, Jawzjan and Farah provinces.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

In March, WFP's livelihoods initiatives continued to create jobs and support resilience-building across Afghanistan, reaching more than 13,000 people and distributing more than USD 205,000 in cash transfers.

Supply Chain and Logistics

The closure of the Afghanistan–Pakistan border since 12 October 2025 has disrupted the delivery of nearly 8,800 mt of nutritious food, including Specialized Nutritious Food (SNF) and vegetable oil. As a contingency measure to reduce reliance on the southern corridor, WFP is exploring alternative routes. In the interim, approximately 400 mt of fortified biscuits stored at the UNHRD hub in Dubai have been dispatched and are currently en route to Afghanistan to help mitigate the supply gap.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

UNHAS operated a total of 98 flights to 11 destinations and facilitated the movement of nearly 400 passengers from 42 organizations, including the UN agencies, Non-Government Organization, diplomatic missions and donors.

WFP Afghanistan in the news and Social Media



A Journey for a Better Life That Led Back to Hunger at Home

After years in Iran chasing a better life, Saeed returned only to find himself back at zero - without income, without food, and struggling to feed his family

Saeed Azeez, 36, lives in Surkh Parsa, Parwan with his wife and four young children. Just a few months ago, he returned to Afghanistan from Iran, where he had lived without legal rights and worked as a daily wage laborer in a factory. His modest income was enough to feed the family, though never enough to save. Still, his family of six managed to eat a basic meal each day. Read the full story [here](#)



WFP's long-term support projects

WFP-supported centers in Afghanistan are building financial independence, food security and brighter futures for thousands of women. Watch the full video [here](#)

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India's food aid to war-torn Afghanistan is a powerful message

Today, Afghanistan stands at a crossroads, either slipping deeper into crisis or, with the support of meaningful partnerships, forging a path towards a more stable future. At this critical moment, India's solidarity is not merely symbolic, it is lifesaving.

WFP Country Director in Afghanistan John Aylieff's interview for the Indian Express.

Read the full story article [here](#)

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2027)



USD299 M

Six-months net funding requirement
(April 2026 – September 2026)

19%
resourced

Donors

European Union, Germany, Japan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom.

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