

AFGHANISTAN SPRING DISASTER CONTINGENCY PLAN

MARCH – JUNE 2021
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Summary of planned response to potential drought and other emergencies

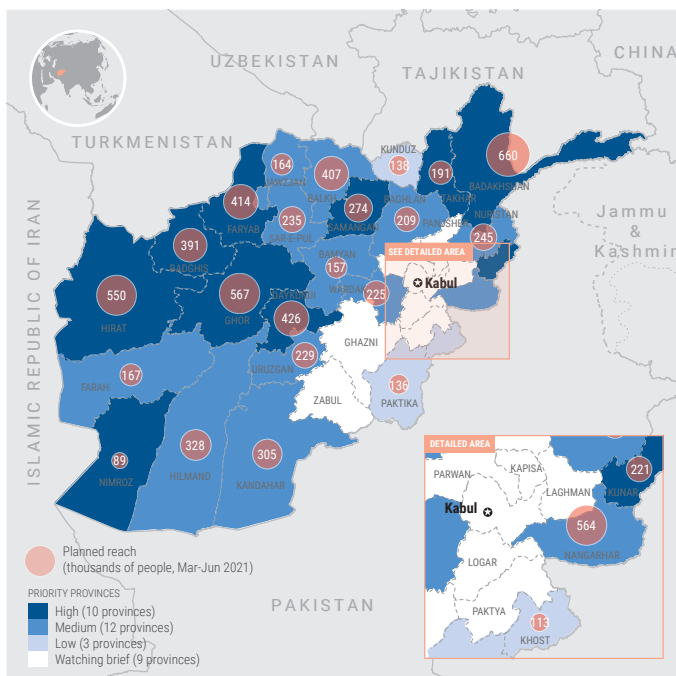
HRP Key Figures (2021)

PEOPLE IN NEED	PLANNED REACH	FUNDING REQUIRED
18.4M	15.7M	\$1.3B

Contingency Plan Key Figures (Mar - Jun 2021)

PEOPLE IN NEED	PLANNED REACH	FUNDING REQUIRED
13.2M	7.4M	\$390M

Planned Reach by Priority Provinces



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<https://unocha.org/afghanistan> <https://reliefweb.int/country/afg> <https://afg.humanitarianresponse.info>
<https://fts.unocha.org/appeals/1031/summary> <https://hum-insight.info/plan/1031>

Low winter rainfall and high temperatures associated with a La Niña weather event are anticipated to drive drought-like conditions over spring, affecting rain-fed and irrigated agriculture/livestock, as well as availability of water for drinking, washing and sanitation. It is anticipated that 25 provinces, already with high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition, are likely to be most acutely affected. Simultaneously, spring is expected to see a volatile and unpredictable pattern of conflict with an anticipated escalation in fighting, in line with seasonal patterns of conflict each year. While flood risk will likely be reduced compared to normal years, flash flooding due to sporadic spring storms remains a risk.

The ICCT has, therefore, developed a Spring Disaster Contingency Plan based on the best available data, historical patterns and previous lessons learned to

enable early funding and mitigate displacement, suffering and adoption of negative coping mechanisms associated with poverty such as child marriage, child labour and debt accumulation. Humanitarian partners anticipate some 13.2 million people to be in humanitarian need during the spring period across these 25 provinces, and have prioritised 7.4 million of those people to be reached with assistance, if funding is available.

All planning figures, activities and financial requirements outlined in this Contingency Plan are a sub-set of the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). Funding towards requirements identified in this plan should be channeled through HRP partners.

🍲 Food Security and Agriculture

13M People in need **6.3M** Planned reach **266M** US\$ required

Food assistance (in-kind and cash), livestock protection support and livelihood assistance. Continued monitoring of precipitation, snowpack, soil moisture and other phenomena. Routine evaluation indicators to gauge the real-time severity of La Niña impact and drought-risk.

🍲 Nutrition

1.6M People in need **690k** Planned reach **26.8M** US\$ required

Delivery of essential nutrition treatment through health facilities and mobile teams, community screening and referral systems, blanket supplementary feeding (BSF) for undernourished children, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling, and micronutrient supplementation.

💧 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

2.7M People in need **1M** Planned reach **26.6M** US\$ required

Rehabilitation of water wells and boreholes, repair of handpumps and providing water kits with purification tablets. Support for gender-appropriate sanitation facilities and safe waste disposal. Provision of COVID-sensitive hygiene promotion and hygiene kits.

🏥 Health

554k People in need **348k** Planned reach **13.8M** US\$ required

Routine surveillance of and response to COVID-19, acute watery diarrhoea (AWD), measles and other diseases. Emergency health services through mobile and static clinics. Provision of mental health, GBV (health) and psychosocial support.

🛡️ Protection

3.1M People in need **670k** Planned reach **27.1M** US\$ required

Individual protection assistance, psychosocial support, clearance of explosive hazards, child protection and GBV case management, dignity kit distribution, tracing of unaccompanied and separated children, psychological first aid, HLP information sharing and legal support, and protection monitoring.

🏠 Emergency Shelter and NFI

2M People in need **216k** Planned reach **16.6M** US\$ required

Provision of household items, emergency shelter kits and tools and materials (both cash and in-kind) for shelter repair and upgrade. Advocacy for transitional shelter solutions.

📚 Education in Emergencies

883k People in need **486k** Planned reach **13.3M** US\$ required

Support for temporary learning spaces and provision of teaching supplies/resources. Provision of water and hygiene supplies in schools, school feeding, remedial classes, rehabilitation and expansion of learning facilities, and psychosocial support through teachers.