

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

10 September 2021



In Numbers

14 million people facing acute food insecurity including **2 million** children at risk of malnutrition. Emergency levels of acute malnutrition exist in 27 of 34 provinces.¹

592,500 people internally displaced by conflict since January,² in addition to 2.9 million before the year had begun,³ of which 80 percent are women and children.

153,840 confirmed COVID-19 cases.⁴

6.4 million beneficiaries reached by WFP since the start of 2021.

Highlights

- WFP is committed to stay and deliver, with plans to scale up assistance to reach a total of **14 million** people in 2021 (an increase of almost 5 million from 2020).
- WFP needs **US \$200 million** now to cover the needs for the period September to December 2021.
- WFP's staff, partners and trucks remain operational, accessing vulnerable communities from six field offices.

Quick Figures



6.4 million

people served from January to August

102,000

newly displaced people fleeing conflict in August

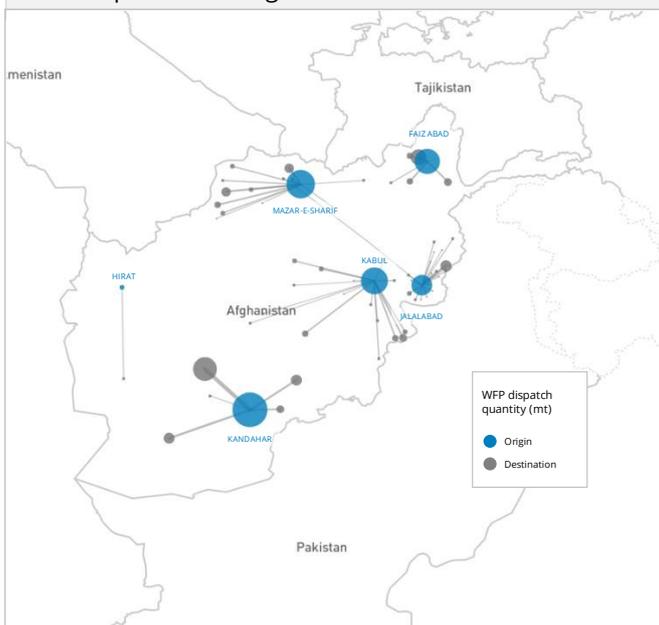
4.1 million

people is our target this month

470,000

internally displaced people assisted in 2021

WFP dispatches in August 2021



Situation Update

- More than 93 percent of households consumed insufficient food in the past week according to the latest WFP phone [surveys](#). Three out of four families are now limiting portions, borrowing food and buying cheaper food to stretch their budget. One half of all household surveyed said they had run out of food at some point in the past 14 days.
- The country is on the brink of economic collapse. International financial institutions have suspended Afghanistan's access to funds, the local currency is at an all-time low.
- Drought has claimed 40 percent of the wheat crop, increasing the national deficit to 2.5 million mt.
- Food and fuel prices continue to rise, wheat is up almost 20 percent since July and fuel by 10 percent. Jobs are disappearing at a rapid pace, and the terms of trade between casual labour and wheat are at record lows.

WFP Response

- In 2021, WFP has been delivering food and nutrition assistance in all 34 provinces to meet humanitarian needs, prevent and treat malnutrition, boost community resilience, encourage school attendance, and support women and girls.

1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity Analysis [report](#), March to November 2021 Projections

2. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) [estimates](#) of conflict-induced displacements, as of 5 September 2021

3. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) [Situation Report](#), 1 September 2021

4. World Health Organization COVID-19 tracking, as of 9 September 2021



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Internally Displaced People (IDPs):** In 2021, WFP has assisted over 470,200 IDPs.
- **COVID-19:** WFP has reached more than 600,000 people affected by the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in 2021.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021 WFP assisted 170,000 pregnant and lactating women and 528,000 malnourished children and 226,000 at risk of malnutrition. WFP will continue to deliver nutrition assistance, expanding mobile health clinics to address challenges to women and children in accessing static clinics due to the current security situation. WFP has deployed an additional 34 mobile health teams since the beginning of August, making a total of 117 teams.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- WFP brought an additional 29 trucks and 850 mt of food and nutrition into the country, including 254 mt of Lipid-based Nutrient Supplements (LNS) that was stuck on the other side of the Pakistan border when Spin Boldak changed control.

- In anticipation of the high food needs and further disruptions to supply chains, WFP is positioning food and other stocks at strategic border points in Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. There is currently 92,000 mt of food en route to Afghanistan. An additional 100,000 mt is required through the end of the year.



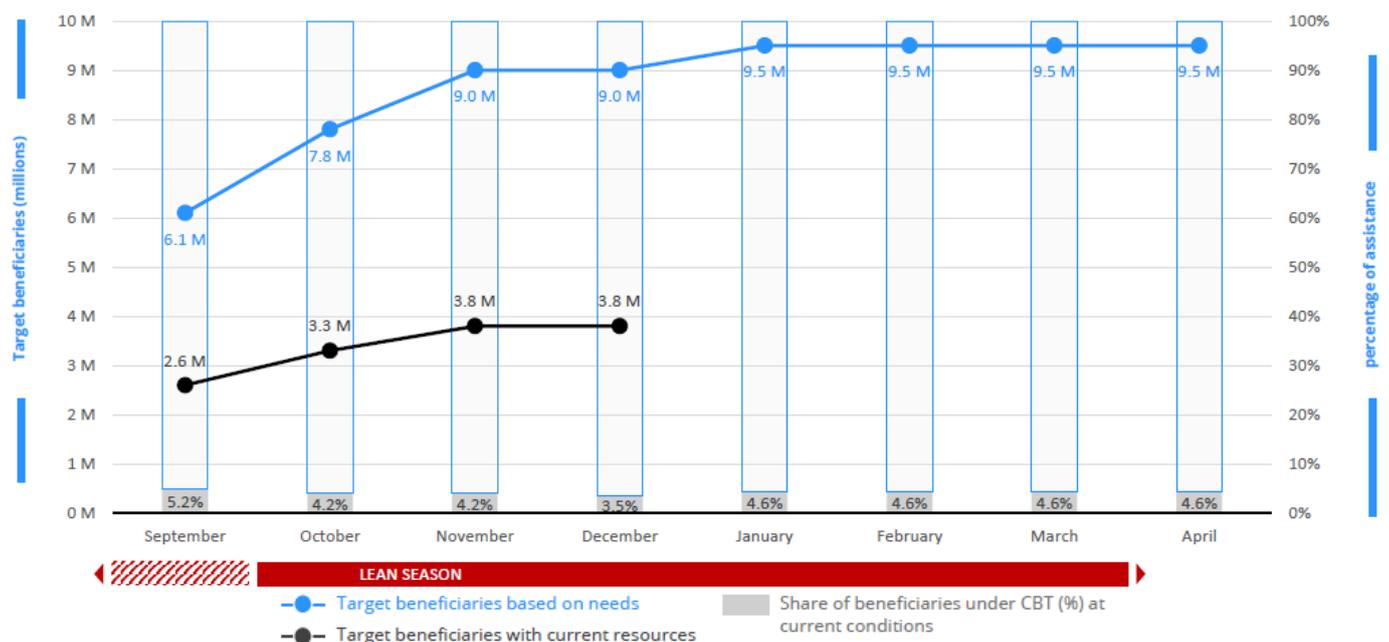
UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS is now running return flights to Mazar, Kandahar, and Herat from Islamabad.
- On 6 September, a UNHAS cargo flight on route Dubai-Mazar-Dubai brought to Mazar 22,440 kg of emergency medicine for the World Health Organization (WHO).

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently requires US\$200 million to get us to the end of the year.
- To cover the additional costs associated with scaling up UNHAS passenger and cargo flights, US\$ 30 million more is needed.
- Food and UNHAS requirements were included in the [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

WFP Scale-up plan September 2021-April 2022



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