

WFP Afghanistan

Situation Report

30 September 2021



In Numbers

14 million people facing acute food insecurity including **2 million** children at risk of malnutrition.¹

8.4 million beneficiaries reached by WFP so far in 2021.

34 provinces receive WFP food and nutrition assistance

US\$ 200 million required by WFP until December 2021

US\$ 300 million required for January-April 2022.

Highlights

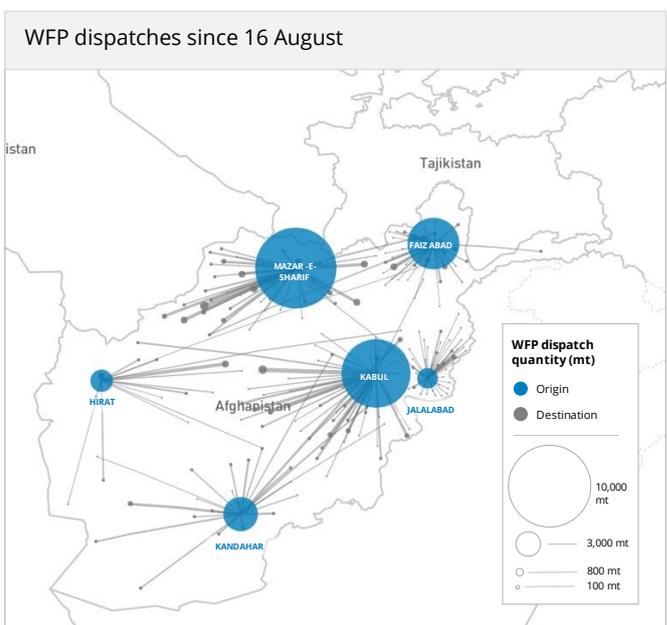
- In September, WFP assisted 3 million beneficiaries, more than double the number reached in August 2021 (1.3m).²
- WFP delivered 22,931 mt of food to cooperating partners during September.
- WFP will collaborate with UNICEF to add 100 new mobile health and nutrition teams to ensure maximum reach and continuity of services given fears for rising levels of malnutrition.

Situation Update

- **Winter is fast-approaching** and the race is on to get food prepositioned at strategic locations before it's too late.
- **Food security is deteriorating sharply:** Just 5 percent of households are consuming enough food according to WFP's [latest surveys](#).
 - Urban residents are suffering from food insecurity at similar rates to rural communities, who were ravaged by drought twice in the past three years.
 - While families with lower education levels are hardest hit by food insecurity, more than 90 percent of households with high-school or university educations are unable to afford enough food to feed their families.
- **Almost no one has enough money to buy food.**
 - Three out of four households now limit portion sizes; adults are eating less so their children can eat more.
 - Households headed by women are skipping meals, and reducing their portions far more than those headed by men.
 - Three out of four households are also borrowing food (76.7 percent up from 60 percent) or consuming cheaper food (74.5 percent up from 56 percent).
- **Cash shortages** are hampering commercial transporters, millers and cooperating partners as they face challenges in securing cash to pay staff/drivers and procure raw materials.

WFP Response

- WFP doubled the number of people it reached in September compared with August, assisting 3 million people, including 1.5 million women and girls and 1.5 million men and boys.
- WFP is scaling up assistance to reach all 14 million people in need of emergency food and nutrition assistance by year's end.
- WFP's staff and partners delivered food and nutrition assistance to 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. Beneficiary numbers are as of 29 September, and may still change.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **School feeding:** WFP is continuing to implement the school feeding programme with adapted modalities. In September, WFP reached 86,668 school children through its school feeding programme.
- **Nutrition:** In 2021, WFP has so far assisted 388,035 pregnant and lactating women and 770,937 children under five with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities. WFP is treating moderate acute malnutrition by integrating with mobile health and nutrition teams in the most remote locations of the country, including areas not covered by Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS). WFP is collaborating with UNICEF to add 100 new mobile health and nutrition teams to extend reach and continuity of services.
- **Internally Displaced People:** In 2021, WFP has assisted almost 546,588 internally displaced people (IDP). In September alone, WFP assisted 99,127 new IDPs fleeing fresh conflict.
- **COVID-19:** WFP has reached more than 900,000 people affected by the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in 2021.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- WFP has food stocks of 14,000 mt in country, and more than 50,000 mt is expected in October.
- 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.

- The new logistics hub in Termez, Uzbekistan, is now operational and the first batch of vegetable oil from Turkey already arrived. The hub includes more than 5,000 mt of storage capacity.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

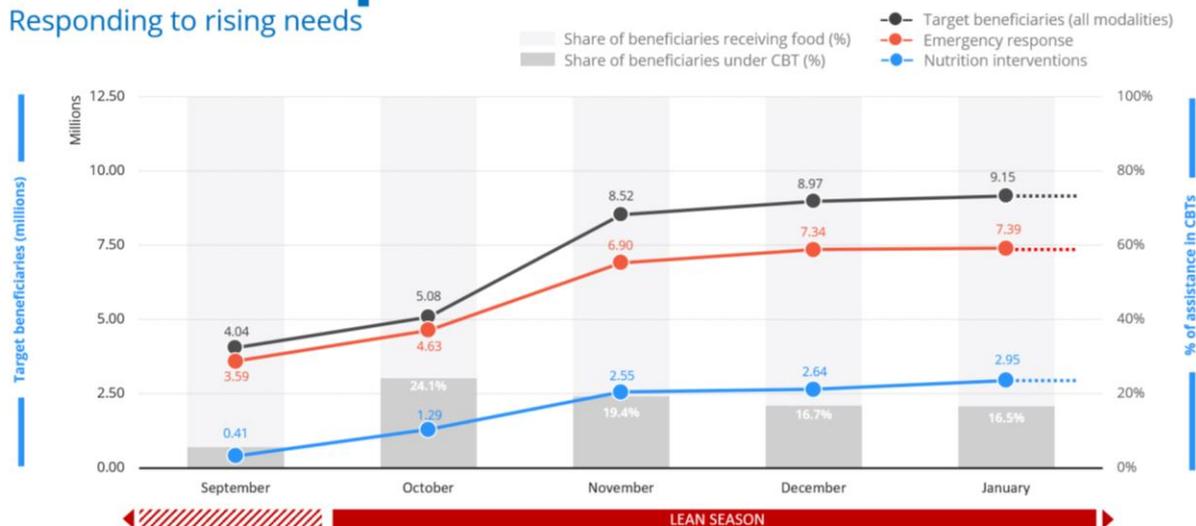
- Since flights resumed on 28 August, 73 flights have been conducted, providing safe passage to humanitarian workers and transporting essential cargo.³
- UNHAS is also transporting non-food items and emergency supplies; a number of flights have brought in medical supplies on behalf of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Weekly flight schedules and route maps can now be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently requires US\$ 200 million by the end of 2021 for food; it has now received US\$ 103 million.
- It has borrowed internally to expedite food deliveries and urgently requests that all pledges be confirmed to meet mounting needs.
- A further US\$ 300 million is required for the first quarter of 2022.
- To cover the additional costs associated with UNHAS passenger and cargo flights, US\$ 30 million is needed and US \$5 million has been received.
- Food and UNHAS requirements were included in the [OCHA Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](#).

WFP Scale Up Plan

Responding to rising needs



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3. A previous situation report listed the resumption of flights on 29 September. This has since been corrected.