



WFP Afghanistan Country Brief

WFP Assistance

| Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 200447 (PRRO) | Total Requirements (in USD) | Total Received (in USD) | 6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)* |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| (Jan 2014 - June 2018) | 763.7 m | 377.7 m | 59.7 m |

*July - December 2017

GENDER MARKER 2A PRRO 200447

WFP Afghanistan's PRRO is designed to respond to the needs of the most food-insecure people, including those affected by conflicts, natural disasters and seasonal food insecurity in priority districts across the country. WFP's nutrition programmes are integrated into the Government's basic package of health services and treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in children under 5 years of age, pregnant women and nursing mothers. The PRRO also supports the recovery of communities, families and individuals affected by shocks through asset creation with a focus on disaster risk reduction and vocational skills training.

In response to the mid-term evaluation of the PRRO, WFP revised the operational plan by:

- Extending the PRRO from January 2017 to June 2018 for all programme activities, to target 3.3 million vulnerable Afghans with food or cash-based assistance;
- Improving geographical targeting and activity prioritisation by using the 2016 Integrated Context Analysis (ICA) tool;
- Mainstreaming Purchase for Progress (P4P) into the regular programme structure.

P4P Afghanistan programmes focus on a three-pillar approach with interventions throughout the value chain:

- Production: support to smallholder farmers;
- Processing: transformation and fortification of locally grown commodities;
- Promotion and quality assurance: developing consumer demand and food safety controls.

| Emergency Operation 201024 (EMOP) | Total Requirements (in USD) | Total Received (in USD) | 6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)* |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| (Oct 2016 - Dec 2017) | 67 m | 34.8 m | 23.4 m |

*July - December 2017

Highlights

- WFP distributed food, cash-based transfers and specialised nutritious food to 270,000 vulnerable people, mostly women and children, across Afghanistan.
- WFP completed a pilot for remote monitoring of programmes using the mobile vulnerability assessment and mapping tool, mVAM. The pilot will inform WFP's efforts to maintain consistent access to the most vulnerable in the hardest-to-reach areas.
- WFP launched the end to end roll-out of SCOPE, WFP's electronic platform for the management of beneficiaries and distributions. WFP aims to register and manage assistance to 2 million people through SCOPE by June 2018.

WFP's emergency operation (EMOP), extended to December 2017, aims to support 1.2 million food-insecure people on the move, including Afghan returnees from Pakistan (undocumented and documented), internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees from Pakistan. WFP provides food and cash-based transfers to ensure that these populations can meet their basic food needs.

| Special Operation 200870 (UNHAS) | Total Requirements (in USD) | Total Received (in USD) | 6 months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)* |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| (Jan 2017 - Dec 2017) | 17.0 m | 8.5m | 2.7 m |

*July - December 2017

The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operation provides air transport services for the wider humanitarian community throughout Afghanistan. UNHAS serves 25 locations and supports 160 humanitarian organizations to deliver assistance.

| Special Operation 200635 (Strategic Grain Reserve) | Total Requirements (in USD) | Total received (in USD) | Annual net funding requirements (in USD)* |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| (Jan 2017 - Dec 2017) | 1.2 m | 1.0 m | 0.2 m |

*July - December 2017

WFP supports the Strategic Grain Reserve (SGR) programme, led by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock. The SGR aims to improve national emergency response capacity and build resilience in rural communities by stabilising wheat prices and providing storage facilities for farmers.

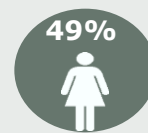
In Numbers (2017)

9.3 million people are food-insecure.

760,000 people affected by conflict or natural disaster are prioritized for food assistance.

1.1 million malnourished children need treatment for acute malnutrition.

270,000
People assisted
June 2017



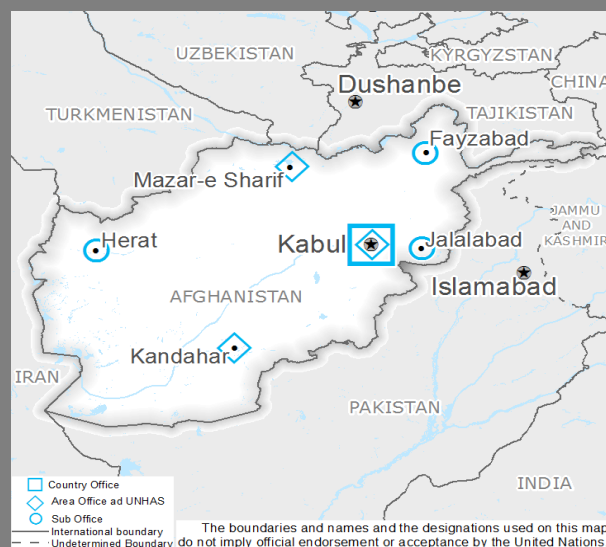
Operational Updates

- Results of a **food security assessment** conducted by the Government of Afghanistan and Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) partners in the eastern region revealed that nearly two thirds of households (64.2 percent) are food-insecure. Urgent action is needed to save lives and livelihoods in this region, which hosts 760,000 vulnerable returnees.
- In June, WFP's **Emergency Operation** was extended by six months to accommodate the emergency food needs of an additional 633,000 highly vulnerable people, including returnees, and internally displaced people (IDPs) country-wide.
- During the same period, WFP and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) conducted a joint-district-level **food security assessment** of 55,000 vulnerable Pakistani refugees in Khost and Paktika provinces. The results will inform the design of livelihood interventions.
- The **UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)**, transported 1,278 aid workers and 8.75 mt of cargo to 20 destinations in-country in June. In Afghanistan, 160 organizations rely on UNHAS to reach populations in need.

Challenges

- Insecurity** remained a challenge for the delivery of the assistance across the country.
- Shrinking humanitarian space and **access** to populations in need remain a challenge.
- Delivery of food in the country:** The main corridor through the port of Karachi, Pakistan, is currently threatened with closure due to ongoing tensions between the Governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan. WFP Afghanistan coordinated with WFP Iran to open a corridor for the delivery of food from the Iranian port, Bandar Abbas.
- Funding shortages:** WFP urgently needs USD 63.6 million to respond to the most urgent needs of highly vulnerable populations affected by conflict, migration and food insecurity, until the end of the year.

Country Background & Strategy



Afghanistan is at high risk of natural disasters such as floods, drought and landslides.

The country struggles with political instability, with the Government divided largely across ethnic lines.

The economy has deteriorated as a result of loss of revenue following foreign military disengagement. This has continued, with devastating effect: 2015 was characterised by the highest levels of in-country insecurity and military confrontation. This was followed by a period of political turmoil during which the 2016 provincial elections were delayed and the National Unity Government almost collapsed on many occasions.

Nationally, 3.4 million people are severely food-insecure. Another 5.9 million are moderately food-insecure and unable to sustainably cope with shocks such as natural disaster or conflict.

Food utilisation is generally poor as a result of inadequate access to improved water and sanitation services, inappropriate young child feed practices. High levels of malnutrition (wasting is 9.5 percent, stunting 40.9 percent and underweight 25 percent) further compound food insecurity. In-country humanitarian access continues to be constrained by heightened insecurity.

WFP has been in Afghanistan since 1963.

Population: **29 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
169 out of 188

Development: **Least developed country (WTO)**

Life Expectancy: Female 59 Male 61

Donors

Top five Donors for PRRO 200447: USA, Republic of Korea, Australia, Japan, Canada

Top five Donors for EMOP: USA, Australia, CERF, Belgium and Norway

Top five Donors for SO 200870: USA, Germany, Japan

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