



# Afghanistan










## Emergency and resilience response

March 2022 update












### Highlights

- ▶ As of 31 March 2022, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has directly supported 359 505 people across 30 out of Afghanistan's 34 provinces in 2022.
- ▶ A total of 208 565 people were assisted in March. Among them, 69 573 people were supported with certified seed of improved and locally adapted wheat varieties for the spring planting season and 13 361 farmers received the related technical training. A total of 99 792 people received animal feed concentrates and 17 588 livestock owners received technical trainings on livestock best management practices. Similarly, 39 200 vulnerable people directly benefited from home gardening packages while 5 769 vulnerable people received the related technical training. In addition, 26 301 people attended COVID-19 awareness raising sessions.
- ▶ A total of 564 200 people received urea fertilizer to date. The distribution of the fertilizer is still ongoing and is expected to continue throughout April 2022.
- ▶ The spring wheat campaign has started and FAO provided certified wheat seeds to 69 573 people in March 2022.
- ▶ A new project funded by the Government of Japan (USD 2 million) started in March. A total of 51 100 people will benefit from wheat cultivation packages, livestock protection packages, backyard poultry keeping packages, and cash-based assistance in the form of cash for work and unconditional cash transfers across five provinces of Afghanistan.
- ▶ Prices are soaring and humanitarian needs keep growing. As per World Food Programme market monitoring reports, wheat seed prices have risen by 32 percent, DAP fertilizer prices have risen by 99 percent, and urea fertilizer prices have risen by 147 percent compared with March 2021.
- ▶ Under the 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan for Afghanistan, FAO requires **USD 197 million**. As of 31 March 2022, FAO has mobilized **USD 77.32 million**. The balance of **USD 119.68** is urgently needed given the soaring humanitarian needs, compounded by the impact of the ongoing economic crisis.
- ▶ FAO continues to seek clarification and consistency across the country regarding the participation of women, recognizing the critical importance of the full participation of women who are staff members of FAO programmes, as well as Afghan women benefiting from them.
- ▶ Access remains safe across the whole country. De facto authorities maintain their support for the safe distribution of humanitarian assistance.

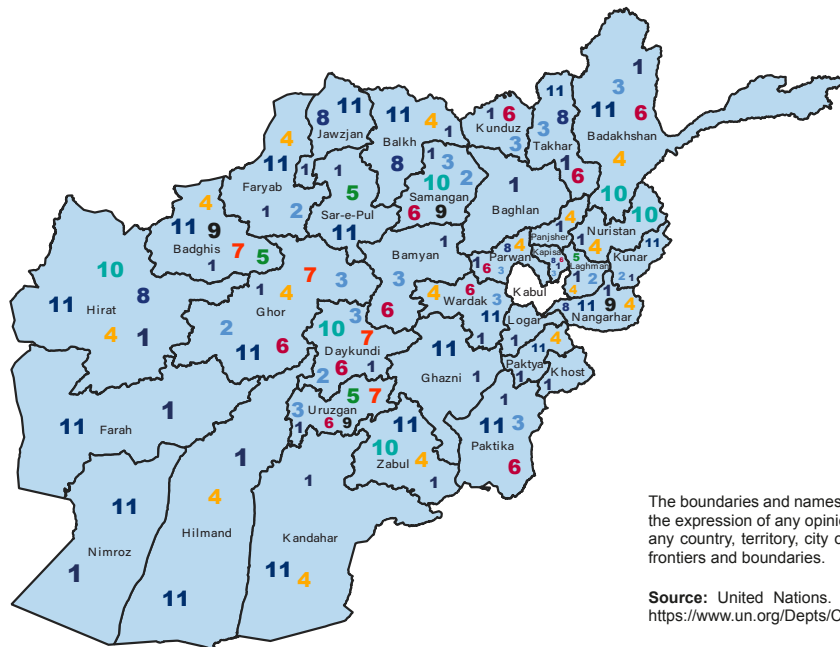
### Delivery

Assistance modality										Total people assisted (no double counting)
March 2022	69 573	99 792	39 200		12 600	1 400	36 718	26 301		208 565
To date in 2021	122 073	99 792	94 920	133 441	28 805	3 395	96 589	47 864		<b>359 506</b>

# Overview of ongoing anticipatory actions

Resource partner												People to be assisted
1 Asian Development Bank (ADB)	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	2 730 000
2 Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF)	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓				180 964
3 Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	✓						✓	✓				841 701
4 European Union (ECHO)	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				438 200
5 Italian Agency for Development Cooperation		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		179 200
6 Denmark	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		291 900
7 Japan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				125 090
8 Republic of Korea							✓		✓			16 870
9 New Zealand	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		91 000
10 Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				319 690
11 United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	✓	✓					✓	✓				1 314 376

Countrywide support through Food Security and Agriculture Cluster coordination



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on these map(s) do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of FAO concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers and boundaries.

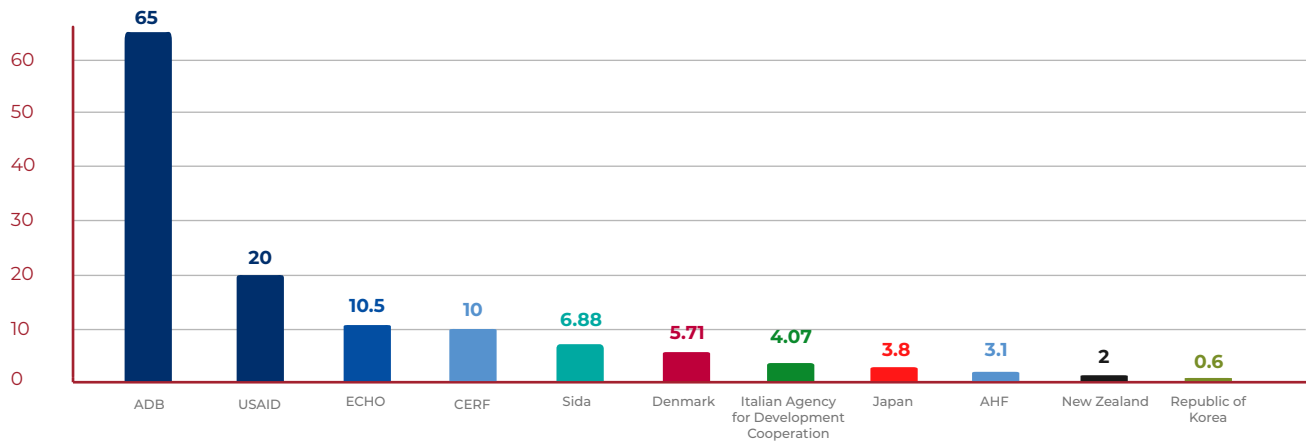
Source: United Nations. 2011. Afghanistan map. [online]. [Cited 2 December 2021]. <https://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/afghanis.pdf>



## Implementation challenges

- ▶ **Liquidity crisis.** Discussions regarding resolving the country-wide banking and related liquidity issues are ongoing.
- ▶ **Fertilizers.** Importing fertilizer has been hindered due to the continuing financial crisis, border closures and lack of smooth import-export trade procedures at land border crossings. Furthermore, Afghan traders have faced constraints from their own importers following the political transition. This has been further impacted adversely due to the war in Ukraine.
- ▶ **Prices.** Costs for agricultural inputs have increased significantly, which is adversely impacting procurement. Changes in the terms of trade are affecting the capacity to implement projects.
- ▶ **Women's participation.** In most provinces, it remains a challenge to maintain the full participation of women, including both FAO and non-governmental organization (NGO) staff and Afghan women who benefit from FAO's activities.
- ▶ **Suspension of humanitarian activities in Ghor province by de facto authorities.** On 21 March, the de facto authorities' provincial governor for Ghor province expressed his concern over the misconduct of aid workers and his dissatisfaction with the way the aid community operates. He ordered all NGOs to pause humanitarian activities until further notice. Consequently, on 29 March 2022, the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights visited the de facto provincial governor for Ghor province to address the suspension of humanitarian activities. After a successful meeting, the governor agreed to allow the resumption of humanitarian activities effective 30 March 2022. However, he set a time frame of two months for the aid community to improve accountability and transparency.

# Funding corresponding to active projects (in USD million)



## Communications corner



### Blog posts

[A professional woman's relentless pursuit to give rural women a voice](#)

[Planting seeds of hope in hearts of Afghan women](#)



### Video

[Farhad smiles again as he sees his wheat field growing strong](#)

[FAO provided certified seed & training to farmers in Nangarhar](#)

[FAO Afghanistan Deputy Representative's visit to Kandahar alongside FAO in Emergencies Deputy Director](#)

[Mina attended a ToT by FAO and looks forward to sharing her knowledge with other women](#)

### Top tweets



**FAO in Afghanistan**  
@FAOinAfghanistan

In 2021, @FAO assisted 2.62 million rural with inputs, training & cash, among others.

In 2022, we aim to assist 9 million people.

Supporting agriculture is not only a core element of any humanitarian response, but also a cost-effective, strategic and long-lasting intervention.

11:42 AM · Mar 27, 2022 · Twitter Web App  
15 Retweets · 4 Quote Tweets · 33 Likes

[Click here](#)

**FAO in Afghanistan**  
@FAOinAfghanistan

Agriculture is the foundation of #Afghanistan's economy and food security.

Neglecting it would be a grave strategic mistake that could lead to a systemic collapse, and an even larger humanitarian crisis.

Supporting agriculture is the path to regain self-reliance & prosperity.

12:23 PM · Mar 28, 2022 · Twitter Web App  
14 Retweets · 1 Quote Tweet · 37 Likes

[Click here](#)

**FAO in Afghanistan**  
@FAOinAfghanistan

Thanks to the generous funding of USD 65 million from @ADB\_HQ, @FAO will be able to generate food and income benefits for over 2.73 million food insecure Afghans.

This is part of the larger ADB effort to sustain development & preserve human capital.

[fao.org/3/cb8812en/cb8...](#)

3:25 PM · Mar 10, 2022 · Twitter Web App  
18 Retweets · 1 Quote Tweet · 42 Likes

[Click here](#)

**FAO in Afghanistan**  
@FAOinAfghanistan

On the occasion of #IWD2022, we female @FAOinAfghanistan staff speak our minds about our work and the crucial role of women in agriculture and the whole society.

We invite you to read our thoughts 🗣️📄1/7

#IWD #UNwithAfghanWomen #GenerationEquality #WomensDay #WomensDay2022

NABILA BARMAKI  
National Operations System Officer

12:00 PM · Mar 8, 2022 · Twitter Web App  
7 Retweets · 1 Quote Tweet · 26 Likes

[Click here](#)



Website

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for more updates and visit our website for relevant news and stories.

[FAO in Afghanistan Website](#)

[Newsletter Issue 27 \(Jan - March 2022\)](#)

# Our partners

Without the committed collaboration and funding of our partners, FAO would not be able to assist the most vulnerable people, farmers and herders across rural and remote areas of Afghanistan.

FAO looks forward to continuing to work shoulder to shoulder with partners during these trying times to build a peaceful, hunger-free and prosperous Afghanistan.

## Resource partners

 <b>ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK</b>		 <b>Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund</b>	 <b>MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK</b> <i>Danida</i>		
 <b>Funded by European Union Humanitarian Aid</b>	 <b>From the People of Japan</b>	 <b>ITALIAN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION</b>	 <b>The Government of the Republic of Korea</b>	 <b>NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN AFFAIRS &amp; TRADE Aid Programme</b>	 <b>Sida</b> SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY
 <b>United Nations CERF</b>   Central Emergency Response Fund	 <b>USAID</b> FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE				

## Implementing partners

 <b>ACTED</b>	 <b>actionaid</b>	 <b>Afghanaid</b>	 <b>Afghanistan National Re-construction Coordination</b>	 <b>Afghanistan Rehabilitation Education Programs</b>	 <b>AREA</b>	 <b>Afghan Women's Rights Organization</b>	 <b>Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance</b>
 <b>CRDSA</b> Coordination of Rehabilitation & Development Services for Afghanistan	 <b>Future Generations Afghanistan</b>	 <b>Hand In Hand Organisation Afghanistan</b>	 <b>Human Resource Development Agency</b>	 <b>Islamic Relief Worldwide</b>	 <b>Kandahar Refugee Organization</b>	 <b>Norwegian Afghanistan Committee</b>	 <b>New Consultancy and Relief Organization</b>
 <b>Organization for Relief Development</b>	 <b>People's Action for change</b>	 <b>Rural Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan</b>	 <b>Social Uplift Organisation</b>	 <b>Skills Training And Rehabilitation Society</b>			

FAO Representation in Afghanistan  
FAO-AF@fao.org

Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations  
Kabul, Afghanistan



Some rights reserved. This work is available under a CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO licence