



# Afghanistan










## Emergency and resilience response

November 2021 update












### Highlights

- ▶ As of 30 November, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has directly supported 2.23 million people in 2021 across 31 out of Afghanistan's 34 provinces.
- ▶ A total of 837 872 people were assisted in November. The herds of 511 livestock-owning families were protected, 815 416 farmers were provided with certified wheat seeds, 1 890 people earned cash through cash-for-work activities to rehabilitate small-scale irrigation infrastructure. Another 17 010 vulnerable people benefited from unconditional cash transfers, and 124 881 people attended COVID-19 awareness-raising sessions.
- ▶ Through the winter wheat campaign, FAO provided wheat seed across 30 out of 34 provinces of Afghanistan to 820 000 people in November alone. When completed with the end of December, the campaign will have assisted 1.3 million people, enabling farmers to produce enough wheat to cover the cereal needs of 1.7 million people for one year.
- ▶ Urea fertilizer could not be distributed together with certified wheat seeds as per the usual FAO practice. Urea is currently being procured and expected to be distributed for application between February and April 2022.
- ▶ A new project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation started in November. A total of 179 200 people will benefit from livestock protection assistance, summer crop cultivation support, or cash assistance in various forms across four provinces (Badghis, Laghman, Sar-e-Pul and Urozgan).
- ▶ Prices are soaring and humanitarian needs keep growing and continue to be far greater than resources.
- ▶ For the 2022 spring response, FAO urgently needs USD 115.3 million to deliver humanitarian assistance to farmers and herders.
  - Protecting livestock and the immediacy of milk supply to rural families and children  
**1 960 000 people | USD 44.5 million**
  - Making every production season count – spring wheat and other crops  
**560 000 people | USD 11.3 million**
  - Supporting women in backyard production of nutritious food  
**1 350 000 people | USD 24.5 million**
  - Making short-term income available with long term impacts – cash for work  
**1 400 000 people | USD 35 million**
- ▶ 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 benefitting from them.
- ▶ Access remains safe across the whole country. De facto authorities maintain their support to the safe distribution of humanitarian assistance.

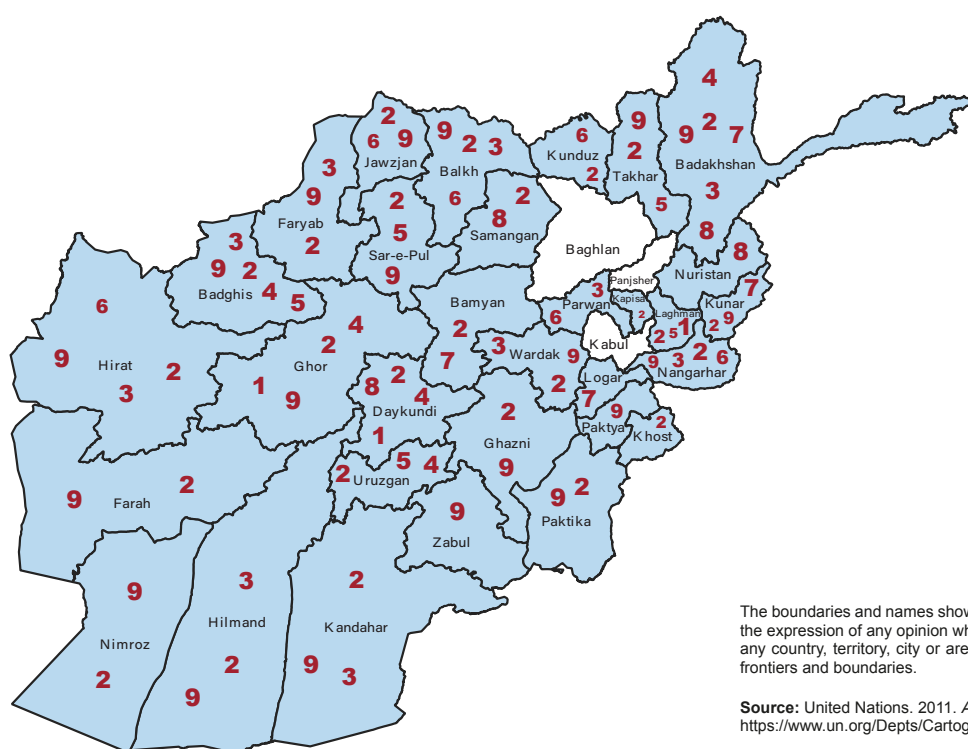
### Delivery

Assistance modality										Total people assisted (no double counting)
<b>November 2021</b>	815 416	511	6 720		1 890	17 010	76 479	124 881		837 872
<b>2021 to date</b>	994 595	700 294	58 170	23 800	151 410	539 588	223 581	375 561	14 000	<b>2 229 507</b>

# Overview of ongoing anticipatory actions

Resource partner												People to be assisted
1 Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF)	✓					✓	✓					61 964
2 Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				847 000
3 European Union		✓				✓	✓	✓				277 200
4 Japan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				80 640
5 Italian Agency for Development Cooperation		✓			✓	✓					✓	179 200
6 Republic of Korea							✓		✓			10 500
7 Denmark	✓		✓				✓	✓				154 000
8 Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				208 180
9 United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				1 063 215

Countrywide support through Food Security and Agriculture Cluster coordination



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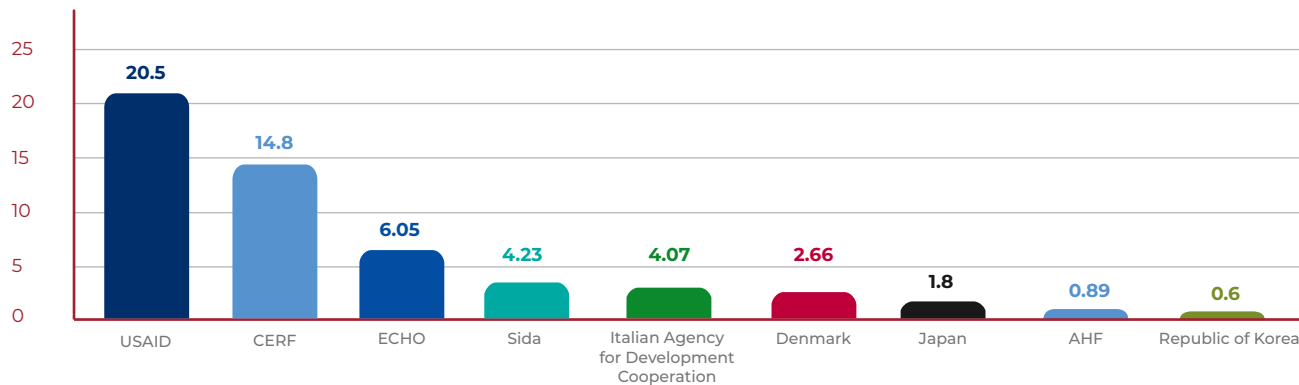
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## Implementation challenges

- ▶ **Liquidity crisis.** Discussions regarding resolving the country-wide banking issue 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.
- ▶ **Funding gaps.** FAO's current funding gap is USD 115.3 million.
- ▶ **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 NGO staff and Afghan women who benefit from FAO's activities.

# Funding corresponding to active projects (in USD million)



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### Highlights

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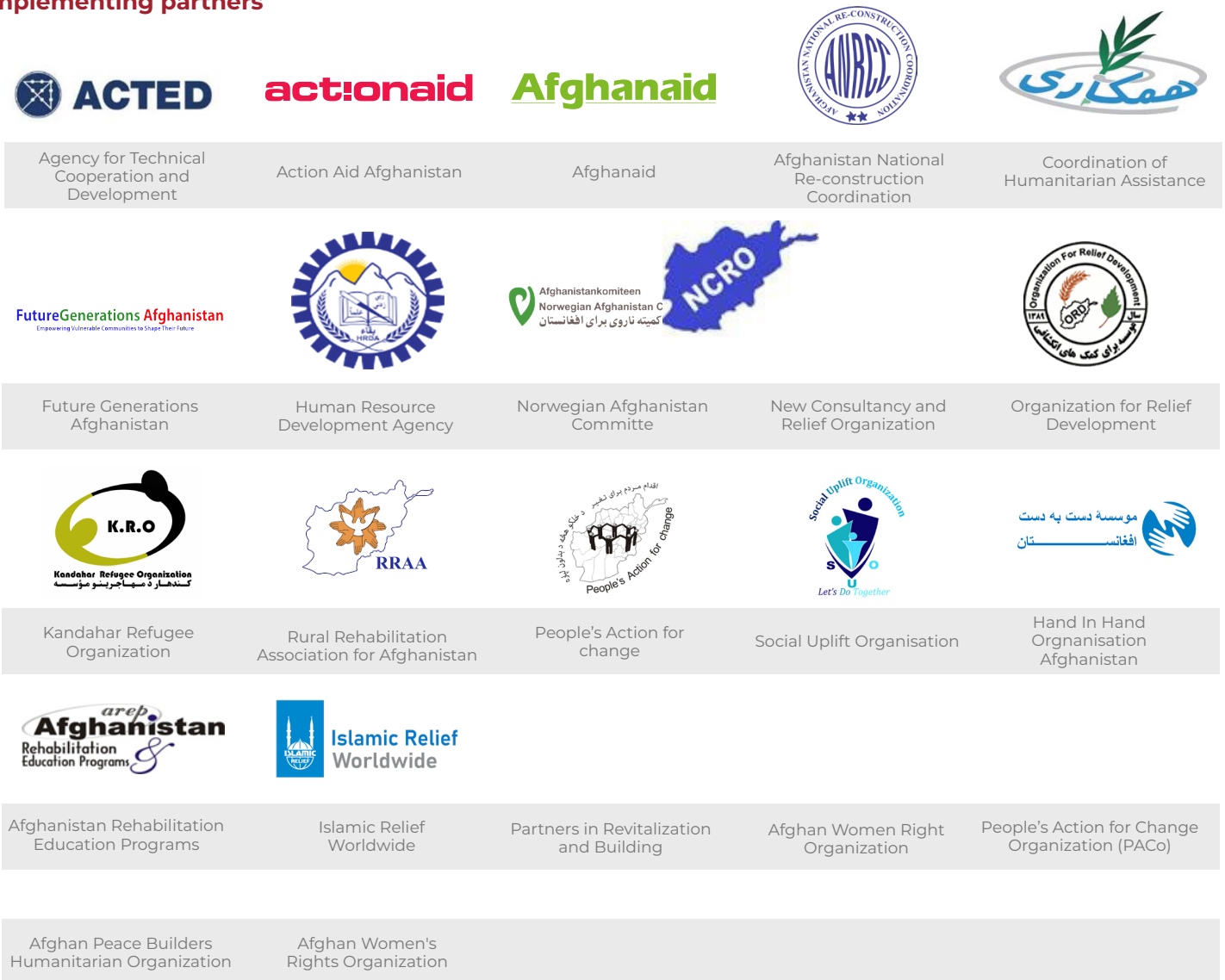
Without the committed collaboration and funding of our partners, FAO would not be able to assist the most vulnerable people, farmers and herders across rural and remote areas of Afghanistan.

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



## Implementing partners



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