**WFP News Video:** Afghanistan Conflict and Drought Driving Hunger

Shot: 17-19Aug21, 25May21

Badakhshan, Kabul, Badghis

TRT: 2:03

**SHOTLIST:**

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**WFP Food Distribution**

In Badakhshan province, 50,000 families are receiving 60KG of wheat flour, pulses, oil and salt per month.

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**Badakhshan province**

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**SOT: Mary-Ellen McGroarty, WFP Country Director, Afghanistan (English):**

“The needs in Afghanistan at the moment are immense. We have the devastating impact of the conflict. In addition the country is grappling with a drought…a very severe drought. The second in just three years. WFP is on the ground, assisting like we have for the last 60 years. We are hoping to scale up to 14 million people but we urgently require $200 million to be able to do that and we need that money now.”

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**Kabul**

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**Drought stricken farmlands, livestock**

 One in three people in Afghanistan knows the vicious effects of hunger- as back to back droughts have sapped the country’s crops. **Every year, some 250,000 people** on average are **affected by a wide range of environmental disasters** including floods, droughts, avalanches, landslides and earthquakes.  The impact of disasters and dependency on water from rain or snowmelt severely limit the productivity of the agricultural sector, which provides a source of income for 44 percent of the population.

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**Badghis**

**The rapid acceleration of conflict and the sharp increase in hunger has brought humanitarian catastrophe to Afghanistan’s doorstep.**

* 1 in 3 Afghans – 14 million people – are hungry today while 2 million children are malnourished.
* With drought, pandemic, and conflict, the food security situation will continue to worsen; and a great tide of hunger is soon arriving.

**WFP and its partners are committed to continuing humanitarian operations, while maintaining the safety and security of our staff and beneficiaries.**

* Despite security and logistics challenges, WFP maintains access to most of the country including areas experiencing active fighting.
* In the first six months of 2021, we delivered food and nutrition assistance to 5.5 million people, including people newly displaced by fighting.

**The Afghan people need our support now more than ever. WFP is committed to stay and deliver.**

* WFP has been in Afghanistan for nearly 60 years. Our trucks continue to be on the road. Our teams are on the ground working with partners to get food to where it’s needed.
* To continue operations, and get assistance to people in desperate need, WFP requires $200 million to get us through to the end of the year.

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