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**WFP News Video:**

**New WFP Footage From Afghanistan Shows Resumption of Humanitarian Flights as Economic Downturn Threatens a Severe Rise in Hunger**

**Shot: 26Aug-12Sep21**

**TRT: 3:14**

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**WFP UNHAS Flight Landing at Kabul Airport**

WFP has resumed international and domestic flights for humanitarian workers to and from Kabul

**Kabul**

**Shot: 12Sep21**

**:36-1:35**

**GV’s Kabul streets/food market**

A woman buys pulses at market, a staple that is now consumed less than once a week**.** The potential for a severe economic downturn could push many more millions into poverty and hunger persists. The combination of drought, skyrocketing fuel and food prices, banks without cash and the Afghan currency plummeting is resulting in 93% households teetering on edge of hunger. According to the [UN Flash Appeal for Afghanistan](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.humanitarianresponse.info%2Fen%2Foperations%2Fafghanistan%2Fdocument%2Fafghanistan-immediate-humanitarian-response-gaps-september-%25E2%2580%2593&data=04%7C01%7Cjonathan.dumont%40wfp.org%7C54d3bd7ee20342d3b9b108d9767df16b%7C462ad9aed7d94206b87471b1e079776f%7C0%7C0%7C637671105791441391%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tNuoeWwa%2F6kwO%2B9azwPokYJRM5RzYUJM%2BNhcICMVVto%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank), the Afghani has dropped by 8.6 percent in the first weeks of August alone.

**Kabul**

**Shot: 26Aug21**

**1:35-1:57**

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

“3 in 4 are already borrowing food. They are eating less nutritious food so basically, they are foregoing meat, dairy and vegetables. They are also reducing the portion size and, in many cases, parents are foregoing to eat so their children can eat. So, basically, everyone is teetering on the brink of desperate hunger.”

**Kabul**

**Shot: 12Sep21**

**1:57-2:12**

**WFP Food Distribution**

This year, WFP has delivered food and nutrition assistance to 6.4 million people, out of which more than 470,000 people are internally displaced.

In August alone, WFP assisted more than 400,000 people across the country, including 102,000 new IDPs fleeing fresh conflict.

Since 15 August, WFP has succeeded in bringing 850 mt of food, such as vegetable oil, wheat and soya blend cereal, through the border crossings and into the country.

WFP is scaling up its assistance to reach a total of 14 million people by the end of 2021 but in just a few weeks, our food will run out. Winter is fast-approaching and the race is on to get food into the country and preposition at strategic locations before the snow cuts off large areas.  We urgently require US$200 million to assist 14 million people between by the end of 2021.

**Mazar-i-Sharif**

**Shot: 9Sep21**

**2:13-2:37**

**SOT Ghulam Dastagir, 58 years old with family of 10 (Dari):**

“It is a miserable situation. There is such misery now we have nothing, prices rise daily, people don’t have money or work, there is no work. A 10-litre oil is 1400 AFN, if someone cannot find 400 AFN a month, where shall he get the money then?”

**Mazar-i-Sharif**

**Shot: 8Sep21**

**2:37-2:46**

**WFP Food Distribution**

**Mazar-i-Sharif**

**Shot: 8Sep21**

**2:46-3:03**

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

“WFP‘s focus at the moment is trying to get as much food as possible into the country before the harsh winter when the snow comes and when communities and mountain passes are cut off. We have appealed for $200million. We need that money now to be able to buy food and get the food into the country in time.”

**Kabul**

**Shot: 12Sep21**

**3:03-3:14**

**WFP Food Distribution to displaced people**

**Mazar-i-Sharif**

**Shot: 29Aug21**

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WFP Operational Update

14 September 2021

Humanitarian flights resume to Kabul at a time when needs mount and hunger deepens

Kabul – With over 90 percent of families struggling to have enough to eat, aid agencies are scrambling to meet massive needs before it is too late.

At this critical time, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), operated by WFP on behalf of the humanitarian community, has resumed flights to Kabul, enabling humanitarian workers to reach Afghans.

UNHAS flights have already been up and running since 29 August, connecting Islamabad to Mazar-i-Sharif, Kandahar and Herat. The connection to Kabul restarted on 12 September after a temporary halt following the withdrawal of foreign forces and Taliban’s takeover on 15 August. UNHAS is also transporting non-food items, such as medical and other emergency supplies. Three cargo flights have completed, bringing in medical and nutrition supplies on behalf of WHO.

But $30 million funding is required to keep the vital services going. WFP also needs urgently US$200 million to replenish pipeline and transport food into the country before winter descends.

Through its six field offices, WFP has been stepping up its operations. Food convoys are moving across the country. However, to avert a humanitarian catastrophe, this is not enough. By the end of 2021, WFP needs to reach 14 million facing acute hunger.

* Since the beginning of 2021, WFP has assisted more than 6.4 million people, including 470,000 internally displaced people.
* Among those reached are 170,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women and 750,000 young children who are in need of treatment of malnutrition or at risk of becoming malnourished.
* WFP will continue to deliver nutrition assistance, expanding mobile health clinics to address challenges to women and children in accessing static clinics. WFP has deployed an additional 34 mobile health teams since the beginning of August, making a total of 117 teams.
* From 15 August to 7 September, we provided food and nutrition assistance to nearly 600,000 people, including 13,500 children under the school meals programme, and 105,000 mothers and young children.
* During the same period, WFP brought an additional 29 trucks and 850 mt of food into the country, including 254 mt of Lipid-based Nutrient Supplements (LNS) for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition.
* 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. A logistics hub of 5,000 square meters space is being established in Termez, Uzbekistan.

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