



AFGHANISTAN

SPRING DISASTER CONTINGENCY PLAN

- **HRP:** HRP ask remains at \$1.3b to reach 15.7m people.
- **Spring Disaster Contingency Plan (Mar-June 2021):** \$390, to reach 7.4m in the next four months. Subset of the HRP. Activities in 25 most-affected provinces. Plan covers risks around potential drought, flooding, conflict and COVID-19. A drought has not yet been officially declared but planning is critical.
- **Most Likely Scenario:** Clusters have focused on the most-likely multi-sectoral projection of impact, based on currently available information.
- **Revisions:** Regular revisions will be required as new data is available
- **Scope of Assistance:** Anticipatory action and support to affected people in places of origin are the initial priorities. Analysis and planning for potential displacement is underway.

RESPONSE OBJECTIVES

1. Save lives in the areas of highest multi-sectoral need through rapid provision of humanitarian support
2. Provide assistance to people in their places of origin to reduce suffering and the risk of displacement
3. Analyse areas at highest risk of displacement and ensure preparedness for response in these locations
4. Ensure that vulnerable people with specific needs and/or reduced coping capacities have access to assistance that meets their needs

KEY FIGURES

HRP Key figures (2021)

PEOPLE IN NEED	PLANNED REACH	FUNDING REQUIRED	FUNDING RECEIVED
18.4M	15.7M	\$1.3B	4%

Contingency Plan Key figures (Mar-Jun 2021)

PEOPLE IN NEED	PLANNED REACH	FUNDING REQUIRED
13.2M	7.4M	\$390M

CLUSTER RESPONSE SUMMARY

MARCH-JUNE

CLUSTER/SECTOR	PEOPLE IN NEED (M)	PLANNED REACH (M)	REQUIREMENTS (US)
EIE	0.9	0.5	\$13.3
ES-NFI	2.0	0.2	\$16.6
FSAC	13.0	6.4	\$265.9
Health	0.6	0.3	\$13.8
Nutrition	1.6	0.7	\$26.8
Protection	3.1	0.7	\$27.1
WASH	2.7	1.0	\$26.6
TOTAL	13.2 M	7.4 M	\$390.1 M

CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES

- **AAP**: Ensuring information is exchanged in accessible languages and preferred ways before, during and after drought-like conditions. Awaaz will continue to be a key feedback and referral channel.
- **Disability**: Additional support to people with disability who find it more difficult to access services and will have increased vulnerabilities.
- **Gender**: Gendered vulnerability analysis, promotion of gender-sensitive feeding practices and design of sanitation facilities. Facilitating the participation of female staff in assessments and response to ensure women's needs are fully captured.
- **Cash**: Expansion in the use of cash and voucher assistance, enhanced market monitoring, including through WFP's Monthly Price Bulletin and the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI).
- **Access and Logistics**: Active conflict and risks to staff safety are the most likely impediments to disaster response. Systematic and coordinated engagement with all parties to the conflict is essential. Ensuring that pipelines for core supplies (particularly NFIs) are well maintained and quickly replenished. Pre-positioning of stocks close to the most acutely affected areas.

ENGAGEMENT ON THE PLAN

Coordination with the Government

- The ICCT will continue to work with the First Vice President's Office, ANDMA, MoRR, NSIA, MAIL, MRRD and other government stakeholders to identify common priorities and resource gaps, as well as strengthen strategic and operational coordination in the months ahead.
- Government and humanitarian counterparts will work to ensure planning documents are fully aligned as well as based on the latest evidence and projections of need.
- Regular coordination meetings will be held with ANDMA and other government counterparts to update plans as the humanitarian situation develops over the coming months.

Links with Development Actors

- More detailed, sector-specific plans identifying linkages with development programming will be articulated in future iterations of the spring plan.
- Lessons from previous drought situations unequivocally indicate that early, comprehensive responses in places of origin, which prevent displacement, are preferred.
- OCHA, ANDMA and the World Bank met this week to discuss funding possibilities and approval processes on the Government-side.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

FSAC: Food assistance (in-kind and cash), livestock protection support and livelihood assistance. Continued monitoring of precipitation, snowpack, soil moisture and other phenomena. Routine evaluation of the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and Agriculture Stress Index (ASI) to gauge the real-time severity of La Niña impact and drought-risk.

Nutrition: Delivery of essential nutrition treatment supplies through health facilities and mobile teams, community screening and referral systems, cash incentives to cover the transport mothers and caretakers of SAM children, blanket supplementary feeding (BSF) for undernourished children, counselling on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and optimal maternal and child care practices, and micronutrient supplementation.

WASH: Access to adequate and safe drinking water through rehabilitation of water wells and boreholes, repair of handpumps and provision of water kits with purification tablets. Access to gender-appropriate sanitation facilities and safe waste disposal. COVID-sensitive hygiene promotion and hygiene kits.

Health: Routine surveillance of and response to COVID-19, AWD, measles and other diseases. Emergency health services through mobile and static clinics. Provision of mental health, GBV (health) and psychosocial support.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Protection: Individual protection assistance (both in-kind and cash), referrals, psychosocial support through static and mobile approaches, clearance of explosive hazards, child protection and GBV case management, dignity kit distribution, tracing of unaccompanied and separated children, psychological first aid, HLP information sharing and legal support to those under threat of eviction, and protection monitoring of the evolving situation where possible.

ES-NFI: Provision of household items, emergency shelter kits and self-reconstruction tool kits. Provision of tools and materials (both cash and in-kind) for shelter repair and upgrade. Advocacy for increase funding towards transitional shelter solutions.

Education: Temporary learning spaces and provision of teaching supplies/resources. Provision of water and hygiene supplies in schools, school feeding or cash and voucher assistance, remedial classes, rehabilitation and expansion of learning facilities to absorb any new influx of displaced children, and psychosocial support through teachers.

Other complementary activities: Pipeline Tracking (ICCT), Access Strategy (HAG), gender analysis (GiHA), displacement analysis (DTM), community information needs analysis (AAPWG).



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