

# WORLD VISION: AFGHANISTAN DROUGHT RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT | DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019



## Situation Overview

Severe drought and ongoing conflict continue to drive humanitarian needs for more than 6.3 million Afghans, more than half of whom are children. Drought has affected more than two-thirds of all Afghans, triggering crisis level food insecurity and pushing hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable out of areas of origin to seek emergency assistance. Rising insecurity in many parts of the country are further exacerbating needs and disincentivizing displaced populations from returning home. While several rounds of peace talks were conducted between IEA and international interlocutors with the intention of reaching to peace agreement, the talks have yet to result in tangible achievements.

## Key Messages

**Large scale displacement due to drought:** Between June and August alone 263,000 people were newly displaced within Badghis and Herat provinces due to severe drought. Most of the displaced now live in 19 informal settlement sites around the cities of Herat and Qala-e-Naw. Approximately 13.5 million Afghans face crisis levels of food insecurity, six million more than last year. 3.6 million of these are at an emergency level of food insecurity. The drought has not only affected farmers' crops, but without drinking water and grazing fodder, many of their livestock have already died. Both displaced and remaining families have now completely depleted their savings and are forced to fall into debt in order to survive.

Ongoing conflict overlaid with the drought has made the situation for everyday Afghans even worse. In the second week of January alone, as a result of conflict in Abkamary district of Badghis Province, 800 families were displaced within Badghis and Herat province. These families join the hundreds of thousands of displaced who are braving the winter with no clear exit from their displacement, as ongoing insecurity and drought-related resource scarcity have left them with no alternatives.

### Rights of children on the move:

IDP families are turning to negative coping mechanisms to manage increasingly scarce resources, including resorting to early marriage. Recent evaluations reveal that desperation is pushing families to marry off their girl children to receive a "bride price" and to reduce the number of mouths to feed. According to the HRP, the rates of child marriage in Badghis province are 13 per cent higher than the national average, while cases of child labour, child abandonment, and child-selling have all been reported in recent months.

Drought and displacement are also detrimentally affecting child health. According to World Vision Afghanistan mobile health team assessments in IDP areas, many of the children treated in these areas suffer from chronic diarrhoea, malnutrition and acute respiratory infections.



World Vision Emergency Response Areas

Pre-existing under-enrollment of Afghan children in formal education is further exacerbated by the current crisis. Many displaced families fled without or never had access to proper citizenship documentation (Tazkeras), creating an additional hurdle to accessing formal education spaces.

**Future risks:** New reports forecast that there may be sufficient precipitation/El Niño events during the 2018/19 wet season, particularly in the country's north and northeast. While this may signal an end to the national drought, the anticipated rainfall does not cover the western region where drought is most severe. Furthermore, anticipated warmer temperatures will mean less snowpack and, therefore, less water for the summer. The dry, compacted soil will also mean that any rainfall will be less easily absorbed into the ground and more likely to run-off in the event of heavy rains, resulting in flash flooding which, in turn, could generate additional humanitarian needs. This is especially true in flood-prone areas such as Badghis.

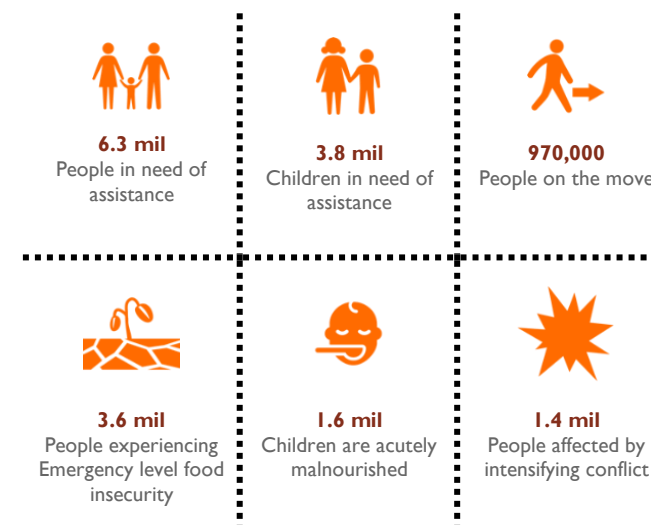
**World Vision is calling for an urgent, peaceful and durable resolution to the decades long-conflict that has robbed generations of Afghan children of their right to childhood, education and a future without fear.**

**World Vision is also calling for a rapid scale up of humanitarian and development assistance to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the complex humanitarian emergency gripping the country and to prevent further deterioration of the situation, particularly for the nation's most vulnerable children.**

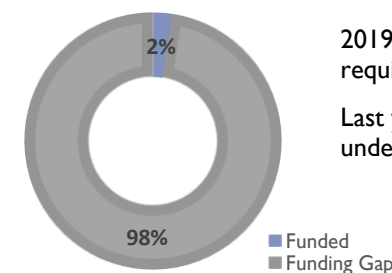
## World Vision Afghanistan

World Vision has been carrying out humanitarian and development activities across Western Afghanistan since 2001. Currently, WVA's 590 staff members are implementing 22 humanitarian projects and responding to the needs of over 434,672 conflict and drought affected people across Herat and Badghis.

## Humanitarian Needs



## Humanitarian Response Plan







2019 Afghanistan HRP requires **612M**

Last year the HRP was underfunded by **131M**

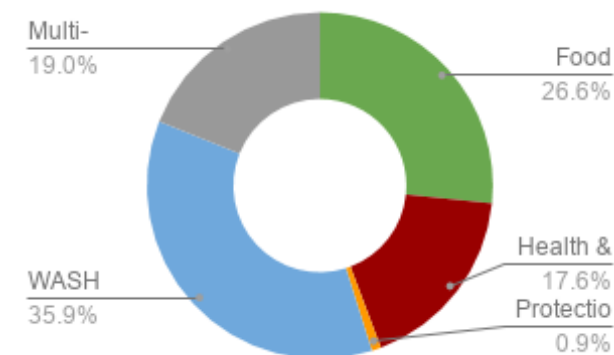
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### Sector Updates

<b>WASH</b> 	<b>Total Reach: 33,253</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 solar-powered networks constructed in Badghis and Herat</li> <li>30 handpumps rehabilitated in Badghis</li> <li>1000 household water storage/conservation structures constructed in Badghis</li> <li>16 household handwashing facilities constructed in Badghis</li> <li>444 emergency latrines/bathing facilities constructed in IDP settlements in Badghis</li> <li>Emergency drinking water treatment for 640 HH distributed in Herat</li> </ul>
<b>Health</b> 	<b>Total Reach: 59,070</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21 Mobile Health and Nutrition teams working across Herat (Herat city, Gulran, Koshk-i-Kohna, Rabat Sangi) and Badghis (Qal-i-Now, Abkamary, Jawand, Balamugarb)</li> <li>3405 women received ANC, 5055 children identified with diarrhea treated, 13,265 children treated (U5) for ARIs, 841 SAM and 5,805 MAM cases identified and treated or referred</li> <li>Child Protection in Emergency (CPIE) training for 100 Health and Nutrition staff in Herat and Badghis provinces</li> </ul>
<b>Food Sec &amp; Livelihoods</b> 	<b>Total Reach Food: 434,672 (62096 HH)</b> <b>Total Reach Livelihood: 143,822 (20546 HH)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3354.31 MT of wheat flour, oil, plumpy doz, pulses, salt, and peas distributed for 59396 HH across Herat (Gulran, Koshk-i-Kohna, Rabat Sangi, Herat City) and Badghis (Moqur, Abkamary, Qadis, Jawand, Qal-i-Naw)</li> <li>53.25 MT RUSF (in coordination with mobile nutrition teams)</li> <li>Distribution of agriculture packages (wheat seeds, fertilizers) and livestock packages (animal feed and fodder crop seeds, livestock vaccinations) across Badghis (Abkamary, Qadis, Qal-i-Naw, Jawand, Moqur, Ghormach, Murghab, Bala Murgahab, Sangi Atish).</li> </ul>
<b>Protection &amp; Education</b> 	<b>Total Reach: 1,145</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Protection, Social Work and Case Management training for 160 Child Protection Action Network (CPAN) members in Kabul, Bamyán and Badghis provinces</li> <li>Child Rights Refresher ToT for 25 Community Development Mobilizers</li> <li>20 Multi-Purpose Adolescent Groups members (13 girls and 7 boys) participated one day Radio Life Debate under the name of Importance of Education, especially for girls which were organized by APEO with close coordination of IALA project team in Education Directorate</li> <li>Life skills and self-expression monthly mentoring meeting for 540 MAG members in Qadis. Muqur and Qal-i-Naw districts</li> <li>Life Skills Refresher Training conducted in 28 Multi-Purpose Adolescent Groups for 560 group members</li> </ul>

Current Sector Investment



Active Project Value (Cash less Match):	<b>\$12,839,431</b>
Active Project Value of Gift-in-Kind	<b>\$12,474,833</b>
<b>Total Joint Value</b>	<b>\$25,314,264.00</b>
Targeted Direct Project Beneficiaries:	<b>399,803</b>
Current Projects:	<b>22</b>
Pending Projects:	<b>7</b>

### M&E Update

- 5 Assessments: Protection and Education (Herat), 2 Multi-Sectoral (Badghis, Herat, Ghormach), 1 Livelihood (Badghis), 1 Food Security (Badghis)
- 4 Project Baseline Surveys: 1 Nutrition, 1 WASH, 1 Livelihood, 1 Multi-Sectoral
- 7 Project Endline Surveys: 1 Livelihood, 2 WASH, 2 Child Protection, 1 Education, 1 Faith-Based programme

### Staffing and Reach

- Employed: 590 staff (including regular, stipend, and daily)
- Deployed/Seconded: 2 International
- Consultants: 1 International

### Communication Update

- Child Protection:** With a fund from international American students, WV Afghanistan invited 200 IDP children over two days to the World Vision Afghanistan Street Children Enrichment Centre
- Food Assistance:** In cooperation with World Food Programme is working to ease the burden of drought-affected farmers by providing food to 16,500 household
- Livelihood:** As part of the Protecting/Saving Livestock Project in Badghis, and in cooperation with FAO, World Vision Afghanistan distributed 520 metric tons of animal feed to 5,200 families most affected by the drought
- WASH:** World Vision has partnered with UNICEF to provide 444 combined latrine/bathing structures which will meet the needs of 8,880 people including 1097 boys and 1073 girls in five IDP sites