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Implementation and Maintenance of the Regional CSP Portfolio:

- *Enabling environment at the country level*, including Food Security & Nutrition governance and SDG2 coordination in UN Country Teams (RBA, UNICEF and WHO).
- *Implications for Regional Bureau*, reconfiguration and strengthening (e.g. technical skills mix and thematic initiatives); move towards a longer term “Regional Strategic Plan”.

Evolution of the Portfolio:

- *Country Strategic Reviews (CSR)*: Synthesis Report to inform next round, which will be part of the CCA (Common Country Assessment) process in the context of UN Reform.
- *Country Strategic Plans (CSP) Planning*: Review of country-level CSP plans to 2030 to prepare for the next generation of CSP’s in alignment with the new UNDAF guidance.

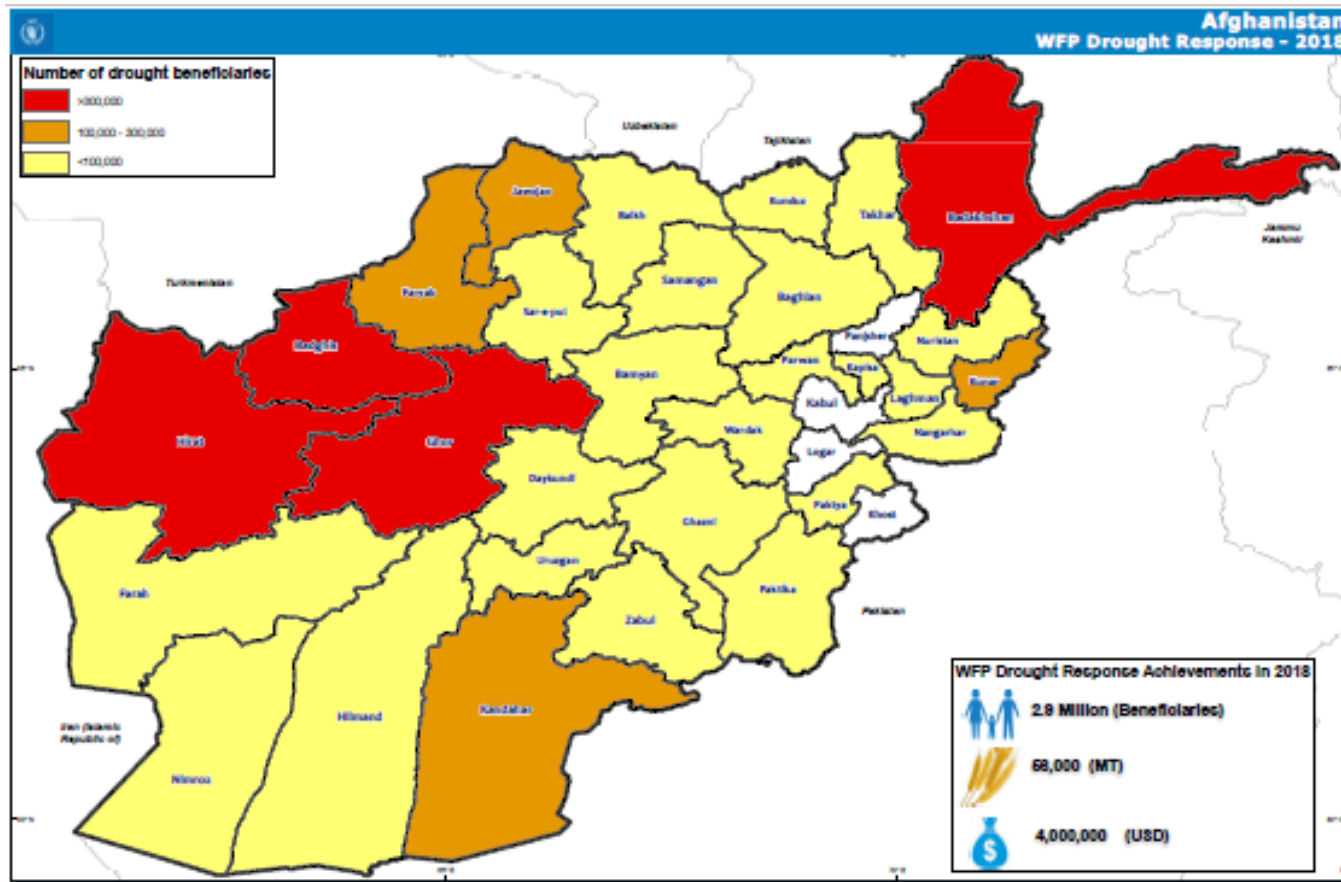
Expansion:

- Interim Multi-Country Strategic Plan for the Pacific for June EB. Exploring possible CSR and CSP approaches in other countries (Mongolia, Vietnam and the Maldives).

Afghanistan



Serving 2.5 million to April and 1.4 million to July 2019, including 250,000 displaced.



Requirements through August 2019 - USD 175 Million: **Funding gap - USD 84 million**

Bangladesh (L2)



2019 Joint Response Plan (JRP): Appealing for USD 920 million for over 1.2 million beneficiaries. Priorities include Food Security & Nutrition (25 percent of overall appeal).

WFP Plans: Maintain Food Assistance to over 900,000 refugees, including nearly 220,000 with e-vouchers, plus blanket nutrition intervention and targeted supplemental interventions.

Assessment: Refugee Intervention Vulnerability Assessment (REVA) to be completed by March.

SCOPE: Enrollment completed, enabling increased cash-based transactions, now a quarter of all food assistance, as well as a multi-wallet approach for Non-Food Items [e.g. Hygiene and Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)].

Preparedness: “Site Maintenance & Engineering Project” vital for cyclone/monsoon season with increased coordination with World Bank and ADB; refugee relocation; cyclone shelters, etc.

Host Communities (200,000 Beneficiaries): Range of activities including School Meals, Livelihood support, Infrastructure, reforestation and new markets from refugee cash.

Outstanding Requirements for 2019: USD 164 Million.

Poor Harvests: 2018 underproduction due to three successive natural disasters (drought, flooding and storm) compounding effects of a poor harvest in 2017.

Food deficit: 1.5 million MT deficit cited by Government with possibilities for bilateral and multilateral support. FAO Agriculture Review and WFP Household food assessment.



Future Concerns: Storm Season & El Niño



Storm Season:

South Pacific: Continuing through April 2019. Some above normal storm activity.

North Pacific: Preparations for next storm season (July 2019 through November 2019).

El Niño:

Lower probability (50-65 percent) for March-May 2019 period.

Above normal rainfall in Afghanistan, Pakistan, northern India, northern Myanmar and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Normal or below rainfall in southern Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. IR-PREP activities in Mongolia, PNG and Vietnam.



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