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# EMERGING CRISES

EXECUTIVE BOARD BRIEFING





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# AGENDA

**EMERGING CRISIS:  
OVERVIEW & OVERLOOKED  
EMERGENCIES**

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**OPERATIONAL FOCUS:  
AFGHANISTAN**

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**OPERATIONAL FOCUS:  
ETHIOPIA**

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## OVERVIEW

# 270.5 M



PEOPLE ESTIMATED TO BE  
ACUTELY FOOD INSECURE IN  
80 COUNTRIES

# US\$ 4.5 B



SIX-MONTH NET FUNDING  
REQUIREMENTS (SEPTEMBER  
2021 TO FEBRUARY 2022)

## OVERVIEW

### DRIVERS AND CHALLENGES

**We are watching the worst-case scenario unfolding** before our very eyes. Famine, driven by conflict, fueled by economic shocks and exacerbated by climate extremes, threaten the lives of 41 million people.

**The climate crisis is no longer a glimpse into the future** but the daily reality for communities around the world, culminating to the first ever ***climate famine*** in Madagascar. Climate shocks - such as drought, storms, and floods - are increasingly putting lives and livelihoods at risk and eroding development gains.

**WFP and partners continue to face humanitarian access challenges in many operations.** This includes resource constraints, administrative or bureaucratic procedures, movement restrictions, security challenges and physical constraints related to the environment.

# UNDER THE RADAR EMERGENCIES

## HAITI

**650,000**

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY EARTHQUAKE

**100,000**

PEOPLE RECEIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE

**40,000**

PEOPLE RECEIVING HOT MEALS

## MADAGASCAR

**1.31 MILLION IN IPC3+**

PEOPLE PROJECTED TO BE ACUTELY FOOD INSECURE

**28,000 IN IPC5**

from 14,000  
(OCTOBER TO DECEMBER PROJECTION)

**69%**

OF THE GRAND SUD IMPACTED BY EXTREME DROUGHT

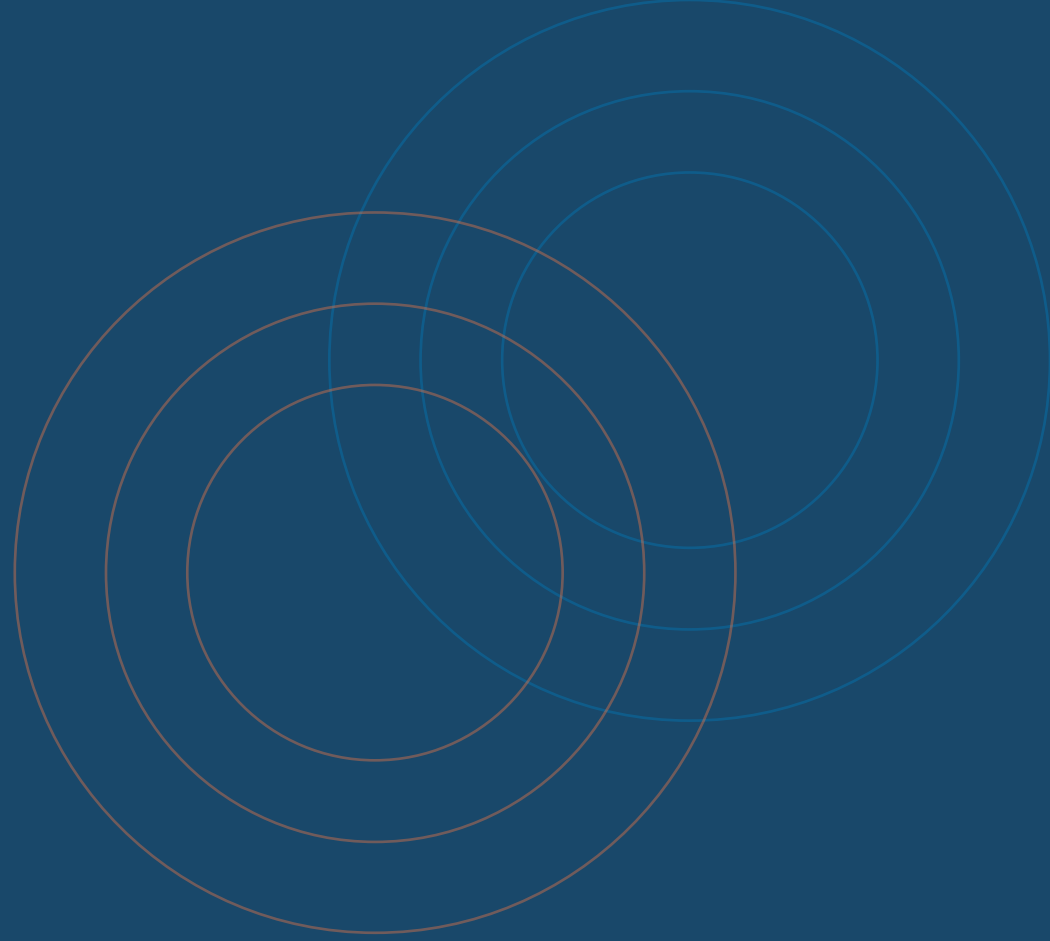


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# Q&A







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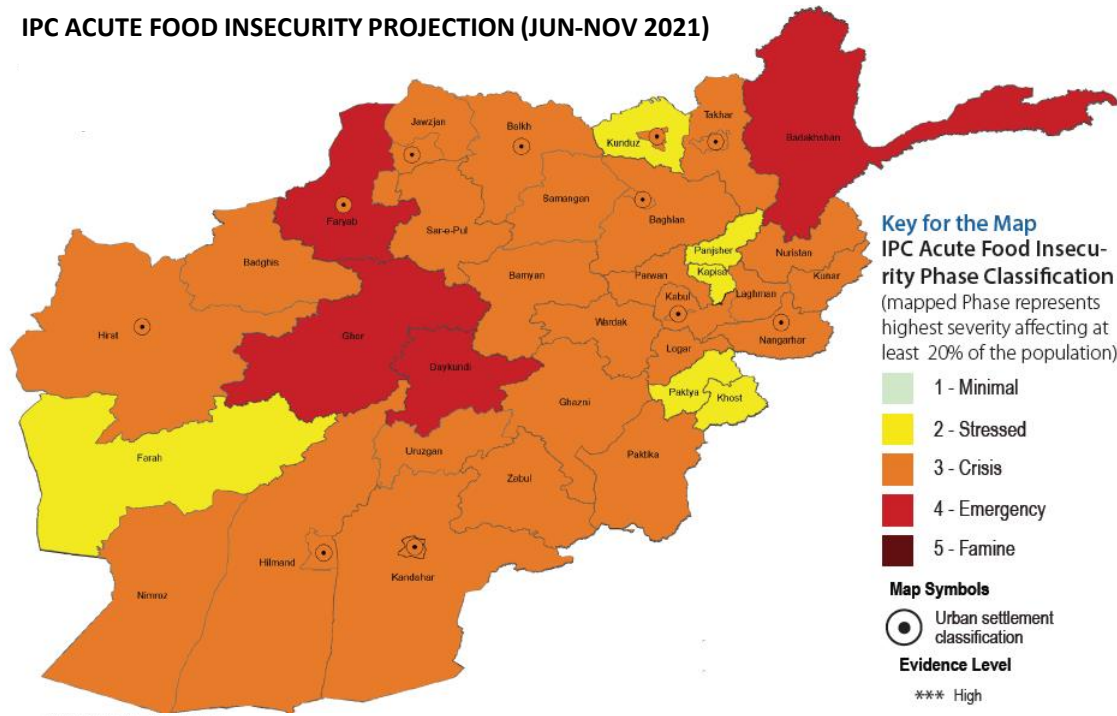


# AFGHANISTAN

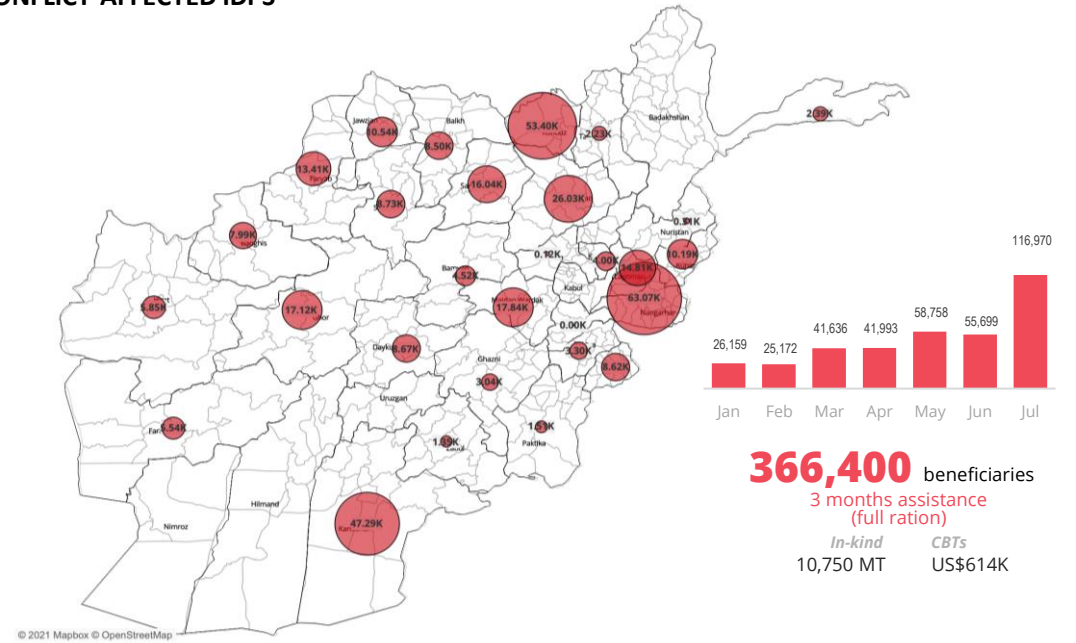
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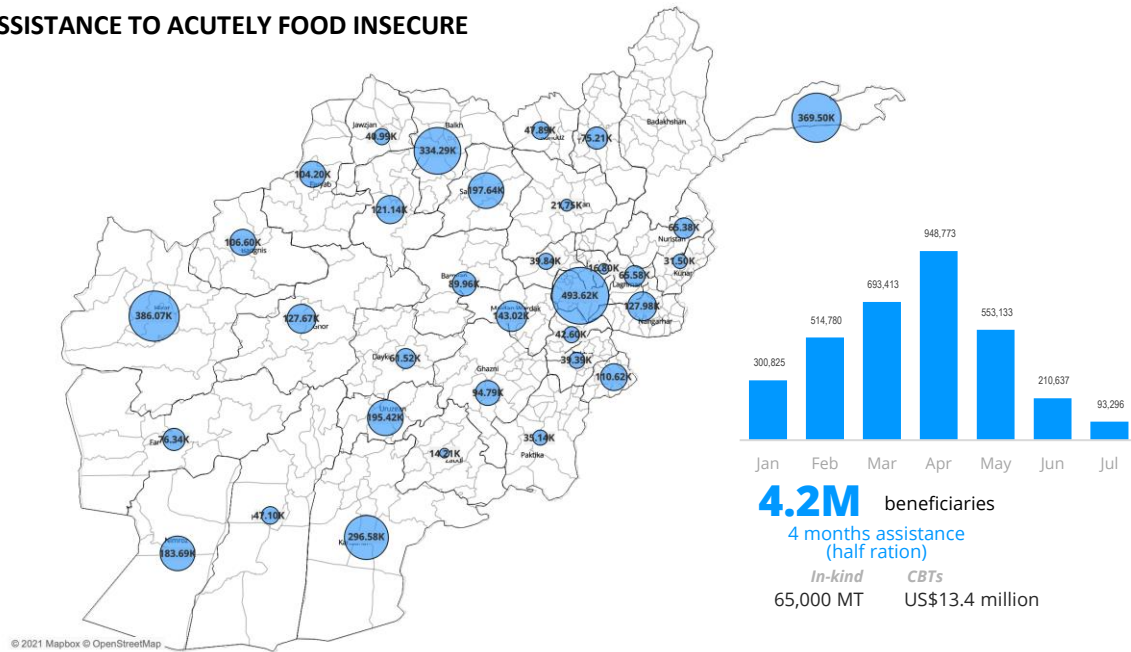
### IPC ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY PROJECTION (JUN-NOV 2021)



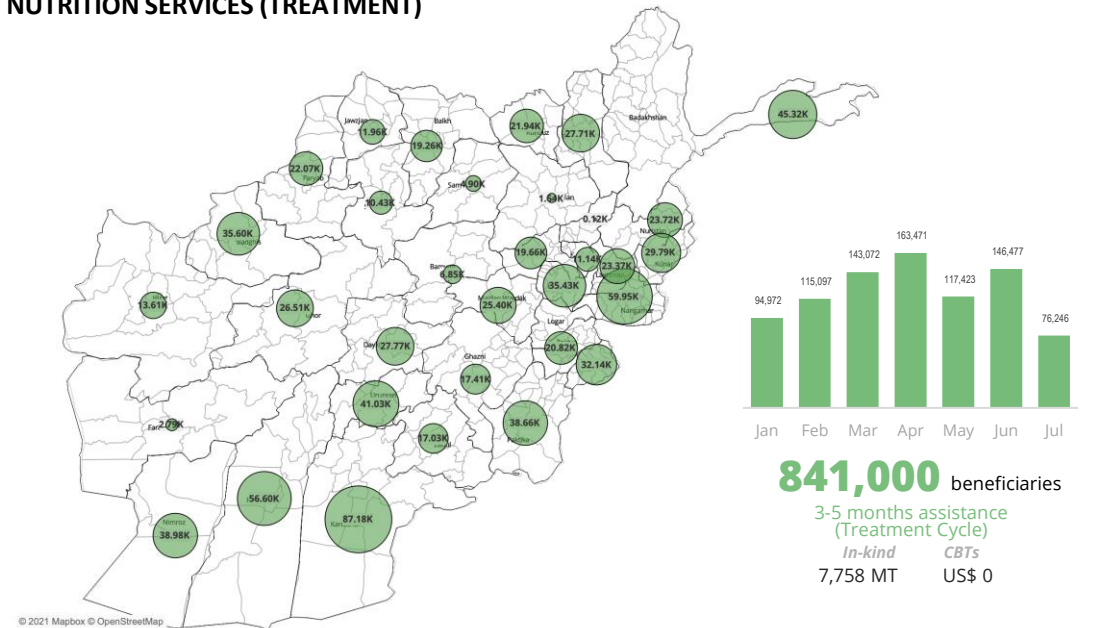
### CONFLICT-AFFECTED IDPS



### ASSISTANCE TO ACUTELY FOOD INSECURE



### NUTRITION SERVICES (TREATMENT)



14M IPC3+ with  
15.2M at risk of  
becoming IPC3+

FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE

\$200M

2021 NET FUNDING  
REQUIREMENT

AFGHANISTAN

## JANUARY – JULY 2021

 5,183 ↑ 47%

CIVILIAN  
CASUALTIES

 586k ↑ 390%

NEW INTERNALLY  
DISPLACED PEOPLE

 14M

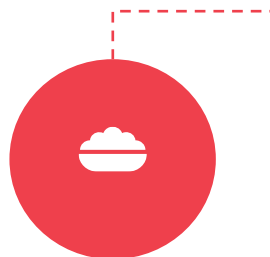
ACUTELY FOOD INSECURE  
PEOPLE (IPC3+)

 2.5M MT ↑ 90%

WHEAT  
DEFICIT

 5.8M

PEOPLE REACHED IN  
THE FIRST 7 MONTHS



### Food Insecurity continues to soar

Already, more than half of children under five — that's over 3.5 million children — will face acute malnutrition this year.

17 provinces reporting negative coping strategies to compensate for a lack of food.

Drought has led to a 40% loss in wheat production.

Available water in Kabul for a population of about 2 million — but home to 6 million.



### Economic Meltdown

Job opportunities have drastically declined by nearly 20%.

Bank closures mean no one can access their cash. Re-opened banks have \$200p/w. Workers are not being paid.

Economic collapse could mean an additional 15.2 million at crisis levels of food insecurity.





Workers load trucks with essential food supplies at a WFP warehouse, Mazar on 20 August 2021



WFP Food distribution in Herat, on 30 August 2021

## We never stopped delivering

- In the week following the Taliban's takeover of Kabul, WFP brought in 600 MT of food and dozens of new trucks through border crossings.
- The same week we reached 80,000 people with lifesaving food and nutrient-dense foods to treat and prevent malnutrition.
- In August alone, WFP assisted over a quarter of a million people (260,000+) including 102,312 new IDPs fleeing fresh conflict in August.
- UNHAS flights have resumed now servicing Mazar, Kandahar, and Herat.
- 430 national staff and 11 international staff remain in place.



## What we are doing

- Adapting up to 2 months of cash-based assistance to food to prevent delays.
- Deployed an additional 34 mobile health teams to make a total of 117 teams since the beginning of August.
- Establishing humanitarian cargo airbridge for UNHAS flights
- Emergency nutrition programmes adapted to ensure that the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition can continue
- Looking for opportunities to build resilience and create sustainable benefits for the most vulnerability communities.





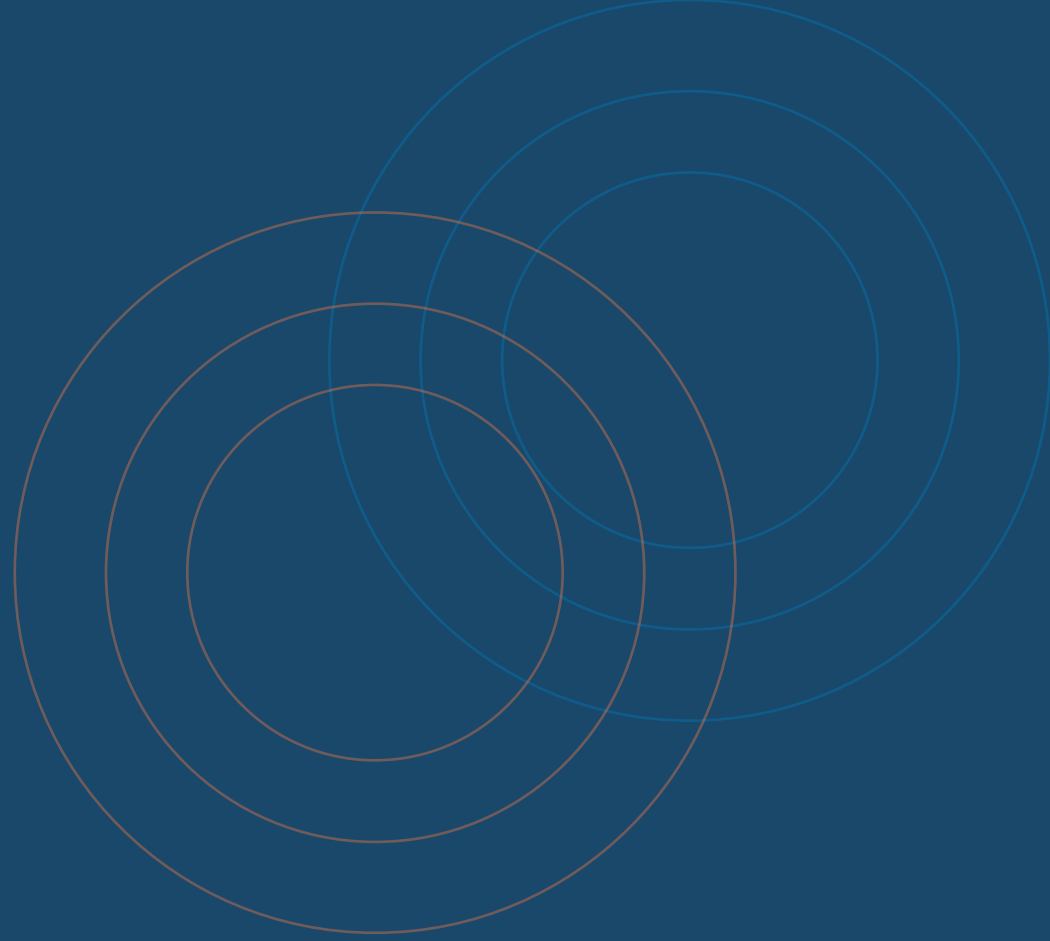


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# ETHIOPIA

OPERATIONAL FOCUS



# 5.2 M

ESTIMATED PEOPLE IN  
NEED OF EMERGENCY  
FOOD ASSISTANCE IN  
TIGRAY

# + 1.7 M

NEWLY DISPLACED IN  
AMHARA AND AFAR



**NORTHERN**  
**ETHIOPIA**  
**CRISIS**



**Conflict is spreading beyond Tigray** – in addition to 5.2 million people in Tigray, 1.7 million need urgent food assistance in Amhara and Afar. WFP is stepping up relief in all affected regions: 2.1 million in Tigray, 800,000 in Amhara/Afar. Overall, WFP and partners are expected to feed up to 7 million people in Northern Ethiopia.



**Hunger crisis is looming** – June IPC classification estimates that 91 percent of Tigray's population (5.2 million) need emergency food assistance. 350,000 people are facing catastrophic levels of hunger (IPC 5), expected to further increase to 400,000 people through Sep.



**Food stocks in Tigray are running low.** Between July and Sep, only 335 trucks with humanitarian cargo reached Tigray - less than 10 percent of needs. 100 trucks daily are required to avert the risk of famine. WFP has food available in Ethiopia for immediate dispatch.



**Sustained humanitarian access is critical** – WFP and partners need assurance and support from all parties in accessing vulnerable populations at scale, allowing them to receive humanitarian assistance in a protected and safe manner. Arrival of 103 trucks in Tigray on 5 Sep is a positive signal and needs to be sustained.

# MAP

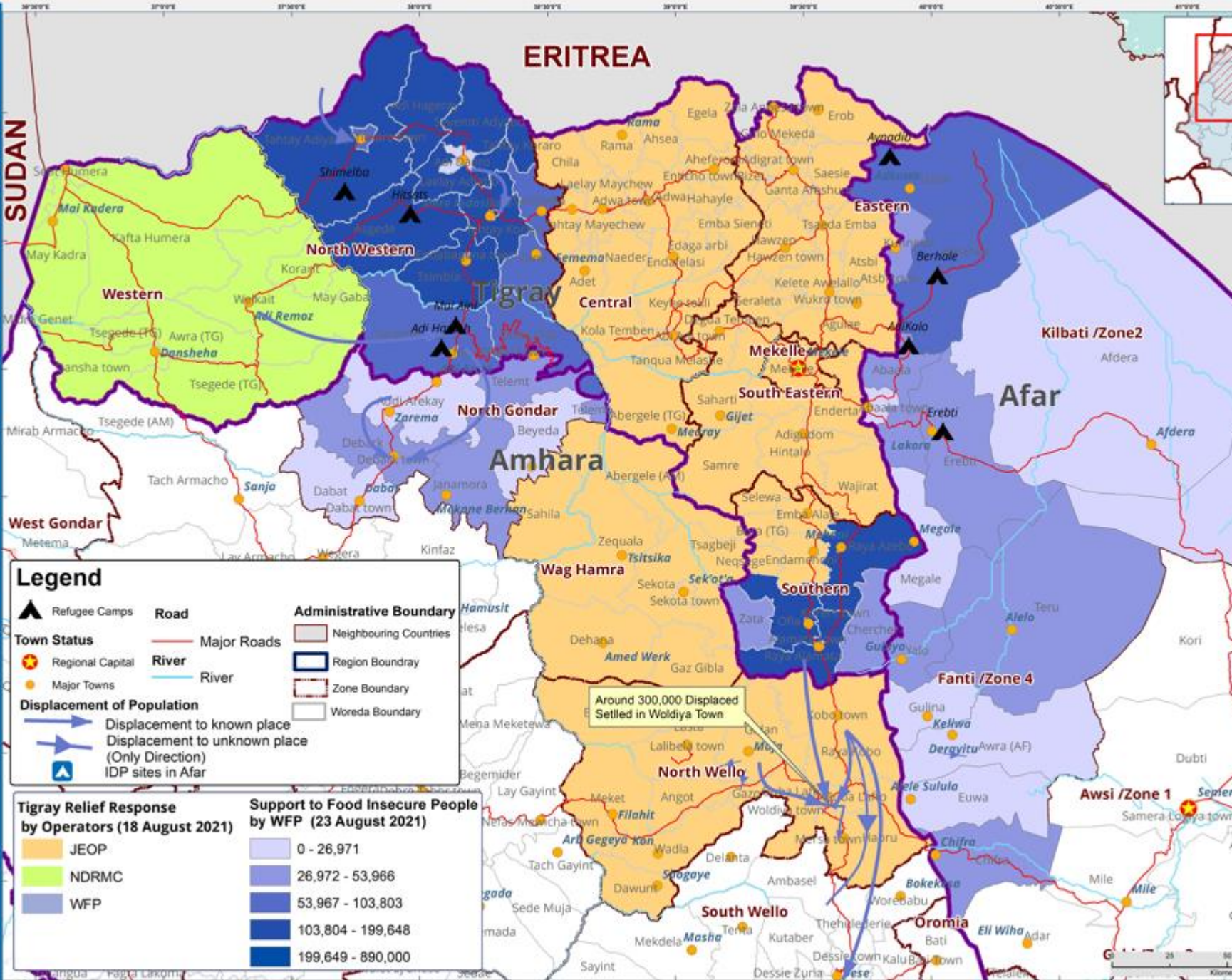
NORTHERN ETHIOPIA  
RESPONSE OVERVIEW (WFP  
AND PARTNERS)

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Ethiopia  
Tigray+Amhar+Amhara\_ Food Insecure people - 23 August 2021



**NORTHERN  
ETHIOPIA  
CRISIS**

SAVING  
LIVES  
CHANGING  
LIVES



# 180

STAFF DEPLOYED TO  
TIGRAY EMERGENCY

# \$426 M

2021 OVERALL FUNDING  
GAP FOR ETHIOPIA

# \$114 M

6-MONTHS FUNDING GAP  
FOR NORTHERN ETHIOPIA



**WFP has deployed more than 180 staff for the Tigray response** and is ready to scale up food distributions. An insecure and challenging environment makes operational planning and access difficult. Security and wellbeing of staff is a major concern.



**WFP leads 3 clusters** (food security, logistics and emergency telecommunications), enabling the humanitarian response at large. **UNHAS** flights provide a critical link – regular and unrestricted flights need to resume.



**WFP is facing an unprecedented funding gap in Ethiopia** – country-wide, US\$426 million are needed to stabilize communities, saving and changing the lives of 12 million people in 2021. As part of this, US\$114 million are needed to scale up food assistance in Tigray, Amhara and Afar for 6 months.



**Consequences are severe** – unless lifesaving supplies start flowing at scale through safe humanitarian corridors, WFP and partners are forced to drastically reduce rations and in worst case suspend activities for millions of people in need in Tigray, Amhara and Afar.

LEFT: FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN TIGRAY

TOP RIGHT: TRUCKS BEING OFFLOADED IN AMHARA

BOTTOM RIGHT: FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN AFAR

**NORTHERN  
ETHIOPIA  
CRISIS**





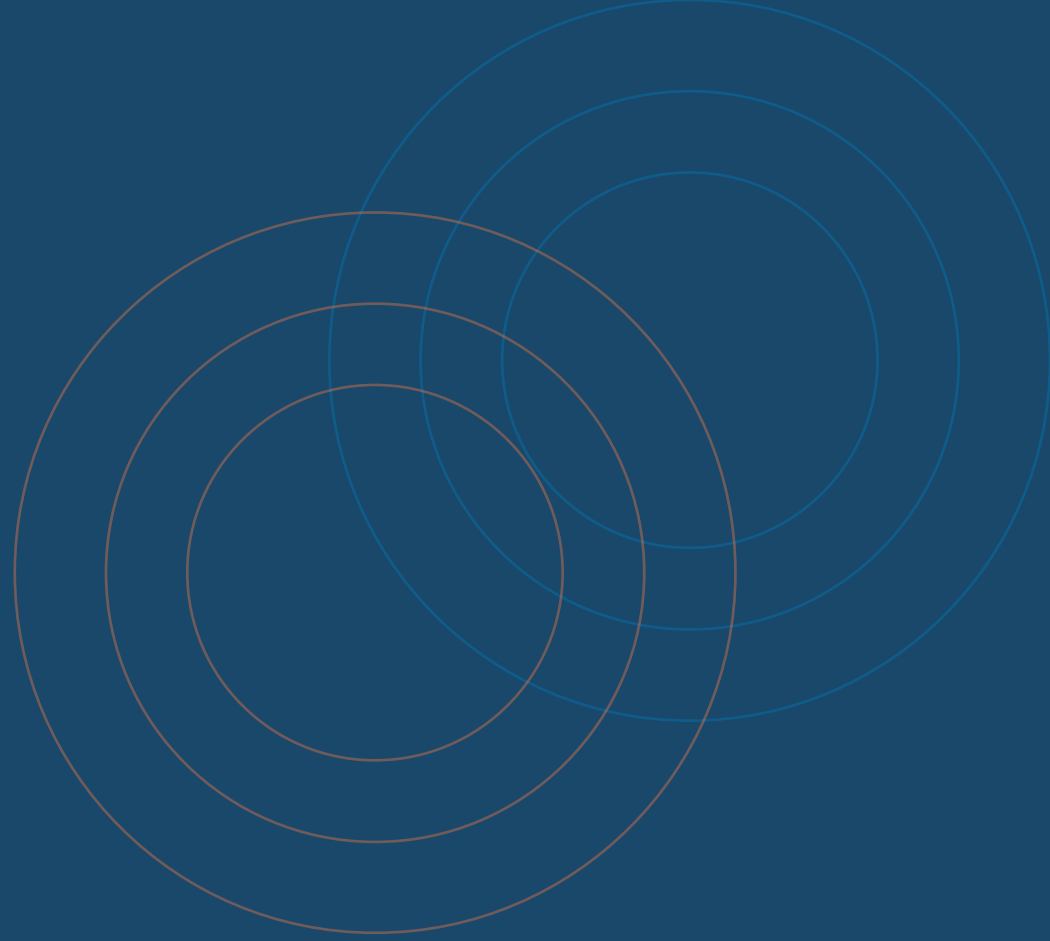


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## Corporate Priority- Leadership in Emergencies

- Act with extraordinary speed, on a **“no regrets” basis** to address growing needs
- Address critical **funding gaps** through increased **advocacy**
- Promote and lead strategic alliances and **partnerships**
- Promote humanitarian **access and protection**
- Strengthen **data collection, analysis and monitoring and early action**
- Ensure leadership and **human resources in the field**
- Reduce burden on the field through **simplified processes**
- **Engage with IFIs on opportunities** in countries of highest concern/priority





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**THANK YOU**