

NEWSLETTER

Future Generations Afghanistan

Empowering Vulnerable Communities to Shape Their Futures



WFP country office mission to primary schools in Behsud district of Nangarhar province

ADDRESSING ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY IN AFGHANISTAN

The food insecurity situation in Afghanistan has been severe in April, and it is projected to continue to be a pressing issue in the months to come. The effects of climate change, including irregular rainfall patterns, droughts, and floods, as well as a deteriorating economy, have led to a shortage of both food and water supplies in many parts of the country. This has resulted in a significant proportion of the population facing severe food insecurity, with many families struggling to meet their basic nutritional needs.

the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report, shows that, an estimated 15 million people in Afghanistan are facing acute food insecurity, this includes millions of children under the age of five who are at risk of acute malnutrition. The situation is particularly alarming in rural areas, where the majority of the population lives, and where the impacts of climate change, recent flooding and an ongoing economic crisis are felt most acutely.

To address this crisis, FGA, along with other humanitarian organizations, are working together to provide assistance to the most vulnerable populations through food assistance, cash transfers, access to clean water and sanitation and nutrition meals to children.

In April 2024, FGA provided assistance to over 306,000 individuals through various interventions in four regions of Afghanistan.

SOUTHWEST REGION

In the past month, Future Generations Afghanistan has been actively working in Nimroz and Badghis provinces to enhance the livelihood of local populations. Among the interventions, more than 91 households in Nimroz were selected to receive summer crop packages, 177 livestock owners received training on livestock management, 155 women were selected to receive backyard poultry packages, 144 households have been selected to receive micro /poly greenhouses and more than 10,40 households have been selected to receive livestock protection packages.

During the month of April, FGA made significant progress in Badghis province, distributing summer crop packages to 14,224 individuals and providing training to 263 farming households. In addition, FGA supported 330 women-headed households through home gardening packages and selected 1,106 households for livestock protection packages. FGA also selected 369 households to receive backyard poultry packages, 64 households for micro/poly greenhouses, and provided cash assistance to 39 families. Additionally, FGA provided vaccinations to over 6,044 animals in the province.



Livestock Training to beneficiaries in Moqur District of Badghis Province



FGA staff vaccinating animals in Charkh district of Logar province

CENTRAL REGION

In April, FGA administered vaccinations to 5,159 livestock belonging to 537 owners in Logar province. This helped enhance the well-being of the animals and improved their overall health. Moreover, FGA also assisted in the creation of 33 silage-making groups and 33 Common Interest Groups in the same province.

EAST REGION

FGA in the east region has been making strides in providing assistance to the local population, in Nangarhar, 576.072 MT of high energy biscuits (HEB) have been distributed to 240,030 students under the WFP-funded School Feeding Project. 6,703,6800 AFN cash have been distributed to 21,061 households. Additionally, 1,167 MT of food has been distributed to 19,159 households. Under the WFP-funded RFS (Resilience Food Systems) project in Nangarhar province, a total of 9,632,000 AFN have been distributed to 1,505 workers.

In November 2023, the Pakistan government initiated its policy of forcibly repatriating undocumented Afghans from Pakistan back to Afghanistan. This controversial approach has impacted many individuals, including women, children, and elderly people.

Many Afghans who have returned to Afghanistan have landed in eastern parts of the country, where they have been struggling to make ends meet amid the challenging economic conditions, lack of job opportunities, and limited access to basic amenities. This has further exacerbated their already dire situation, making it difficult for them to rebuild their lives and integrate into their communities. FGA responded to this crisis by providing financial and food aid to thousands of these vulnerable households in April, totaling 2,757,1200 AFN cash assistance and 404 MT of food assistance distributed to 6,616 and 6,993 families, respectively.

In Kunar province, FGA has successfully completed the UNDP funded ABADE project which supported women headed households through home gardening, livestock and food processing interventions. The project empowered women by providing them with the means to build their livelihoods.

In Nuristan, FGA has been actively working to empower the local population by implementing various projects. Over the past month, 100 women headed households have been selected to receive beekeeping packages, 375 households have been selected to receive mushroom cultivation packages and over 850 households have been selected to receive nursery cultivation packages.

