

# UN warns of “acute” Afghan food crisis

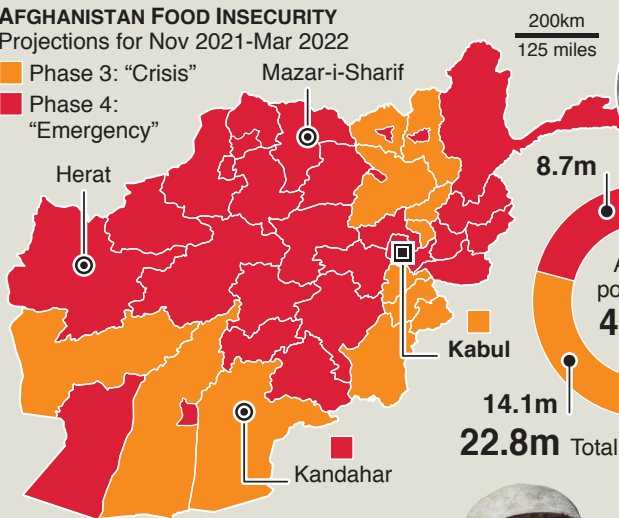
Millions of Afghans will face starvation this winter unless urgent action is taken, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) has warned

## AFGHANISTAN FOOD INSECURITY

Projections for Nov 2021-Mar 2022

Phase 3: “Crisis”

Phase 4:  
“Emergency”



8.7m

Afghan  
population  
**41.7m**

14.1m

**22.8m**

Total facing acute  
food insecurity  
(estimated  
55 percent of  
population –  
highest level  
ever recorded  
in Afghanistan)

## FOOD CRISIS DRIVERS



**Drought:** Food and water scarcity  
in 25 out of 34 provinces caused  
by drastic reduction in rainfall



**Conflict:** Over 660,000 people  
forced to flee homes between  
Jan and Sep 2021



**Economy:** \$9.5 billion in  
Afghan reserves frozen in  
wake of political transition.  
Currency fell 12.5 percent

*3.2m children under five could suffer  
acute malnutrition by end of 2021*

