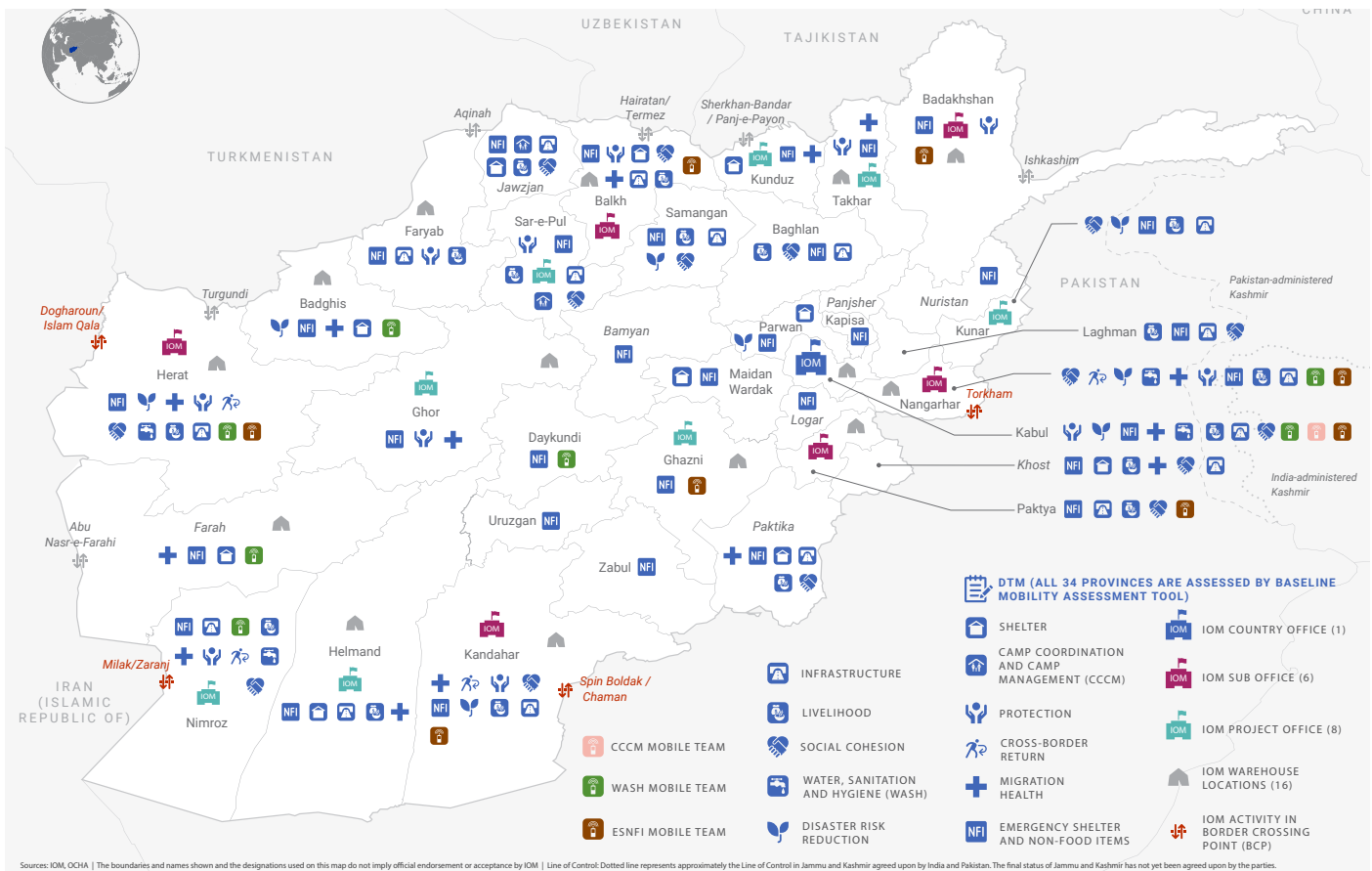


IOM AFGHANISTAN SUMMARY APPEAL



IOM Afghanistan presence and delivery of assistance as of February 2023.

\$ US 450 million
total appeal amount



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On the brink of systemic collapse, Afghanistan is facing an unprecedented and growing humanitarian crisis. Following a turbulent transfer of power in August 2021, humanitarian and development needs continue to rise as Afghanistan enters its third consecutive year of drought and its second year of economic contraction, with families unable to recover from recurring disasters and decades of conflict-driven vulnerability. The change in Government has led to the suspension of direct international development assistance to the country, resulting in both economic instability that exacerbates humanitarian needs and a ripple effect on the social fabric of the country. As a result, the humanitarian community foresees that two-thirds of the country will require urgent humanitarian assistance in 2023.

Through this appeal, IOM seeks to mobilize **US\$ 450 million** to address the humanitarian and recovery needs of over **7.3 million people** in Afghanistan, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), cross-border returnees, and host communities.

[1- Afghanistan Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023 \(January 2023\)](#)

IOM's strategic approach in Afghanistan will continue prioritizing life-saving multi-sectoral humanitarian and protection assistance across the country and in targeted border-crossing points, while laying the foundation for durable solutions for return, recovery, and longer-term development efforts.

Under the guidance of the framework for humanitarian operations in Afghanistan, and following the issuance of the decree banning women from working with (I)NGOs on 24 December 2022 (the most recent of a series of bans affecting women's and girls' rights around the country) IOM will be prioritizing gender-responsive programming through conducting gender analyses and implementing interventions that focus on the inclusion and empowerment of women and girls.

All interventions under this Appeal are founded on evidence-based data collected through the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) and partners and implemented via a participatory approach involving affected populations in all steps of programme cycles to promote, overall, a needs-based and inclusive response.

This Appeal outlines IOM's proposed response plan for Afghanistan in 2023, in alignment with the multi-agency [Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan](#), the [Transitional Engagement Framework](#), and IOM's regional [Comprehensive Action Plan for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries](#).

MISSION OVERVIEW

Since 1992, IOM has maintained an uninterrupted operational presence in Afghanistan, noting that the operating environment in the country remains increasingly complex. While physical access to people in need has largely improved, bureaucratic obstacles, threats, and intimidation of humanitarian workers, as well as restrictions on female humanitarian staff, have significantly increased, hindering the delivery of critical assistance. IOM's mandate as well as presence throughout the country has allowed it to rapidly scale up to meet the needs of people in both urban and remote areas, namely IDPs, returnees, and host communities, allowing for coordinated and targeted regional programming approaches in both life-saving assistance and towards more durable solutions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

IOM aims to deliver timely and effective multi-sectoral life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection to people on the move and affected populations in coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team and partners on the ground. The sectors of interventions include Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI); Health; Protection including Cross-Border (CB) and Post-Arrival Assistance (PARA); and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). IOM is a co-lead agency of the Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items (ES/NFI) Cluster and member of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Working Group (CCCM WG) and actively contributes to the work of the Protection Cluster, including through IOM Protection Monitoring. IOM, meanwhile, utilizes its DTM tools to regularly track and monitor cross-border and in-country population mobility and associated trends, vulnerabilities, and needs to inform the humanitarian response on the ground.

As part of preparedness efforts in communities that face a high risk of disaster and displacement, IOM supports hazard and vulnerability analyses, community-based disaster risk management, livelihoods diversification strategies, and the establishment of community early warning and preparedness systems to mitigate risk and enable a more effective response.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS AND RESILIENCE

In line with the *Strategic Framework for Solutions to Internal Displacement in Afghanistan (2023 – 2024)*, IOM aims to lay down the foundations to sustainable solutions to internal displacement through three main pathways (voluntary return, local integration, or resettlement elsewhere), using area- and neighbourhood-based approaches and synergizing recovery initiatives and crisis prevention among humanitarian, development, and peace nexus (HDPN) actors. IOM recovery and transition interventions aim at addressing basic needs while at the same time

supporting individual resilience and community stabilization by promoting community infrastructure projects; economic revitalization and sustainable livelihoods, especially for women; access to essential basic services, including health and social services; and community cohesion.

Under the overall leadership of the RC/HC and together with UNHCR and UNDP, IOM is one of the co-chairs of the Durable Solutions Working Group (DSWG) at the regional and provincial levels. IOM seeks to establish a fit-for-purpose structure to ensure adequate coordination services.

CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES

Gender

Afghanistan is one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world—and women, comprising half the population, face unique challenges and vulnerabilities in this context. Women’s exposure to risk and vulnerabilities has worsened significantly since the Taliban takeover, with the *De-facto Authorities* (DfA) issuing edicts that have significantly restricted their rights, including: limiting women’s return to work, requiring male relatives to accompany them in public, preventing them from receiving education beyond 12 years of age, and prohibiting their work with (I) NGOs. IOM will continue to conduct and integrate gender analyses and apply gender-sensitive and intersectional approaches throughout all programming to allow for the identification of inequalities, incorporate protection and gender perspectives in the delivery of assistance, and ensure the participation of all affected populations in response and recovery strategies—with specific attention placed on the needs of women and girls.

Community-Centered Approach, Participation, and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

IOM places people at the centre of all operations, ensuring AAP and adapting programming and approaches based on community and stakeholder feedback. This is based on the understanding that affected people are agents, enablers, and drivers of their own resilience, recovery, and development at the household, community, and national levels. IOM continues to operate feedback mechanisms through its partnership with Awaaz, focus group discussions (FGDs), hotlines, and media outreach campaigns to ensure that beneficiaries have space to participate, advise, respond, complain, and—most importantly—influence the design and delivery of IOM programmes.

IOM ensures that its “We are all in” platform is accessible in relevant languages to all beneficiaries, enabling them to report any type of misconduct, including occurrence of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). IOM remains very engaged in supporting all inter-agency reporting mechanisms where they have been established and are functioning.

Centrality of Protection

IOM adheres to the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) definition of protection as “all activities aimed at ensuring full respect for the rights of the individual in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the relevant bodies of law” (that is, International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, and International Refugee law). IOM is committed to respecting, safeguarding, and upholding the safety, dignity, and integrity of all, leaving no one behind and placing protection at the center of its action in adherence with the *IASC Statement on the Centrality of Protection* and the *IASC Protection Policy in Humanitarian Action*.

To this end, IOM humanitarian assistance aims to be sensitive to gender, age, ethnicity, and ability. In addition, IOM is proactively and continuously implementing its Zero-Tolerance Policy on SEA and ensuring measures that do-no-harm, seeking to promote non-discrimination, meaningful access, safety, dignity, participation, empowerment, and accountability throughout all programming.

OPERATIONAL FORECAST FOR 2023 (IOM AFGHANISTAN)

Funding
Requirement
\$450 M

Funding
Confirmed
\$138.1 M

Funding
Gap
\$311.9 M

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Sector	IOM planned reach 2023 (individuals)	Funding Requirement	Funding Confirmed	Funding Gap	Total HRP Requirement	HRP planned reach
Emergency Shelter and NFI	434,000	\$135.6 M	\$43.9	\$91.7 M	\$276 M	1.3 M
Health	1.32 M	\$49.5 M	\$11.1 M	\$38.4 M	\$449.9 M	15.6M
Protection ²	460,000	\$12 M	\$6.4 M	\$5.6 M	\$169.6 M	6.5 M
Post-arrival assistance	686,000	\$60 M	\$14.3 M	\$45.7 M		
WASH	2.32 M	\$46 M	\$21.9 M	\$24.1 M	\$479.4 M	13.9 M
Sub-Total	5.220 M	\$303.1 M	\$97.6 M	\$205.5 M		37.3 M

CROSS-CUTTING PROGRAMMES AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

Sector	Funding Requirement	Funding Confirmed	Funding Gap
DTM	\$13 M	\$2.5 M	\$10.5 M
CCCM	\$7.5 M	\$2.0 M	\$5.5 M
Durable Solutions Working Group Coordination	\$2.2 M	\$0.0 M	\$2.2 M
Shelter/NFI Cluster Coordination	\$2.2 M	\$0.6 M	\$1.6 M
Sub-Total	\$24.9 M	\$5.1 M	\$19.8 M

RESILIENCE AND SOLUTIONS

Sector	IOM planned reach 2023 (individuals)	Funding Requirement	Funding Confirmed	Funding Gap
Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment	417,600	\$58 M	\$14.4 M	\$43.6 M
Infrastructure for Essential Services	1.283 M	\$35 M	\$8.5 M	\$26.5 M
Social Cohesion	31,500	\$7 M	\$1.1 M	\$5.9 M
Disaster Risk Reduction	352,000	\$22 M	\$11.4 M	\$10.6 M
Sub-Total	2.084 M	\$122 M	\$35.4 M	\$86.6 M

2- IOM's Protection interventions and funding snapshots also include the funding needs, fulfillment, and planned reach of IOM's Cross Border and Post-Arrival Assistance (CB-PARA) programming.