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Subject:	Humanitarian needs in Afghanistan, a focus on food insecurity - presentation by Concern Worldwide
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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) on 8 September 2026, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by Concern Worldwide¹².

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Humanitarian Needs in Afghanistan

- 21.9 million people in humanitarian need (45%)
- 17.4 million people require food-sec assistance
- 13.8 million Afghans likely to experience IPC 3 or above

*HNRP 2026



Food insecurity and malnutrition in Northeastern Afghanistan

- 35% of the population faces acute food insecurity
- Badakhshan consistently recorded the highest prevalence – 50%
- Takhar at 32%, Kunduz at 30% and Baghlan at 28%.



*Needs Assessment Conducted by Concern WW – June 2026

Lessons Learned from EU and IrishAid Funded Programmes

- Agriculture support is the strategic entry point
- Focus on identification, prevention and Treatment of Nutrition as integrated approach
- Women participation is achievable through deliberate investment in community acceptance

AWARE: Advancing Womenled Agribusiness for Women Empowerment
FARAGIR: Inclusive Livelihood Recovery and Resilience



Challenges

- Formalisation of (Women-led) Businesses
- Policy engagement with ministries
- The outcomes remain local



Recommendations

- Fund multi year, and fund the bridge
- Keep aid depoliticised
- Prioritise resilience over humanitarian

