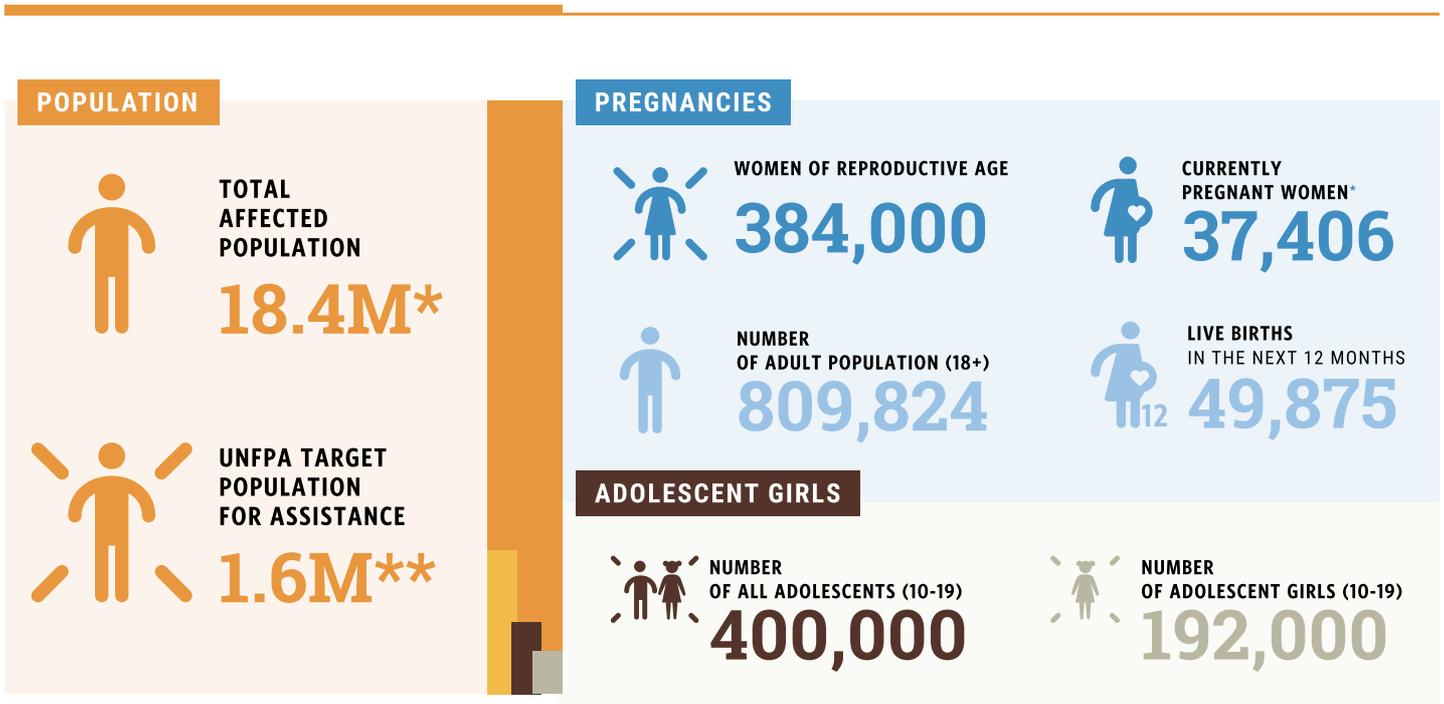


# AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

MONTHLY UPDATE | DECEMBER 2021





\*Afghanistan Humanitarian Needs Overview 2021  
 \*\*UNFPA Flash Appeal Sept 2021 - Aug 2022

\*15 per cent (7,481) will experience complications

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

➤ Sustaining the functionality of maternal health services remained a critical component of the humanitarian response in Afghanistan continuing into 2022 as the overall healthcare system suffers due to the complexity of the crisis and funding gaps.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REPORTED THAT ONLY HEALTH FACILITIES RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES HAVE BEEN FUNCTIONAL SINCE THE SUSPENSION OF THE SEHATMANDI PROJECT. HOWEVER, SERVICE DELIVERY IN SOME OF THE FACILITIES ARE AFFECTED BY SECURITY INCIDENTS.

THE UNFPA-SUPPORTED FAMILY HEALTH HOUSES AND MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE INDISPENSABLE SUPPORT TO THE HEALTH SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY ON REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH, AS WELL AS PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND PROTECTION SERVICES TO CRISIS-AFFECTED POPULATION, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND GIRLS.

➤ In January, the UN launched the Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan 2022, which aims to raise \$4.44 billion to address the needs of 22.1 million Afghans, including 16.5 million women and children, this year.

**THE APPEAL IS THE LARGEST THAT THE UN HAS EVER MADE FOR A SINGLE COUNTRY.**

# 2021 FLASH APPEAL ROUND-UP OVER A QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE REACHED AUGUST-DECEMBER

THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF DONORS AND PARTNERS, UNFPA REACHED 266,346 PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND PROTECTION SERVICES DURING THE CRITICAL MONTHS OF AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2021, DESPITE A MYRIAD OF CHALLENGES TO DELIVER SERVICES TO THE MOST REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

The services were delivered through UNFPA-supported facilities and interventions including the Family Health Houses (FHH), Mobile Health and Outreach Teams (MHT/MOT), Midwifery Helpline, Youth Health Line, emergency clinics and protection centers.

**FHH** FAMILY HEALTH HOUSES

**21,363**

antenatal care, skilled birth attendance, postnatal care

**MHT** MOBILE HEALTH TEAM SRH SERVICES

**33,371**

**MOT** PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELLING

**106,109**

various service delivery points

**MOT** WOMEN REACHED WITH SURVIVOR-CENTERED PSS SERVICES

**65,155**

**MHT** MIDWIFERY HELPLINE CALLS ASSISTED

**5,354**

**MHT** YOUTH HEALTH LINE CALLS ASSISTED

**34,994**

During the period, UNFPA also procured a total of 399 Emergency Reproductive Health kits that would benefit up to 360,000 people in need of reproductive health care. Majority of the kits have been distributed to various hospitals and clinics, as well as to the FHHs and MHTs.



## SUPPORTED FACILITIES

**172**

FAMILY HEALTH HOUSES

**23**

MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS

**4**

EMERGENCY CLINICS\*

**81**

PROTECTION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES

## EMERGENCY HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

**➤ Firoza, a 34-year-old mother of five, was rushed from her village of Chesht-Sherat in Herat Province to a UNFPA-supported Family Health House. She was in labour but had developed complications and was in severe pain.**

After being treated by staff at the health centre, Firoza was able to give birth safely. But her midwife, Amina, noticed there was something different about this delivery – it wasn't over. Firoza had another baby on the way.

FHH guidelines advise midwives not to attempt to deliver twins alone, but Firoza's precarious condition meant it would have been too dangerous to transfer her to another facility, and in any case most had closed due to the deteriorating security situation. Nervous for the well-being of her patient, Amina quickly picked up the phone and called the Midwifery Helpline for support.

Amina was guided through the next birth by helpline staff, successfully delivering Firoza's surprise second baby. But their joy was cut short when Firoza became unwell and started bleeding profusely: she had developed a sudden and severe postpartum haemorrhage, which can be lethal if not treated rapidly.

**➤ The midwife called the helpline back, explaining Firoza's critical condition and following advice on how to stop the haemorrhage. The new mother of twins recovered well, and was closely monitored by Amina and the helpline team before being referred to a district hospital for further specialized treatment the following morning.**



# FUNDING STATUS as of 31 December 2021

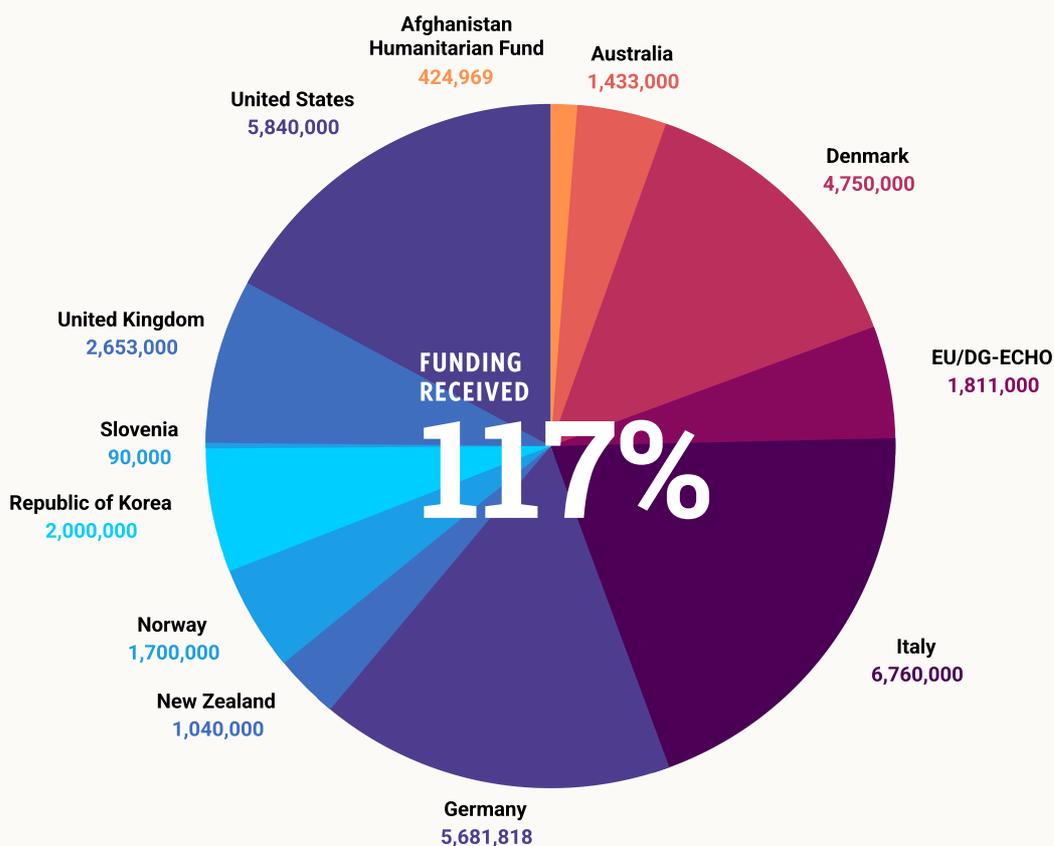
FUNDING REQUIREMENT

**\$29.2M**

FUNDING RECEIVED

**\$34M**

MONEY RECEIVED	AMOUNT IN USD (US\$)	
Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund	424,969	
Australia	1,433,000	
Denmark	4,750,000	
EU/DG-ECHO	1,811,000	
Italy	6,760,000	
Germany	5,681,818	
New Zealand	1,040,000	
Norway	1,700,000	
Republic of Korea	2,000,000	
Slovenia	90,000	
United Kingdom	2,653,000	
United States	5,840,000	
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>34 183 787</b>	



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