

## SPOTLIGHT ON AFGHANISTAN

A **humanitarian catastrophe** is unfolding in Afghanistan as the country faces further political unrest and conflict, combined with drought and Covid. Isabelle Moussard Carlsen, Head of the UN office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan, has said that **“half of the population is in need of humanitarian aid.”**



*Afghanistan - Location Map (2013) by OCHA*

Since 2001, international aid efforts have considerably scaled up. Human development indicators showed some improvement in absolute terms particularly over the last ten years. However, Afghanistan remains ranked in the bottom decile of countries in the global Human Development Index.

Recent events have dramatically worsened the humanitarian situation for many in Afghanistan. The UN has stated that it is on course to witness its highest ever number of documented civilian casualties in a single year since UN refugee agency records begun. Of particular concern is the impact of women and girls as 80% of Afghans displaced and forced to flee are women and girls.

[CID Humanitarian Network members](#) have been working in Afghanistan for over 50 years and are committed to providing ongoing assistance.



### The situation in numbers

**18.4 million people in need**

**10 million**

Children in need of humanitarian assistance

**5.5 million**

People internally displaced

**3.7 million**

Children out of school, of which 2.2m are girls

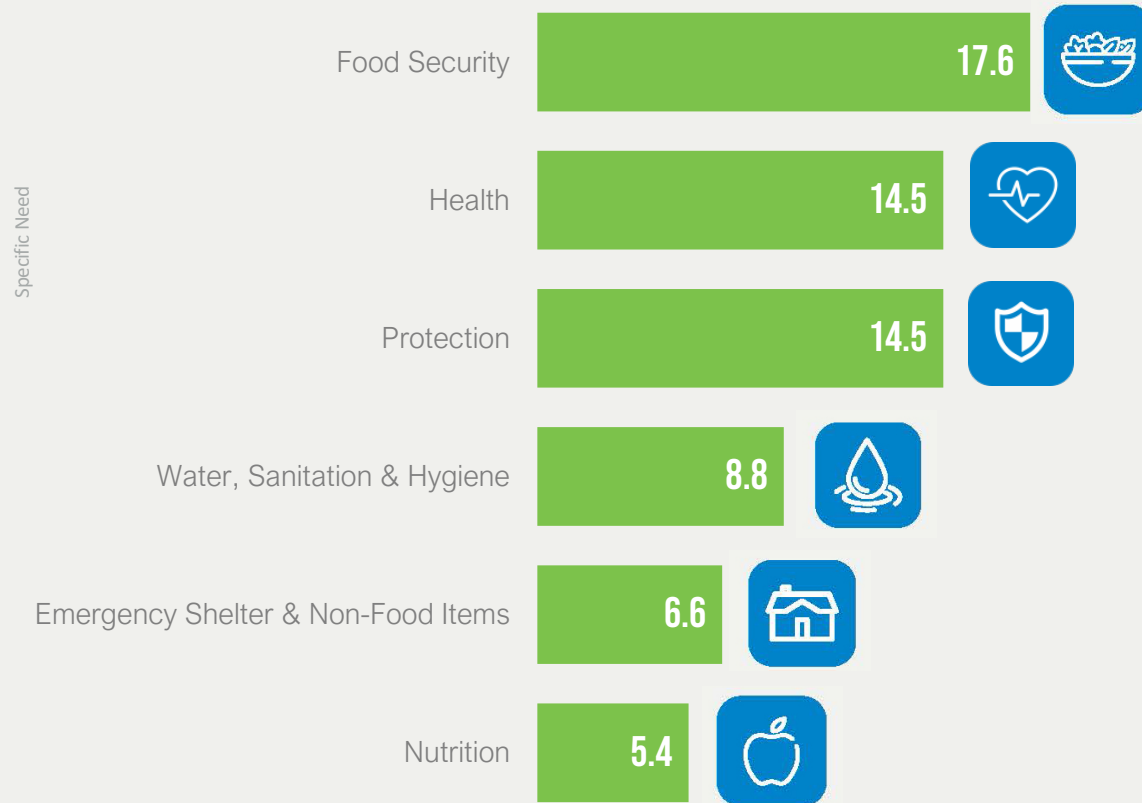
**558,123**

People displaced between 1 Jan – 9 Aug 2021

*(Sources: UN OCHA 2021, OCHA, 23 August 2021, OCHA Situation Report, 26 August, UNICEF Situation Report 20 August 2021)*

## Thematic needs

By the end of Q1 2021, humanitarian organisations globally had reached 3.7 million people with some form of assistance. Under-funding in 2021, however, threatened the depth of assistance provided and made sustainable scale-up of assistance challenging. The chart below outlines the number of people (in millions) that were in need by theme in Q1 2021.



(Source: *Humanitarian Response, 2021*)

## Funding & Support

NZ NGO Expenditure in Afghanistan in the last 5 years:

**\$19.5million** (approx.)

## Impacts

- 1.7 million people (in 2021 alone) reached to provide community-based education schools (CBE) and the provision of therapeutic food for nutritional support.
- The provision of immunisation in rural districts to support local leadership in the complete eradication of polio.
- Hand-washing kits and education to over 1,500 children on the importance of sanitation and hygiene to counter the spread of diarrhoea diseases.
- Assistance to over 150,000 displaced families with shelter, healthcare, food and non-food items including covid protection kits.
- Rural development support, through the promotion of soil and water conservation, and establishment of saving groups to create income from crops.

## CID Humanitarian Network members working in Afghanistan



## Appeals

- [UNICEF](#)
- [Christian World Service](#)
- [Tear Fund](#)
- [Hagar](#)
- [Amnesty](#)
- [Caritas](#)