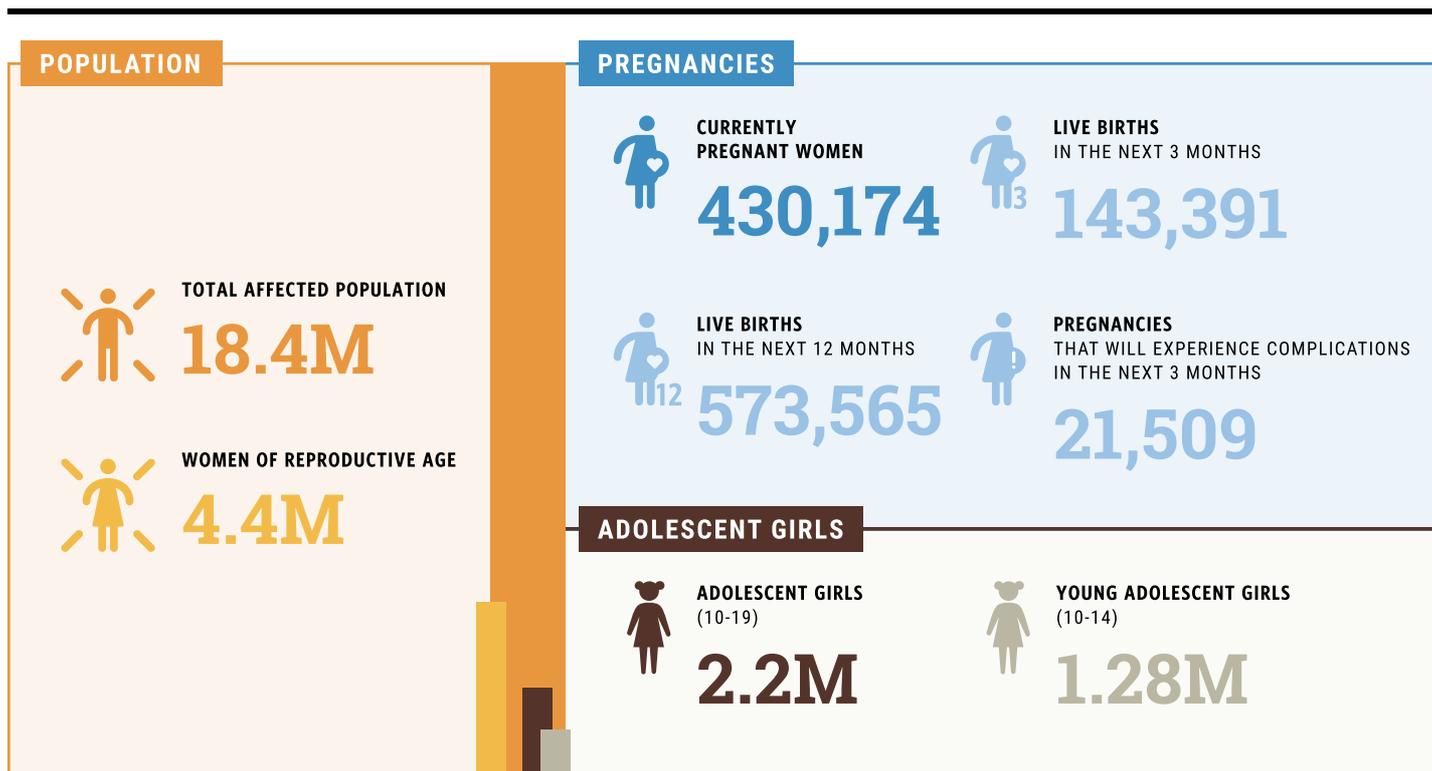


# AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

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## OVERVIEW: DELIVERING AMIDST THE CHALLENGES

**MORE THAN TWO MONTHS INTO THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN, UNFPA CONTINUES TO STAY AND DELIVER ESSENTIAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND PROTECTION SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS DESPITE MANY CHALLENGES TO KEEP HEALTH FACILITIES OPEN AND FUNCTIONING.**

Through the month of October, UNFPA-supported facilities, including mobile health services, continued to function to ensure women’s access to safe pregnancies and deliveries, family planning, psychosocial support and protection services.

The World Bank-funded Sehatmandi Project, which provides basic and essential packages of health services in the country, was suspended following the Taliban takeover of the government last August. This is expected to impact on the needs of a large number of people affected by the crisis. According to the World Health Organization, only 17 per cent of health facilities funded under the Sehatmandi Project were functional as of September 2021.

**UNFPA initially estimates that, if not immediately addressed, the situation could lead to up to 58,000 additional maternal deaths, 5.1 million unintended pregnancies and a near doubling of the unmet need for family planning between now and 2025.**

**Afghanistan has one of the highest maternal mortality ratios in the world at 638 deaths for every 100,000 live births.**



# UNFPA DELIVERS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH KITS TO SUPPORT MATERNAL, NEWBORN HEALTH



**A NEW BATCH OF EMERGENCY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH KITS HAS BEEN DELIVERED IN AFGHANISTAN, ENSURING THE CONTINUITY OF ESSENTIAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

The delivery consists of 202 boxes of RH kits worth \$287,600 and is intended to reach over 150,000 people. The kits contain essential drugs, medicines, supplies and equipment to allow service providers to ensure safe deliveries and manage obstetric complications in health facilities and through mobile health clinics.

**302**

KITS

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TO BENEFIT

**328,000**

PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**Combined with RH kits already in the country, there are 302 kits currently available for distribution through UNFPA's implementing partners to reach 328,000 people across the country.**

**NANGARHAR, AFGHANISTAN - SHAHPIRAI'S ONE-YEAR-OLD SON SUFFERED FROM SEVERE MALNUTRITION, BUT WITHOUT THE MEANS TO GET PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT, SHE COULD ONLY HOPE THAT THE CARE SHE PROVIDES HIM AT HOME WOULD SOMEDAY BRING HIM BACK TO GOOD HEALTH.**

The situation changed last July when Shahpirai chanced upon a Mobile Health Team (MHT) visiting the village. Shahpirai immediately brought her son, then 15 months old, to the MHT. A doctor told her that the child was acutely malnourished and needed urgent care. The child was registered for a treatment programme so he can receive continuous care.

The discovery of the MHT was a blessing for Shahpirai, 30, a mother of three children. She worked as a teacher in a private school and is the sole provider for the family. Her husband could not work due to a physical disability.



**BEFORE**

**SHAHPIRAI ACKNOWLEDGES THE LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT OF THE MHT.**



**AFTER**

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**After three months, the doctor said my son was doing better and did not need therapeutic feeding anymore.**

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**With my salary, I could only afford to provide for my family's basic needs, but not medical treatment for my child**

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**It was not possible for me to get professional medical treatment for my son so I'm thankful for the MHT for regularly coming to our village to provide medical services especially for women and children**

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**- Shahpirai, 30,  
a mother of three children**

**MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS:  
REACHING THE FARTHEST  
COMMUNITIES TO SAVE LIVES**

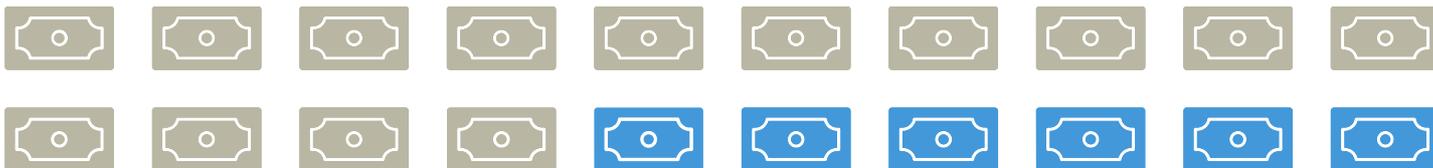
# FUNDING STATUS

TARGET POPULATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FLASH APPEAL (UP TO DECEMBER 2021): **1.6M**

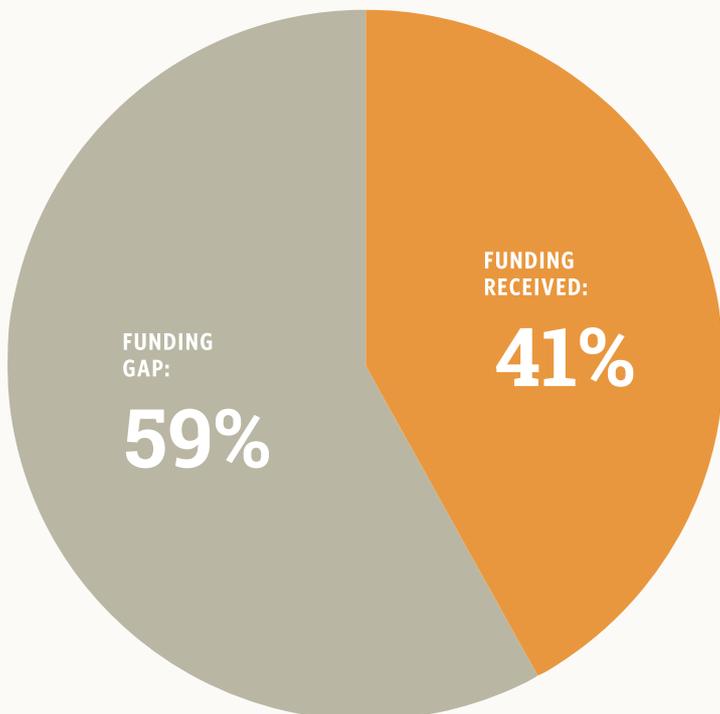


FUNDING REQUIREMENT(\$): **\$29.2M**

FUNDING RECEIVED(\$): **\$12M**



MONEY RECEIVED	AMOUNT IN USD (US\$)	
Denmark	4,750,000	<div style="width: 16.4%;"></div>
United States	5,840,000	<div style="width: 20.1%;"></div>
Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund	424,969	<div style="width: 1.5%;"></div>
New Zealand	1,040,000	<div style="width: 3.6%;"></div>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,055,069</b>	<div style="width: 41.3%;"></div>



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