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COI QUERY RESPONSE

AFGHANISTAN – HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

A report issued in July 2025 by the *Norwegian Refugee Council* states that: “After decades of conflict and with two thirds of the population already in need of humanitarian support, Afghanistan faces extreme challenges in receiving and reintegrating large numbers of returnees, given the current limitations on public services and humanitarian support.”¹

In July 2025 *Agence France Presse* states that: “The country is facing one of the world's worst humanitarian crises after decades of war.”²

UNICEF in July 2025 states that: “People in Afghanistan continue to face a severe humanitarian crisis defined by decades of conflict, entrenched poverty, climate-induced shocks, large population growth and increasing protection risks, especially for women and girls. In 2025, more than 50 per cent of the population - some 23 million people - require humanitarian assistance.”³

Agence France Presse in June 2024 points out that: “Half of the population needs humanitarian aid, one in five Afghans are hungry and 3.5 million children are acutely Malnourished...Some parts of the country are on the verge of drought for the fourth time in five years...”⁴

A report issued in June 2025 by the *Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations* states that: “Humanitarian needs remain high in Afghanistan, amidst high poverty rates, consecutive droughts and other natural risks, and forced returns of Afghans from neighbouring countries in the past years. Nearly 24 million people are in need of humanitarian

¹ Norwegian Refugee Council (10 July 2025) Afghanistan: Humanitarian response overstretched as more than 1 million Afghans return from Iran

² Agence France Presse (7 July 2025) Nearly 450,000 Afghans left Iran since June 1: IOM

³ UNICEF (1 July 2025) UNICEF Afghanistan Humanitarian Situation Report No. 5, p.2

⁴ Agence France Presse (23 June 2025) *UN worried about Afghans leaving Iran to return home*

assistance, with almost 15 million suffering from acute food insecurity. Women and girls continue facing restrictions to education and work opportunities.”⁵

The *United Nations Security Council* in June 2025 states that: “In 2025, 22.9 million people in Afghanistan require life-saving assistance owing to persistent food insecurity and malnutrition, population movements, natural hazards and climatic shocks, a strained economy and limited access to basic services.”⁶

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