



## SITUATION

- In recent years, Pakistan has become a food surplus country and a major producer of wheat and rice. However, the poorest and most vulnerable members of the population cannot afford a sufficient and nutritious diet despite the overall growth in food production.
- Approximately 60 percent of the Pakistani population is facing food insecurity, and malnutrition is highly prevalent, according to the UN World Food Program (WFP). WFP reports that 44 percent of Pakistani children younger than 5 years of age are stunted, suffering from chronic malnutrition, and 15 percent suffer from acute malnutrition.
- Ongoing conflict between the Government of Pakistan (GoP) and militant groups, recurrent natural disasters—including drought, earthquakes and floods—and economic instability exacerbate food insecurity and disrupt livelihood opportunities, particularly in rural areas. In early September, the GoP reported that many districts in Baluchistan and Sindh face moderate to severe drought conditions after insufficient rainfall, resulting in crop and livestock losses.
- As of late July, more than 29,400 Pakistani families remained displaced in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPk) Province—including the areas formerly known as Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)—due to conflict, the UN reports. Additionally, relief actors estimate that 1.4 million registered Afghan refugees are living in Pakistan.



## RESPONSE

- To meet the basic food and nutrition needs of vulnerable people and those affected by natural disasters and other shocks, USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (FFP) contributed \$19 million to WFP in FY 2018. FFP provides in-kind food assistance sourced from local and regional markets. FFP also enables WFP to distribute conditional food and cash assistance in exchange for participation in livelihoods trainings and labor on projects that improve community recovery and resilience, such as agricultural infrastructure. Additionally, FFP supports community-based management of acute malnutrition activities.
- FFP’s contribution includes the twinning of wheat to meet the emergency needs of vulnerable, displaced populations in KPk and areas formerly known as FATA. This partnership pairs GoP-donated wheat with complementary funding from FFP for associated costs, such as fortification, bagging, transportation, handling and distribution.
- Additionally, FFP through partner the UN Children’s Fund supports preventive and curative community nutrition services, including the provision of therapeutic foods, for children less than 5 years of age and pregnant and lactating women suffering from acute malnutrition in KPk, including FATA, and Baluchistan.

## FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

### Total Contributions per Fiscal Year

	<i>US Dollars</i>
FY 2018	\$21.5 million
FY 2017	\$38.0 million
FY 2016	\$44.3 million



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