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In Focus: Afghanistan
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OCHA - UN condemns reported ban on women working for NGOs and International Organizations (24 December 2022):
https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/un-condemns-reported-ban-women-working-ngos-and-international-organizations

OCHA - Six things you need to know about Afghanistan right now (20 December 2022):
https://unocha.exposure.co/six-things-you-need-to-know-about-afghanistan-right-now

UNHCR - Five things you should know about Afghanistan (15 August 2022):

UN Women - In focus: Women in Afghanistan one year after the Taliban takeover (15 August 2022):

IOM - Renewing Our Commitment to the People of Afghanistan (15 August 2022):
https://www.iom.int/news/renewing-our-commitment-people-afghanistan

UN Entities

- The United Nations in Afghanistan
  https://afghanistan.un.org
  https://unsdg.un.org/un-in-action/afghanistan
  UN announces Transitional Engagement Framework (TEF) for Afghanistan to save lives, sustain services and preserve community systems (26 January 2022): https://bit.ly/3o9ts8Q

- United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)
  http://unama.unmissions.org/

- Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267

- Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011)

  https://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/afghanistan
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict – Afghanistan
https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/where-we-work/afghanistan/

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Afghanistan
  o FAO in Emergencies – Afghanistan:

International Organization for Migration (IOM)
  o Afghanistan: IOM Response 2021-2022:
    https://www.iom.int/afghanistan-iom-response-2021-2022
  o IOM Afghanistan:
    https://afghanistan.iom.int/

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
  o OCHA in Afghanistan: http://www.unocha.org/afghanistan
  o ReliefWeb – Afghanistan: http://reliefweb.int/country/afg
  o Afghanistan Pledging Conference 2022:
    https://www.unocha.org/afghanistan2022
  o Humanitarian donors urged to step up again for Afghanistan (30 March 2022):
  o UN and partners launch plans to help 28M people in acute need in Afghanistan and the region (11 January 2022):
  o Nine things you need to know about the situation in Afghanistan right now (6 October 2021):
    https://www.unocha.org/story/nine-things-you-need-know-about-situation-afghanistan-right-now
  o Afghanistan: ERC Griffiths releases $45M from UN CERF for life-saving support (22 September 2021):
  o High-level Ministerial Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan, 13 September 2021:
    https://www.unocha.org/high-level-ministerial-meeting-humanitarian-situation-afghanistan
  o Nine things you need to know about the crisis in Afghanistan (23 April 2021):

UN Women Afghanistan
https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/countries/afghanistan
  o DONATE to help women in Afghanistan: https://donate.unwomen.org/en/afghanistan
  o Afghanistan: Inter-agency Rapid Gender Analysis (November 2022):
  o Gender alert no. 2: Women’s rights in Afghanistan one year after the Taliban take-over:
  o Gender alert 1: Women’s rights in Afghanistan: Where are we now?:
  o Expert’s take: Gender equality is critical for Afghanistan’s future, long-term development, and sustained peace (12 October 2021):
  o Take five: ”Afghan women will not go backwards” (12 October 2021):

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Afghanistan
http://www.un.org
  o "We do exist!" - Facing the setbacks to women’s rights under the Taliban (21 December 2022):
    https://www.undp.org/blog/we-do-exist
  o UNDP report paints grim picture of Afghanistan a year after transition (5 October 2022):
  o Economic recovery for displaced key to Afghans’ future (15 June 2022):
    https://www.undp.org/blog/economic-recovery-displaced-key-afghans-future

**UNESCO Office in Kabul**
[https://en.unesco.org/fieldoffice/kabul](https://en.unesco.org/fieldoffice/kabul)

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - Afghanistan**
- Support in Afghanistan: [https://help.unhcr.org/afghanistan/support/](https://help.unhcr.org/afghanistan/support/)

**United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) - Afghanistan**
[https://www.unicef.org/afghanistan/](https://www.unicef.org/afghanistan/)
- Delivering for Afghanistan’s children - UNICEF is continuing to work with partners to support children and their families across the country: [https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/delivering-support-afghanistsans-children](https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/delivering-support-afghanistsans-children)

**United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)**

**United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – Afghanistan**

**World Food Programme (WFP) – Afghanistan**
[https://www.wfp.org/countries/afghanistan](https://www.wfp.org/countries/afghanistan)

**World Bank – Afghanistan**

**General Assembly**
- A/RES/77/10: The situation in Afghanistan: resolution / adopted by the General Assembly on 10 November 2022: [https://undocs.org/A/RES/77/10](https://undocs.org/A/RES/77/10)
Security Council Meetings on Afghanistan

- **2022:** 20 December, 27 September, 29 August, 23 June, 17, 2 March, 26 January
  - Meeting records, press releases and resolutions:

- **2021:** 17 November, 17, 9 September, 30, 16, 6 August
  - [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)

- **2020:** 15 September, 31, 10 March
  - [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)

- **2019:** 16 December, 17, 10 September, 26 July, 19 June, 15 March

- **2018:** 17 December, 17 September, 23 July, 26 June, 8 March

- **2017:** 21 December, 25 September, 21 June, 17, 10 March

- **2016:** 19 December, 14 September, 21 June, 15 March

- **2015:** 21 December, 17 September, 22 June, 16 March

- **2014:** 18, 12 December, 18 September, 25 June, 17 March

- **2013:** 20 June, 19 March

- **2012:** 19 December, 9 October, 20 September, 27, 22 and 20 March

- **2011:** 19 December, 12 October, 29 September, 6 July, 22 and 17 March

- see also Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council: [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/asia#cat1](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/asia#cat1)

Selected UN Documents

- **UNAMA key documents and reports:** [https://unama.unmissions.org/key-documents-and-reports](https://unama.unmissions.org/key-documents-and-reports)


  - Transmits, as co-chairs of the Informal Expert Group on Women and Peace and Security, response to recent decisions by the Taliban affecting women's rights in Afghanistan.


  Prepared in cooperation with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), covers the period 1 Dec. 2020 to 30 Nov. 2021.


  Transmits report of the Committee's activities for 2021.


  Urges the Security Council to place the utmost priority on protecting and vindicating the rights of Afghan women and girls in all decisions and action on Afghanistan's future.

  Transmits final Chair's statement issued at the end of the international meeting on Afghanistan, held in Doha, 10 and 12 Aug. 2021.

  Transmits joint statement of the extended "Troika" on peaceful settlement in Afghanistan, adopted at the regular meeting of the representatives of the Russian Federation, China, United States and Pakistan, held in Moscow, 18 Mar. 2021.


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  Prepared in cooperation with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), covers the period 1 Jan. to 30 Nov. 2020.

  Transmits, on behalf of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), joint statement of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the CSTO member States on the situation in Afghanistan.
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  Transmits report of the Committee's activities for 2017.
  Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2344 (2017).
  "Anne: Statement by the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations on the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan (S/2015/336), made at the 55th formal meeting of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict": p. 9-10.
  Transmits the Agreement between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Afghanistan on the status of NATO forces and NATO personnel conducting mutually agreed NATO-led activities in Afghanistan.
  Transmits the conclusions of the Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan held on 8 July 2012, entitled "The Tokyo Declaration : Partnership for Self-Reliance in Afghanistan From Transition to Transformation" and the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework.
  Transmits the text of the Istanbul Process on Regional Security and Cooperation for a Secure and Stable Afghanistan.
  Transmits Agreement on Provisional Arrangements in Afghanistan Pending the Re-establishment of Permanent Government Institutions, signed in Bonn, 5 Dec. 2001, by the participants in the UN Talks on Afghanistan. Presents general and final provisions of the interim authority, its legal framework and judicial system, interim administration, and the Special Independent Commission of the Convening of the Emergency Loya Jirga. Includes 4 annexes which set out i) international security force, ii) role of the United Nations during the interim period, iii) request to the United Nations by the participants at the UN Talks on Afghanistan, and iv) composition of the interim administration.
• UN Member States on the Record: Afghanistan
  UN Member States on the Record provides access to information about membership and statements of Member States at the UN.
Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials


- Statement of the Women Advisory Group to the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) on the de facto Ministry of Economy’s decision to ban women personnel of INGOs and NGOs from working (25 December 2022): https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/statement-women-advisory-group-humanitarian-country-team-hct-de-facto-ministry-economys-decision-ban-women-personnel-ingos-and-ngos-working


- Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on reported ban on women attending university in Afghanistan, 21 December 2022: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2022/12/comment-un-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-reported-ban-women


- Briefing to the United Nations Security Council by the Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Afghanistan, Roza Otunbayeva New York, 20 December 2022: https://unama.unmissions.org/briefing-special-representative-roza.otunbayeva-security-council

- Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths Statement for the Security Council Briefing on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan, 20 December 2022: https://reliefweb.int/node/3918048


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- Message from the UNICEF Afghanistan Representative: We see you; we hear you; we’re staying here with you (14 August 2022): https://www.unicef.org/afghanistan/press-releases/message-unicef-afghanistan-representative-we-see-you-we-hear-you-were-staying-here


- Briefing of the Emergency Relief Coordinator to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, 23 June 2022: https://reliefweb.int/node/3859810


- Afghanistan has been haven for terrorism, drug trafficking for too long, says Secretary-General, stressing solidarity to neighbouring foreign ministers (SG/SM/21218, 31 March 2022): https://www.un.org/press/en/2022/sgsm21218.doc.htm


- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths’ opening remarks at the High-level Pledging Event for Afghanistan (31 March 2022): https://reliefweb.int/node/3833426


- Failure to adhere to commitments to re-open schools for all girls deeply disappointing and damaging for Afghanistan, Bachelet warns (23 March 2022): https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2022/03/failure-adhere-commitments-re-open-schools-all-girls-deeply-disappointing-and


- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, Closing remarks at the launch of the 2022 Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan, Geneva, 11 January 2022: https://reliefweb.int/node/3807298
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, Opening remarks at the launch of the 2022 Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan, Geneva, 11 January 2022: https://reliefweb.int/node/3807299
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths: Statement on Afghanistan, 22 December 2021: https://www.unocha.org/story/usg-griffiths-statement-afghanistan
- Acute health needs in Afghanistan must be urgently addressed and health gains protected - Statement by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean on their visit to Kabul (22 September 2021): https://www.who.int/news/item/22-09-2021-acute-health-needs-in-afghanistan-must-be-urgently-addressed-and-health-gains-protected
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths: Statement on Central Emergency Response Fund allocation to Afghanistan, 22 September 2021: https://reliefweb.int/node/3776174
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths: Closing remarks at the High-level Ministerial Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan, 13 September 2021: https://reliefweb.int/node/3773570
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths’ remarks at High-Level Ministerial Event on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan: https://reliefweb.int/node/3773519
- Statement: Executive Director a.i. of UN Women, Ms Pramila Patten, stands in solidarity with Afghan women who are fighting for the respect of their fundamental rights and freedoms, 9 September 2021: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2021/9/statement-ed-patten-solidarity-with-afghan-women-fighting-for-respect-of-their-rights


• Secretary-General calls on governments to provide timely, flexible funding for Afghanistan’s people in ‘Darkest Hour of Need’ as humanitarian crisis looms (SG/SM/20874, 31 August 2021): https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/srmsm20874.doc.htm

• Statement: Pramila Patten, Executive Director a.i of UN Women, calls on the Taliban leadership to include women in the upcoming governance entity (31 August 2021): https://bit.ly/3yKhfMff


• “We cannot abandon the children of Afghanistan in their time of need” - Statement by UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia, George Laryea-Adjei, upon his return from Kabul (29 August 2021): https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/we-cannot-abandon-children-afghanistan-their-time-need


• Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths Statement on Afghanistan, 9 August 2021: https://reliefweb.int/node/3763153


Selected UN Reports & Publications

• UNAMA Publications: https://unama.unmissions.org/publications
• UNAMA Reports on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict: https://unama.unmissions.org/protection-of-civilians-reports
• Human Rights Dimension of Poverty in Afghanistan (OHCHR, March 2010): http://www2.ohchr.org/SPdocs/Countries/AF/PovertyReport_30032010.doc

Further Information
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Selected Non-UN Sources
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• The Humanitarian (formerly “IRIN News”) – Afghanistan: http://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/asia/afghanistan
• 2020 Afghanistan Conference https://um.fi/afghanistan-conference-2020
• Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, 4-5 October 2016: https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2016/10/04-05/