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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
  - 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-Qaeda, 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
  - FAO in Emergencies – Afghanistan:
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
  - IOM Afghanistan: https://afghanistan.iom.int/
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
  - OCHA in Afghanistan: http://www.unocha.org/afghanistan
  - ReliefWeb – Afghanistan: http://reliefweb.int/country/afg
  - Afghanistan Pledging Conference 2022: https://www.unocha.org/afghanistan2022
  - 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
  - High-level Ministerial Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan, 13 September 2021: https://www.unocha.org/high-level-ministerial-meeting-humanitarian-situation-afghanistan
- UN Women Afghanistan
  - https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/countries/afghanistan
  - DONATE to help women in Afghanistan: https://donate.unwomen.org/en/afghanistan
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Afghanistan
  - https://www.af.undp.org
  - Economic recovery for displaced key to Afghans’ future (15 June 2022): https://www.undp.org/blog/economic-recovery-displaced-key-afghans-future
  - When Crisis Hits, We Stay And Deliver: A glimpse into UNDP’s work in Afghanistan through the eyes of SURGE Advisor Usman Qazi (15 December 2021): https://stories.undp.org/when-crisis-hits-we-stay-and-deliver
- UNESCO Office in Kabul
  - https://en.unesco.org/fieldoffice/kabul
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - Afghanistan
  - Support in Afghanistan: https://help.unhcr.org/afghanistan/support/
• United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) - 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-afghanistans-children

• United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – Afghanistan
  http://www.unodc.org/afghanistan/index.html

• World Food Programme (WFP) – Afghanistan
  https://www.wfp.org/countries/afghanistan
  ○ Afghanistan: The time to act is now (15 September 2021): https://www.wfp.org/stories/afghanistan-time-act-now

• World Bank – Afghanistan

Security Council Meetings on Afghanistan

• 2022: 23 June, 17, 2 March, 26 January
  Meeting records, press releases and resolutions: https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2022

• 2021: 17 November, 17, 9 September, 30, 16, 6 August
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vc
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021

• 2020: 15 September, 31, 10 March
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vc
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2020

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

• 2018: 17 December, 17 September, 23 July, 26 June, 8 March
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018

• 2017: 21 December, 25 September, 21 June, 17, 10 March
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2017

• 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
Selected UN Documents

- **UNAMA 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.

- **S/2021/770** (3 September 2021): Letter dated 2 September 2021 from the Permanent Representatives of Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General: http://undocs.org/S/2021/770

- **S/2021/739** (19 August 2021): Letter dated 19 August 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2021/739
  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.

- **S/2021/728** (13 August 2021): Identical letters dated 13 August 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2021/728
  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 by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan following their meeting on the developments in Afghanistan, held in Tashkent, 16 July 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.

  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.

  Transmits report of the Committee's activities for 2020.

  Transmits report of the Committee's activities for 2019.


- **A/73/961-S/2019/602** (2 August 2019): Letter dated 26 July 2019 from the representatives of China, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
  [http://undocs.org/A/73/961](http://undocs.org/A/73/961)
  Transmits the "Four-Party Joint Statement on the Afghan Peace Process", adopted at the consultation between China, the Russian Federation, the United States and Pakistan, held in Beijing, 11 July 2019.

  Transmits declaration on the consultative peace loya jirga, held in Kabul, 29 Apr.-3 May 2019.

  Transmits trilateral consensus on the Afghan peace process, adopted at the meeting of China, the Russian Federation and the United States on Afghanistan, held in Moscow, 25 Apr. 2019.

  Transmits, on behalf of the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Norway and the European Union, joint statement adopted at the Europe-United States meeting on supporting peace in Afghanistan, held in London, 23 Apr. 2019.

  Prepared in cooperation with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), covers the period 1 Jan. to 30 Nov. 2018.

  Transmits report of the Committee's activities for 2018.


  Transmits concept note for the Security Council debate on the topic "Building regional partnership in Afghanistan and Central Asia as a model for the security-development nexus", to be held on 19 Jan. 2018.

  Transmits report of the Committee's activities for 2017.

  Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2344 (2017).


  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 the Afghanistan Compact, adopted at the conclusion of the international London Conference on Afghanistan, held 31 Jan.-1 Feb. 2006.

  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.

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**Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials**


- 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](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](https://reliefweb.int/node/3859810)


- 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](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
• Women’s rights in Afghanistan: “I stand with the women and girls of Afghanistan”, Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet, Kabul, 10 March 2022: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2022/03/womens-rights-afghanistan
• 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


- 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/3yKhMff

"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 UNAMA 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](http://www2.ohchr.org/SPdocs/Countries/AF/PovertyReport_30032010.doc)

Further Information


UN Talks on Afghanistan, Bonn, Germany, 27 November - 5 December 2001 [https://unric.org/de/un-talks-on-afghanistan-2001/](https://unric.org/de/un-talks-on-afghanistan-2001/)

Selected Non-UN Sources

NATO and Afghanistan: [https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_8189.htm](https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_8189.htm)


