

MISSION STATEMENT

Afghan Bureau Collaboration Office (ABCO) mission is to fight and end hunger in Afghanistan. ABCO provides range of services to meet food security, food emergencies and working directly with communities for promoting economic and social development to build resilience.

Over half of the country's population lives below the poverty line. Due to national hostile conditions cutting off communities from livelihood opportunities, food insecurity is on the rise every day.

Undernutrition is another leading concern in Afghanistan. undernutrition is of particular concern in women, children, displaced people, returnees, households headed by women, people with disabilities and the poor. Despite progress in recent years, undernutrition rates are now increasing and 2 million children are malnourished.

A wide range of environmental disasters which is affecting over 250,000 people annually, severely limit the productivity of the agricultural sector, which is a source of income for more than 44 percent of the population.

The combined impacts of environmental disaster, conflict, COVID-19 and the economic crisis, have severely affected lives, livelihoods, and people's access to food. As a result of these circumstances, more than half the population of Afghanistan - a record 22.8 million people - are facing acute food insecurity and 8.7 million people are facing emergency levels of food insecurity. Food and food-related assistance lie at the heart of our mission to break the cycle of hunger and poverty, and protect livelihood.

Afghan Bureau Collaboration office has been operating based on this mission and believe since 1993. For our efforts to combat hunger reaching rural and remote areas of Afghanistan, providing humanitarian assistance in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict, ABCO received an appreciation letter as one of the best partners of WFP in 2006.

Over the last 27 years, since our start, we have continued to grow while staying true to our original mission. With our headquarters in the Balkh and Kabul provinces of Afghanistan, we are physically present and actively delivering services in more than 16 provinces across Afghanistan.

Now that Afghanistan is in the edge of facing humanitarian catastrophe due to the current hostile conditions, ABCO's efforts - in line with the humanitarian principles and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal 2 - focus that:

- i. assistance reaches most vulnerable populations wherever they are in a timely manner,
- ii. transformative actions that strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of individuals and communities,
- iii. and support local economies of women headed households thus contributing to the long-term development ensuring saving lives and changing lives.