

# EU BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

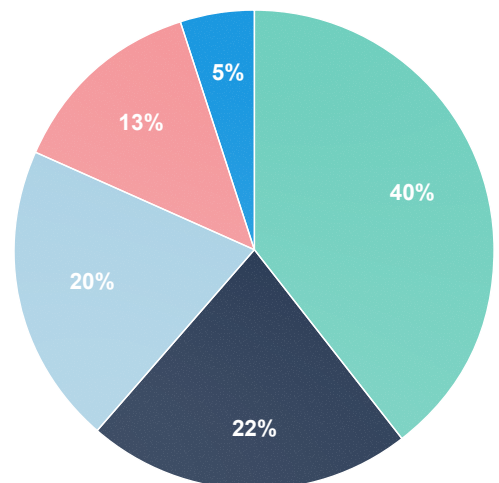
Since 2021, the EU has shifted its development aid to basic human needs and livelihoods assistance in Afghanistan. In the period that followed, in addition to humanitarian aid, the EU has provided a total of €1,079 billion for basic services, livelihoods, forced displacement and migration. EU projects are implemented in line with the international community's principled approach (including focusing on supporting women and girls in Afghanistan in a by-women-for-women approach). EU funding is not channelled through the de facto authorities but via UN agencies and International Non-Governmental Organisations, which team-up with local partners.

## THEMATIC DISTRIBUTION OF AID

EU assistance has focused since 2021 on **livelihoods and food security** (40%), **migration** (22%), and **health and nutrition** (20%).

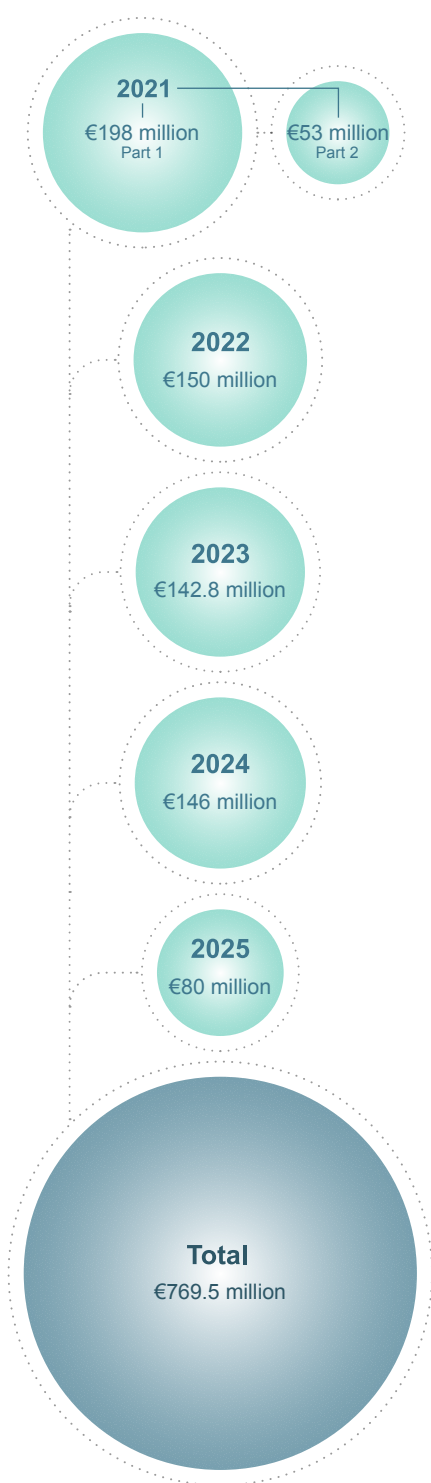
### Thematic area

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|  | Livelihoods and Food Security<br>€ 428,339,374                                        |
|  | Forced Displacement & Migration<br>€ 234,000,000                                      |
|  | Health and Nutrition<br>€ 219,000,000                                                 |
|  | Education<br>€ 145,144,094                                                            |
|  | Support to Civil Society and Human Rights (including gender equality)<br>€ 52,461,056 |



## 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 AND 2025 COUNTRY PROGRAMMES

The EU has adopted **5 subsequent programmes** to date (financed by Development Cooperation Instrument and Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument) for basic needs assistance and livelihoods to Afghanistan:



## COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING

These programmes have been complemented by the **regional Team Europe initiative (TEI) on Afghan displacement** providing assistance to displaced Afghans and host communities in Pakistan, Iran and Central Asia. It also supports durable solutions for Afghan returnees in Afghanistan with the aim of improving access to basic services, increasing economic self-reliance and resilience, and providing protection and livelihoods opportunities. Overall the EU contribution as part of the Regional TEI amounts to EUR 107 million. This is in addition to the below thematic funding from Global Programmes:

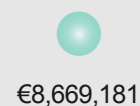
### 2021-2025 allocation from Programme for **Human Rights Thematic Programme**



### 2021-2025 allocation from Programme for **Civil Society Thematic Programme**



### **Spotlight Initiative:** To eliminate violence against women and girls



# STANDING BY THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN

## OVERVIEW OF ONGOING PROJECTS

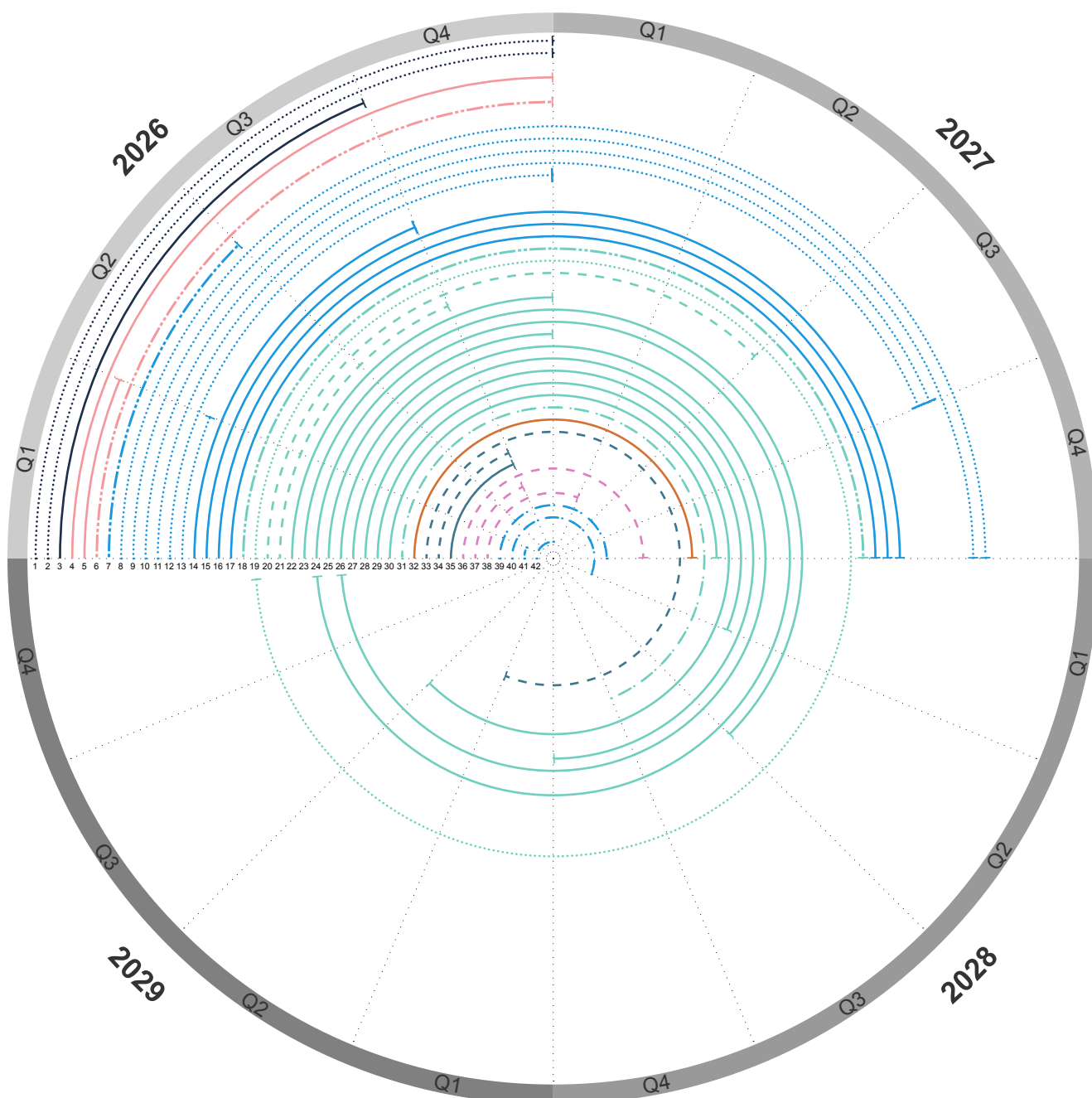
€472 MILLION  
ACROSS  
42 PROJECTS

### Funding decision

- 2021 Special measure
- 2022 Special measure
- 2023 Special measure
- 2024 Special measure
- ACA
- HR thematic programme
- CSO thematic programme
- Regional/Migration

### Thematic area

- Health
- Education
- Livelihoods & economic opportunities
- Human rights
- Migration



# REINFORCING BASIC NEEDS AND LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT THROUGH THE 2024 AND 2025 COUNTRY PROGRAMMES

With the 2024 and 2025 programmes for Afghanistan, the European Union has continued its support to basic needs and livelihoods of the Afghan people. A combined total of €226 million is allocated for health, education, human rights, private sector development, economic resilience, sustainable agriculture and climate adaptation.

Under the **2024 programme** (€146 million), 69% (€100.5 million) are implemented by indirect management with pillar-assessed entities, and 31% (€45.5 million) through grants. Of those funds, 49% (€ 71.5 million) are allocated to “Improve the uptake of basic services of the Afghan population” and 51% to “Enhance resilient livelihoods and economic opportunities”.

By sector of intervention, 16% is dedicated to the provision of health care and nutrition services, 15% to basic education, 2% to media support, 7% to reintegration and protection of displaced people, 9% to specific actions to women protection and GBV, 20% to private sector development (including access to microfinance services), and 31% to sustainable agriculture, food security and climate resilience.



The **2025 programme** for Afghanistan (€ 80 million) will notably complement the actions funded by the 2024 programme within the same sectors of intervention. Intricately, an amount of €52 million (65%) for indirect management with pillar-assessed entities and €28 million (35%) for grants. With the overall objective of addressing the root causes of migration and forced displacement and support stability in Afghanistan, the 2025 programme will support economic stabilisation and foster community resilience. Key actions in education, health (including nutrition), Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, Gender Based Violence, women's empowerment, private sector, agricultural value chain development and climate resilience, are expected to be continued to ensure impact-generating EU assistance at large scale.

## INDICATIVE PERCENTAGE BY SECTOR – 2024/2025



The EU's approach for basic needs assistance in Afghanistan is principled, human rights-based, and conflict-sensitive. Gender equality and youth empowerment are essential to its actions.

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