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## **Joint Statement from BAAG and ENNA on Pledging Summit for Afghanistan**

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**London, UK (28 March 2022)** - Ahead of the Pledging Summit for Afghanistan co-hosted by the UN, UK, Germany and Qatar which will take place virtually on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the British & Irish Agencies Afghanistan Group (BAAG) and the European Network of NGOs in Afghanistan (ENNA) released a [joint statement](#) calling on organisers of the summit to consider six key requests in the planning and follow up to the summit.

As agencies with 50 NGO members combined, and many decades of experience of humanitarian and development work in Afghanistan, BAAG and ENNA believe that support for Afghanistan has never been more urgently needed. Political instability, economic collapse, drought, climate change and COVID-19 have created an unprecedented humanitarian situation for [24 million people](#) inside Afghanistan, and [5.7 million](#) in neighbouring countries, which needs an immediate response.

A record number of Afghans are experiencing the highest levels ever of acute food insecurity and the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) projects the number of food insecure Afghans to rise to [22.8 million between November 2021 and March 2022](#).

### **The following are the key requests made to the organisers of the summit:**

1. Inclusion of Afghans and civil society
2. Flexible funding for the triple nexus: humanitarian assistance, development and peace
3. Quality of aid and quantity of the money pledged
4. Policy commitments beyond funding
5. The regional and global role
6. Tracking and independent oversight

### **Notes to Editors**

BAAG and ENNA are policy and advocacy umbrella groups for NGOs which provide humanitarian and development programmes in Afghanistan.

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