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AFIC calls on the International Community to lift sanctions against Afghanistan and to send urgent Humanitarian Aid

The present sanctions against Afghanistan are causing leading to starvation and shortage of essentials for Afghanistan's 38 million this winter. After decades of war and occupation, the people of Afghanistan deserve to live with dignity and to be free from sanctions. In fact, they deserve for the international community to mobilise with adequate volumes of food and medicine to save the country from wide-scale famine.

UNHCR Chief, Filippo Grandi, who is on a visit to Afghanistan, said the international community must continue to engage with the authorities as Afghanistan desperately needs humanitarian assistance. The UN made its biggest-ever single-country aid appeal, calling for \$5 billion to avert a humanitarian catastrophe.

"The women, men and children of Afghanistan are facing a preventable famine. We must move with urgency to feed the nation of Afghanistan before the humanitarian disaster leads to millions of refugees and millions of preventable deaths." said Dr Rateb Jneid.

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