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THE BIG PICTURE

A healthcare system close to collapse in Afghanistan

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A child is treated at Médecins Sans Frontières' inpatient therapeutic feeding centre at Herat Regional Hospital, Afghanistan.

The BMJ's annual appeal is this year supporting MSF's work in Afghanistan. The country's health service is now close to collapse, and the World Health Organization predicts that a million Afghan children face starvation this winter. MSF is one of a handful of non-governmental organisations able to maintain high standards of healthcare for the Afghan people.

The 2021-22 appeal is being generously supported by the Green Room Charitable Trust. Up to £50 000 (€58 500; \$66 000) in funding has been made available to match donations received before 31 January 2022. This means that your support will go even further.

MSF's Afghan crisis appeal will support the charity's work in neighbouring countries, as well as in Afghanistan.