



## Day of Action: Action Kit

### “Love to Afghanistan” Valentine’s Day Vigil



Graffiti reads: “the body needs ointment” aka the country needs healing

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## **“Love to Afghanistan” Valentine’s Vigils and Advocacy**



After 20 years of war in Afghanistan, the Afghan people are suffering more than ever. Hunger could kill more now than in 20 years of war. This humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is in the words of the International Red Cross a “human-made catastrophe.” “Human-made” largely by coercive U.S. economic policies.

We can mobilize to change these harmful policies with these actions:

**Starting NOW**, we can all pressure members of Congress to call on the administration to unfreeze the frozen funds, relax sanctions, and increase humanitarian aid. As of this writing, the main focus is getting Senators to ***support the Merkley Letter ending the policies*** driving the suffering. As of (Tue 2/8) scheduled to close COB Wed 2/9 but

may be extended. The day of event flyers below have a more open ended Call to Action.

**This February 14th**, we will also join together nationwide to call for “**Love to Afghanistan.**” These vigils will have a clear call to unfreeze the assets and relax U.S. sanctions and attendees can be asked to take further action by contacting Congress. We suggest pushing for this by holding silent vigils throughout the country. You can also pick a day *near* Valentine’s Day if that is best for you.

If you are able to healthwise, we can encourage you to fast – in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan – until at least sundown. But everyone can be invited to attend. See below for materials for the vigils including an action flier for attendees.

[Please input your event information HERE.](#)

On **Monday February 7th** there will be a webinar about the crisis, including the economic policies driving it with Dr. Shah Mehrabi who has been a member of the board of governors of the Afghan Central Bank.

[Register for the Webinar HERE.](#)

Effective advocacy lifts up the voices of diverse communities to change hearts and minds, including those of policy makers and people in power. Our advocacy can include activities like public education, relationship-building with policy makers, civic engagement, and media outreach. We’ll work to build support for ending wars and moving the money by working with policymakers from both parties.

Core advocacy strategies for this campaign period, connected to other 2022 Peace Action campaign activities include:

- Building membership and Peace Action’s public profile by mobilizing around all the actions.
- Using the Love to Afghanistan Day of Action to reach out to broaden our coalition to build new collaborations with healthcare workers, community services organizations, the faith community, BIPOC led activist organizations, teachers, labor, environmentalists etc.
- Advocacy work that targets elected officials such as social media posts targeting MOCs and grassroots lobbying (calls, emails, letters etc.).
- Ensuring we reach a broader public than our events can directly by gaining media coverage during this period.

# Holding Your Event: Messaging, Visual and Flow-of-Event

## Two Key Purposes of the Events

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### Increasing the Spotlight and Political Pressure: 1) Media and 2) Congress

**Seriously consider inviting the media and posting about the event on social media.** Media attention is critical because the Afghanistan famine is not getting the coverage it deserves and because legislators are constantly monitoring media (both social and traditional media) to gauge public opinion and what constituents are focused on. Therefore social media posts should ideally make the event look as large as possible. We will be sharing social media so we can all amplify each other and sharing pictures etc. can be part of our media outreach. On the days before and after we will use graphics and photos to promote attendance and magnify the message. **If you can't invite the media, get as visible as you can. Let's reach as many as possible.**

**Consider whether it is possible to do the event in front of or otherwise near Congressional offices.** This could allow the event to have a greater political impact. Regardless of where you do the event, you can have flyers asking people to take action and pressure their members of Congress. You can look at the Jayapal letter (House) and Merkley Letter (Senate) and see if potential targets are on those but any member of Congress can continue to take action. (Maybe signers get Valentines too!). Make sure you target your message and tone to where the member of Congress is at on the issue (are they a leader, should be pushed, so-so on the issue?)

## Topline Messaging

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### **BREAKING - COMMENT ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S REPORTED DECISION TO SPLIT THE \$7 BILLION IN AFGHAN ASSETS WITH HALF GOING TO 9/11 FAMILIES:**

**President's Biden's decision to confiscate \$7 billion in assets from the Afghan people and give half of it to 9/11 victims is deeply unjust and will exacerbate the crisis in Afghanistan. It's simply cruel for a U.S. president to simply decide to take half this money, which is not the Taliban's, at a time when millions are suffering from starvation and economic freefall.**

**Unfortunately the president's plan to confiscate the other half of the funds for a U.S.-established "trust fund" for humanitarian contractors is not as humane as it sounds. Humanitarian experts, including the UN and leading humanitarian groups, begged the U.S. to unfreeze these Afghan Central Bank reserves to inject liquidity into the Afghan economy. It is the collapsing economy that is driving the humanitarian crisis and Biden starving the Central Bank will result in more starving Afghans. The US-established trust fund's billions may end up doing some good, but it is fear of attacks by Republicans, not smart humanitarian thinking, driving this scheme.**

**THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN IS "MANMADE", US POLICY IS A MAIN DRIVER.** With millions of Afghans are on the "verge of death" [the UN and](#) humanitarian agencies like the [Red Cross](#) have said they are "[livid](#)" and "[terrified](#)" and are urging the international community to increase humanitarian aid, release Afghanistan's frozen assets and jump-start its banking system to avert economic collapse.

**WE MOURN THE LOSS OF LIFE, WE SEND LOVE TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE & WE CALL ON CONGRESS TO ACT.** Many Afghans, especially children, have [already lost their lives, jobs and income](#) have disappeared, people can not afford to buy food and **mass starvation is now occurring. It's time to act.**

**CONGRESS MUST DO MORE TO STOP THE DYING AND CHANGE US POLICY.** A [letter](#) to President Biden signed by 48 members of Congress states: *“We stand with American allies and humanitarian experts in urging the United States to avoid harsh economic measures that will directly harm Afghan families and children. This means conscientiously but urgently modifying current U.S. policy.”* We are asking Congress to continue to keep the pressure on because U.S. policy is still blocking aid and crashing the Afghan economy.

#### **THE SOLUTION: OPEN UP U.S. POLICY IN THESE WAYS:**

- End the Freeze on Afghanistan Central Bank funds to inject liquidity into the collapsing Afghan economy.
- Loosen U.S. sanctions to mitigate the chilling effect of restrictions on foreign banks and businesses, while offering Afghan banks access to their overseas holdings and to the global financial system.
- Pledge additional emergency funding toward the United Nations’ 2022 humanitarian aid appeal, and dedicate the necessary diplomatic capital to encourage Western partners to contribute their fair share.
- Increase refugee assistance to Afghan refugees including increased resettlement here in the US.

**Everyone should call, meet with and email your Senators & House reps and urge them to take action. Dial the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.**

## **Event “Run-of-Show” & Visuals**

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The below are just guidelines, and each community will use their own creativity, but if we have some unity between events it may be both efficient and effective as we magnify our themes on social media etc. You can scale the nature and extent of your event up or down based on your capacity. Visuals and to an extent the “ritual” or flow-of-event can be important for attracting media attention and coverage. Key ideas can include:

- **Ask people to fast at least until sunset** to show solidarity with the Afghan people. Not everyone has to fast, especially if they can’t for health reasons. Those participating can speak to their motivations, including to the press. Be sensitive about language. Privileged people fasting in the U.S. is obviously a radically different experience than those of Afghans.
- **Plan out where to have the event** and see if it is possible to do it in front of or near the office of a Congressional advocacy target. Get permits if necessary.
- **You could make a Valentine for the Afghan people**, perhaps with large red paper that would look good to cameras (both media and social media).
- **One possibility would be to give the Valentine to the advocacy target** mentioned above (or their staff at the office) and ask them symbolically to “deliver it” to the Afghan people – by increasing aid and removing the asset freezes. (Or Congressional leaders on this issue could get their own valentines.)
- **Candles, perhaps white candles, or vigil candles** (with drip protectors) can be used to create a visual theme for media cameras and participants. **Setting your vigil just before sundown is a good idea if you are using candles.**
- [A Minute of Silence \(at least\) for the million Afghans who are at risk of dying](#) could be part of the program.
- **A “Minute of Action” (likely over a minute) could be held** where someone speaking in the program walks people through making a call or writing and email and gives out a little script (backed up by the flyers handed out with the action, see below [when available]).
- **RED (for Valentines)** and **WHITE (for peace, the Afghan winter, and the somber occasion)** could be used. Color is one of the easiest way to create camera worthy visuals. People could be asked to wear either red or white shirts etc, and to carry items with those colors. As a more



somber event, think through whether and how to do typical rally-like signs. But if you choose to do them they could be in the colors above if you use that visual.

## COVID-19 & Safety:

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- Of course, the health and safety of your fellow peaceniks and the local community is the most important consideration when selecting a venue--choose a location that has enough space to allow for social distancing between attendees and encourage people to leave space between them.
- Ensure that all attendees are following CDC guidelines, and **instruct all attendees to bring a mask (N95 and KN95 being the best). You should also plan to pass out masks and have hand sanitizer available at the rally.** Many grocery stores are now offering free KN95s, so event leaders can stock up on masks to give to maskless attendees at the event.
- You can take into account the Omicron variant, [current case rates, varying rates of vaccination likely with your constituents and community](#), and individual health concerns. You could host a virtual rally, online actions, or stick to lobby contacts/visits (see below).

## Feb. 14: “Love to Afghanistan” Vigil Check-List

### Run of Show:

Having a planned out schedule ahead of time allows for a smooth “Love to Afghanistan” vigil where everyone speaking or with other roles knows the order of events, timing, who is speaking next, etc. It’s helpful to make sure everyone is on the same page so that you get the message across.

### Clear Roles Assigned:

Planning ahead who will do what helps ensure that no task falls through the cracks and helps ensure that the vigil runs smoothly.

Roles to consider are:

- Rally host/Moderator
- Livestreamer/Video Documenter
- Dedicated Social Media Photographer. Take photos that are politically flattering (that make it look like a well-attended event, well-produced, engaging).
- Greeter/Sign-in
- Water/Signs/Masks
- Speaker/Press Point of Contact

### Take Action: Have your attendees call your Senators & President Biden!

Encourage all attendees to dial this number and call their Senators/Reps in real time as a way to encourage action right on the spot.

- **Calling your Senators/House Members:** Ask your attendees at the event to call your Senators/House Members to urge them to 1) Unfreeze Afghanistan Central Bank assets 2) Loosen sanctions and 3) increase humanitarian aid. The Senate Switchboard number will connect them at (202) 224-3121
- **Calling the White House:** At the events, ask attendees to schedule a time to call the White House Comment Line and urge President Biden to unfreeze Afghan assets to allow the Afghan people to eat and survive. The comment line is open Tuesday-Thursday from 11am - 2 pm ET. Dial 202-456-1111.

### Activist/Attendee Name/Email Collection:

Sign-in sheets are a great way to get the names and emails of people who are interested in showing up and joining peace events. By having sign-in sheets, you can be sure to have the info for people next time there’s an important Peace Action event you want to invite folks to.

### Post on Social Media:

- Tag your Senator/House Member!
- Post regularly before, during and after the event. Tag relevant news outlets and use appropriate hashtags.
- Include a photo of the vigil with your message to show our forces out and caring in their community.
- You can also encourage attendees to Tweet and your Senator about the Unfreezing Afghanistan.
- You can uplift our Afghanistan action page if folks want to take an online action or offer the Capitol Switchboard and have them call all their representatives/Senators. [link to come]

### Post Event: Photos and descriptions of events:

To amplify our “Love to Afghanistan” message we need each affiliate to share their best photos. We can magnify on social media and in our other communications!

- Please submit photos to this google drive [link to come].
- Please submit descriptions of highlights from the rally, as well as any local press coverage you see to this google form [link to come.]

## Sample Invitation Email to an Event

SUBJECT: Join Us In a Vigil for the Afghan People

Dear [Member or Coalition Partner],

I'm writing to you today about the horrific crisis in Afghanistan. Did you know that far more people could die from the human-made famine in Afghanistan in the next year than died in 20 years of war?

It's U.S. policies, including sanctions and asset freezes that are driving this human-made humanitarian disaster. **That means it's up to you and me to stop it.**

This Valentine's Day, we are gathering for a "Love to Afghanistan" Vigil to promote much-needed aid to the people of Afghanistan. If you are able, please consider fasting out of solidarity with the Afghan people.

Stand with us to memorialize the loss of life happening in Afghanistan right now and to ask that the U.S. change its policies. We will be pressuring Congressperson \_\_\_\_\_ to increase aid to Afghanistan and end the sanctions policies and asset freezes that humanitarian groups say are driving the current famine.

We will deliver a Valentine to Congressperson \_\_\_\_'s office along with the attendees' wishes that the Congressperson deliver that Valentine – hopefully by increasing aid to Afghanistan and unfreezing frozen assets. Join us.

WHO: [your group & others involved]

WHAT: "Love to Afghanistan" Candlelight Vigil

WHEN: February 14, 2022, XX:XX PM.

WHERE: [Location of the event]. Congressperson \_\_\_\_\_ local office at [address and any instructions.]

Please join us!

[signature]

**"Love to Afghanistan" Vigil Outreach Flier (Next Page)**



**On Valentine's Day, we send our love to the people of Afghanistan by demanding that the Biden administration unfreeze Afghanistan's assets so they can restart their economy and feed their people.**

When the United States military pulled out of Afghanistan, the Biden administration responded by choking off assets to Afghan banks and economy by freezing the reserves of the Afghan Central Bank held in the U.S. They also imposed sanctions on those doing business with Afghanistan and cut off aid. Jobs and income disappeared, people could not afford to buy food and **mass starvation is now occurring**.

Members of both parties have sent letters to the Biden administration asking that these policies change in order to stop this humanitarian disaster.

A December 20 letter to President Biden signed by 48 members of Congress states: "As you transition into a new phase of our relationship with the country and people of Afghanistan, we stand with American allies and humanitarian experts in urging the United States to avoid harsh economic measures that will directly harm Afghan families and children. This means conscientiously but urgently modifying current U.S. policy."

On January 13, the United Nations chief warned that millions of Afghans are on the "verge of death," urging the international community to fund the U.N.'s \$5 billion humanitarian appeal, release Afghanistan's frozen assets and jump-start its banking system to avert economic and social collapse.

Please call Congress now and ask your Senators and House members to unfreeze the frozen assets and relax the sanctions so that Afghans can survive and the Afghan economy can stay afloat.

**Dial the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.**

Please join or start a vigil in your community on or near Valentine's Day to show solidarity with the suffering Afghans. Fast for the day, if you can, and consider making a donation to a humanitarian organization working in Afghanistan.

For more information visit [www.PeaceAction.org/afghanistanlove](http://www.PeaceAction.org/afghanistanlove)



## **Sample Media Advisory:** **“Love to Afghanistan” Valentine's Day Vigils**

This advisory is your invitation to the media to come to the event. A lot of people do the advisory at least a day or two so that you have time to pitch it. (If you're angling to get it in an event calendar you look at what their deadlines are.) If you have experience in your community with doing press you know what is best.

**Subject Line:** FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: Activists Host Valentine's Day Vigil to Address Afghan Famine  
Date: February xx, 2022  
Contacts: [name, email & contact info of best press contacts]  
Link to Facebook, national webpage or other social/online media

### ***Peace Action [& Groups] Holds “Love to Afghanistan” Vigil to Promote Aid to Afghanistan***

[City/Visits] residents to Congressperson/Senator X “Unfreeze Aid and Funds Now”

With the UN reporting that hunger in Afghanistan could kill more civilians than the 20 year Afghanistan war this winter, an international debate is raging over U.S. and other governments policy and getting aid to that country. That debate is also heating up in D.C. with progressives pushing the Biden administration to address a policy of sanctions and asset freezes that many humanitarian groups say are driving the humanitarian crisis.

With those debates as a background, peace groups and humanitarian groups are coming together in a Valentine's Day Vigil to memorialize the loss of life and to ask that the U.S. change its policies. The group will be handing a Valentine to the Afghan people to Congressperson X with the suggestion that the best way to forward that Valentine is to increase aid to Afghanistan and end the sanctions policies and asset freezes that the humanitarian groups say are driving the crisis.

WHAT: Local peace and humanitarian groups are gathering for a Valentine's Day “Love to Afghanistan” vigil on February 14. Some of the attendees will be fasting out of solidarity with the Afghan people.

WHO: [Describe who will be at the event – speakers, representatives from your organization, other community leaders you've invited]

WHEN: February 14, 2022, XX:XX PM.

VISUALS: This is a Valentine's Day event and candlelight vigil. So there will be lots of white and red including banners, candles and a big Valentine. The Valentine for the Afghan people will be delivered to Congressperson \_\_\_\_\_'s office along with the attendees wishes that the Congressperson deliver that Valentine – hopefully by increasing aid to Afghanistan and unfreezing frozen assets. *[You can refine for your own purposes but let them know what media cameras should expect and be interested in]*

WHERE: [Location of the event]. Congressperson \_\_\_\_\_ local office at [address and any instructions.]

## Sample Press Release: **RIGHT** after the event (have this ready to go)

- Send this the day of (if your event took place in the morning) or the morning after the event (if it took place later).
- If there were photos and videos taken at the event, try to upload them in a shareable photo drive like Google Drives, Dropbox, Vimeo, etc. and include the link in the release.

**Subject Line:** RELEASE: Activists Hold Valentine's Day Vigil to Promote Aid to Afghanistan

For Immediate Release: February 14, 2022

Contacts: Include [your name] [your title] [your organization] [your contact email & cell number]

### ***Human Rights and Peace Activists Hold Valentines Day Vigil at Congressperson X's Office to Promote Aid to Afghanistan***

[your location] — With the UN reporting that hunger in Afghanistan could kill more civilians than the 20-year Afghanistan war, an international debate is raging over the policy by the U.S. and other governments about getting aid to that country. The president just announced a plan to confiscate \$7 Billion in Afghan funds and set aside half of it to families of 9/11 victims and to create a "third-party trust fund" to pay for humanitarian aid with the other half. Critics of the decision, including those [who worked for the former U.S. backed Afghan government](#), lambasted Biden's decision saying that the currency reserves belong to the Afghan people.

With those debates as a background, peace groups and humanitarian groups are coming together in a Valentine's Day Vigil to memorialize the loss of life and to ask that the U.S. change its policies.

"On this day celebrating love, we are here to memorialize the victims of this famine, and show our care and compassion by asking policymakers to extend some love and support to the people of Afghanistan. We ask for a modification to the U.S.'s restrictive economic policies in order to prevent undue suffering to millions of innocent Afghans." **said [local vigil leader].**

"President's Biden's decision to confiscate \$7 billion in assets from the Afghan people and set aside half of it for 9/11 victims is deeply unjust and will exacerbate the crisis in Afghanistan. It's simply cruel for a U.S. president to decide to take half this money, which is not the Taliban's, at a time when millions are suffering from starvation and economic freefall" said [can be from Jon Rainwater, Peace Action Executive Director.]

"Unfortunately the president's plan to confiscate the other half of the funds for a U.S.-established "trust fund" for aid is not as humane as it sounds. Humanitarian experts, including the UN and leading humanitarian groups, begged the U.S. to unfreeze these Afghan Central Bank reserves to inject liquidity into the Afghan economy. It is the collapsing economy that is driving the humanitarian crisis and Biden starving the Central Bank will result in more starving Afghans. The US-established trust fund's billions may end up doing some good, but it is fear of attacks by Republicans, not smart humanitarian thinking driving this scheme."

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*Founded in 1957, Peace Action (formerly SANE/Freeze), the United States' largest peace and disarmament organization, with over 100,000 paid members and nearly 100 chapters in 36 states, works to abolish nuclear weapons, promote government spending priorities that support human needs, encourage real security through international cooperation and human rights, and support nonmilitary solutions to international conflicts. The public may learn more and take action at [www.PeaceAction.org](http://www.PeaceAction.org) and \_\_\_\_\_.*

# Act NOW to Stop Starvation in Afghanistan



**On Valentine's Day, we send our love to the people of Afghanistan by demanding that the Biden administration unfreeze Afghanistan's assets so they can restart their economy and feed their people.**

Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the UN, warned that millions of Afghans are on the "verge of death," urging the international community to fund the U.N.'s \$5 billion humanitarian appeal, release Afghanistan's frozen assets and jump-start its banking system to avert economic collapse.

**Call Congress today at the Congressional Switchboard: 202-224-3121.**

1. Dial the Congressional switchboard at **202-224-3121**.
2. Ask to speak to your Senator and/or House member [you can call three times to reach all three!]
3. Once connected, say (in your own words as much as you can):

*"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ [your name] and I am a constituent from \_\_\_\_\_ [your city]. I am calling because I want to ask \_\_\_\_\_ [name of elected] to take action regarding the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. I oppose President's Biden's current plan to confiscate the Afghan Central Bank's assets and set aside half for 9/11 victims' families and half to a special "trust fund" for Afghanistan. The Afghan economy is collapsing precisely because the Central Bank's assets have been frozen. We should be unfreezing the assets to help the collapsing Afghan economy, not giving them to 9/11 victims or diverting them to a "trust fund" for unspecified uses."*

More info at:

[www.peaceaction.org/2022/01/27/what-we-must-do-for-afghanistan](http://www.peaceaction.org/2022/01/27/what-we-must-do-for-afghanistan)

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**On Valentine's Day, we send our love to the people of Afghanistan by demanding that the Biden administration not confiscate Afghanistan's assets so that Afghanistan can restart its economy and its people.**

**Call the White House at 202-456-1111**

**Comment line open Tuesday-Thursday from 11am - 3 pm ET**

On January 13, Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the United Nations, warned that millions of Afghans are on the "verge of death," urging the international community to release Afghanistan's frozen assets and jump-start its banking system to avert economic and social collapse.

President's Biden's decision to confiscate \$7 billion in assets from the Afghan people and set aside half of it to 9/11 victims is not a just decision. It will exacerbate the crisis in Afghanistan. The president should not decide to take half this money, which is not the Taliban's, at a time when millions are suffering from starvation and economic freefall.

Unfortunately, the president's plan to confiscate the other half of the funds for a U.S.-established "trust fund" for unspecified uses is not as humane as it sounds. Humanitarian experts, including the UN and leading humanitarian groups, begged the U.S. to unfreeze these Afghan Central Bank reserves to inject liquidity into the Afghan economy. It is the collapsing economy that is driving the humanitarian crisis and Biden starving the Central Bank will result in more starving Afghans. The US-established trust fund's may end up doing some good feeding some Afghans, but by starving Afghanistan of its national currency reserves this policy perpetuates the underlying crisis.

More info at:

[www.peaceaction.org/2022/01/27/what-we-must-do-for-afghanistan](http://www.peaceaction.org/2022/01/27/what-we-must-do-for-afghanistan)



## Placards for Events

Feel free to use these at vigils and rallies. However, you can also print these at home and post a picture or short video holding this up online. (*open hyperlink to save*)

**END THE  
FAMINE!**  
**UNFREEZE  
AFGHAN  
FUNDS**



**END THE  
FAMINE!**  
**UNFREEZE  
AFGHAN  
FUNDS**



**END THE  
FAMINE!**  
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**SEND  
LOVE to  
AFGHANISTAN**



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afghanistan-emergency](https://donatenow.wfp.org/afghanistan-emergency)

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## 72x36 Inch Printable Banners for Events

**NOTE:** Please [Save to Print Here](#).

Download with a transparent background to allow for best printing. Insert your logo or tweak the text color if printing on dark material [HERE](#).

<p><b>LOVE TO AFGHANISTAN</b></p> <p><b>STOP THE FAMINE</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>NO MORE HUMAN-MADE HUNGER.</b></p> <p><b>Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>We MOURN the loss of life. We SEND love to the Afghan people. We CALL on Congress to act NOW!</b></p> <p></p>
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## Social Media Resources

### Possible Hashtags:

#EndAfghanFamine	#StopAfghanStarvation	#Afghanistan
#AfghanFamine	#AfghanCrisis	#LoveToAfghanistan
#UnfreezeAfghanFunds	#EndAfghanSanctions	#DonateToAfghanistan

**NOTE:** If variations on these hashtags (eg #UnfreezeFunds, #AfghanistanFamine) begin to trend, use what is trending.

### Sample Tweets:

- 1) Nearly 35 million people are at risk of starvation this winter. That's ½ the Afghan population! Call #Congress & ask them to #EndAfghanFamine by unfreezing critical gov't funds: 202-224-3121 #LoveToAfghanistan
- 2) 1 million children could starve to death this winter unless the U.S. unfreezes Afghan funds & cuts cruel sanctions! Urge #Congress to end the humanitarian crisis in #Afghanistan. Call 202-224-3121. #LoveToAfghanistan
- 3) We have a moral obligation to protect the lives of civilians harmed by 20 years of #AfghanistanWar. Let's #EndAfghanFamine by lifting cruel #Sanctions. #LiftSanctionsSaveLives #LoveToAfghanistan
- 4) The Biden plan to confiscate \$7 Billion of the Afghan people's assets is unjust. Afghans need food, but also a functioning economy. Urge #Congress to reverse this policy. Call 202-224-3121. #LoveToAfghanistan

Twitter Sized Graphics (open hyperlink to save)







Facebook Sized Graphics (open hyperlink to save)



Instagram Sized Graphics (open hyperlink to save)







*A simple, compelling, video from Afghans for a Better Tomorrow on the economic crisis and how sanctions and asset freezes are harming civilians that can be shared on social media (by linking to YouTube). Click on the image below to get to the link and the video on YouTube.*





## **Jayapal Afghanistan Letter**

The Jayapal Afghanistan Famine letter, dated December 20th, [in PDF form with the signatures is here.](#)