

UN calls for nearly \$5 billion in Afghan aid as one million children face severe malnutrition

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United Nations, January 11 (RHC)-- The United Nations has launched a nearly \$5 billion aid appeal for international donors to Afghanistan.

U.N. Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths said, without immediate assistance, a full-blown humanitarian catastrophe looms in Afghanistan. He told reporters: "A million children potentially suffering severe acute malnutrition. A million children. Figures are so hard to grasp

when they're this kind of size, but a million children in Afghanistan at risk of that kind of malnutrition, if these things don't happen, is a shocking one."

In Washington, D.C., the Congressional Progressive Caucus is demanding the Joe Biden administration lift economic sanctions imposed after the Taliban overran Afghanistan in August. The caucus tweeted that if the current U.S. economic policy toward Afghanistan continues, "there could be more civilian deaths this year than there were in 20 years of war."

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