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## PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2007) — PAKISTAN 10671.0

### Assistance to Food-Insecure Households: Baluchistan and Federally Administered Tribal Areas

Number of beneficiaries	507,000
Duration of project	24 months (1 October 2007–30 September 2009)
WFP food tonnage	25,156 mt
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
WFP food cost	16,798,806
Total cost to WFP	26,188,798

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1. The province of Baluchistan and the Federally Administrative Tribal areas (FATA), which border Afghanistan, constitute the most poorly developed and food-insecure region in Pakistan. There is an urgent need to address the stability of the region and bring the tribal people into the mainstream of development with the rest of the country by providing basic health and social services, primary education and vocational training, and by rehabilitating agricultural infrastructures.
2. Some of the indicators of underdevelopment in Baluchistan and FATA are alarming: 60 percent of the 8 million population in Baluchistan and the 3 million in FATA live on less than US\$1 per day, compared with 24 percent at the country level; 50 percent of the population in Baluchistan and 42 percent in FATA are food-insecure.
3. Literacy in FATA is 3 percent among women and 17 percent among men, compared with the national average of 56 percent; 50 percent of children drop out of school before they complete grade 5. Infant mortality in Baluchistan and FATA is 87 per 1,000 live births; maternal mortality is 6 per 1,000 live births. Health facilities, which are inadequate in terms of availability and quality, are in any case under-utilized as a result of cultural limitations on women's mobility and lack of understanding as to the importance of reproductive and preventive health care.
4. The Government of Pakistan has confirmed its support, particularly in food-based interventions, in addition to the ten-year US\$2 billion Sustainable Development Plan (SDP) for tribal areas.
5. PRRO 10671.0 aims to improve access to education, mother-and-child health and the livelihoods of food-insecure families. It will address short-term hunger through on-site feeding and take-home rations for boys and girls attending primary schools.
6. WFP will improve the nutrition and health of children aged 6–24 months and of pregnant and lactating women by enabling access to health services. Fortified blended food will be distributed by women health workers in rural communities. An incentive in the form of a 4 litre can of oil will be given to pregnant and lactating women at their two pre-natal and two post-natal visits to health centres, where they will obtain vaccinations, iron and folic acid supplements and nutrition and health education.
7. Poor households in the most food-insecure areas will participate in food-for-work programmes. WFP will work jointly with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Ministry of Agriculture to finance tools, equipment and technical inputs.
8. PRRO 10671.0 will run for 24 months; the food tonnage is 25,156 mt, targeting 507,000 beneficiaries. The food cost is US\$16.8 million; the total cost to WFP is US\$26.2 million.