



World Food Programme

Monsoon Flooding In Pakistan



OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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Situation Overview

Efforts to expand the scope and pace of relief responses in Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan continue; though remain complicated by the persistent movement of floodwaters further south. On 26 August, a 25-foot breach of the Indus River took place in the village of Surjani in Sindh, from where approximately 600,000 people have now been evacuated to Thatta city. Following an additional breach at the city of Belo, a further 500,000 people are also under evacuation to neighbouring areas. An emergency has been declared by district authorities, and humanitarian respondents are now en route to Hyderabad, to help coordinate a response. Across Sindh, up to 800,000 individuals displaced from other flooded areas are already residing in temporary camps and other makeshift facilities. In Balochistan, rescue and evacuation of residents in the Jaffarabad and Naseerabad districts continue.

While access obstacles are constraining a scale-up of humanitarian assistance in the immediate period, additional funding is now urgently required to allow for an expansion of activities beyond August that may address the totality of emerging needs.

WFP Response

Since launching an emergency response on 1 August, WFP is now providing monthly relief food rations to flood-affected families across 34 districts of KPK, Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir (AJK). In both its assessment and response activities, WFP is coordinating closely with government departments, the UN community and a network of almost 30 international and national NGO partners. Amid ongoing access constraints and the sheer scale of the disaster, priority locations have been targeted for immediate intervention; though a planned scale-up of the operation in September aims to meet the needs of up to 6 million people across 61 districts. In order to accommodate all those in need with an improved food basket consisting of 8 commodities, additional donor support is urgently required.

WFP is also operating as lead of the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters; providing support services to the humanitarian community at operational hubs in Islamabad, Peshawar, Sukkur and Multan.

Operational Highlights

- Despite residual floodwaters and infrastructural damage continuing to impede access to all affected areas, WFP has now provided more than 24,000 metric tons of life-saving relief food assistance to 2 million individuals. Residing in many of the same areas affected by flooding, more than 452,000 people displaced by conflict in KPK and FATA have also received WFP emergency food assistance so far this month, under a separate emergency operation.
- As the threat of outbreak of water-borne diseases rises, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster coordinated a C-130 aircraft flight from Islamabad to Sukkur on 26 August, carrying WHO medical supplies for Sindh. Also today, the Cluster organised the rapid despatch of fortified high-energy biscuits for evacuees to Thatta, following severe flooding of the village of Surjani. After arriving in Multan yesterday, UNHAS helicopters today made

their first deliveries of food to Muzaffargarh in Punjab, carrying quantities of ready-to-use supplementary food sufficient to feed almost 1,500 infants for one month.

- WFP is continuing to improve other logistical capacities, and now has an estimated 550 trucks on the road at any one time, carrying food to affected areas; triple the level of two weeks ago.
- Amid significant crop damage and continued inundation of large expanses of land – including in Punjab, the ‘bread basket’ of the country – concerns are mounting for the medium-term food security of affected communities. The October ‘rabi’ crop planting season is under significant threat, and WFP is now preparing to launch additional assessment activities to determine the extent of early recovery and rehabilitation needs. Market monitoring activities in KPK are also continuing, which suggest that the price of staple foods in many areas has almost tripled since the flooding began.

Resourcing Update

At a total value of US\$ 150 million, WFP’s food assistance operation responding to the needs of flood-affected populations continues to face a shortfall of US\$ 94 million. While many donors have announced pledges, WFP urges them to confirm their donations in order to avoid breaks in the food pipeline in September. Logistics and emergency telecommunications clusters are also seeking a combined total of US\$ 13.9 million for the provision of related services to the entire humanitarian community (including a crucial aviation component); and have so far received US\$ 2.9 million.

Donations to WFP’s Pakistan flood emergency response can be made at: www.wfp.org/donate/pakistanflood



District	Beneficiaries Reached	MT Distributed
KPK		
Peshawar	160,132	1,967
Nowshera	489,244	6,016
Charsadda	244,153	2,999
Mardan	53,900	662
Swat	131,565	1,584
Shangla	60,893	747
D.I. Khan	91,287	1,124
Tank	27,748	345
Kohistan	40,096	494
Lower Dir	19,145	235
Sub Total	1,318,163	16,173
Sindh		
Khairpur	49,735	519
Kashmore	49,637	699
Shikarpur	26,978	228
Sukkur	28,469	341
Ghotki	14,700	194
Jacobabad	61,019	245
Larkana	9,800	87
Sub Total	240,338	2,313
Punjab		
RY Khan	63,602	768
Rajanpur	94,437	1,163
Muzaffargarh	97,979	1,207
Layyah	44,807	551
DG Khan	30,996	378
Mianwali	18,263	224
Khushab	12,201	151
Sub Total	362,285	4,442
Balochistan		
Jaffarabad	10,500	129
Naseerabad	22,736	280
Killa Saifullah	1,400	17
Loralai	1,400	17
Harnai	1,050	13
Sibi	27,013	331
Shirani	1,050	13
Musakhel	700	9
Kohlu	7,238	89
Sub Total	73,087	898
AJK		
Haveli	15,701	193
Sub Total	15,701	193
TOTAL	2,009,574	24,019