



World Food Programme

Monsoon Flooding In Pakistan



OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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Situation Overview

Estimates of the number of people across the country affected by the floods have again risen to more than 17 million; as new flooding in areas of Sindh and Balochistan has caused further damage. It is reported that almost 2,000 camps and other temporary facilities have now been established in Sindh, to accommodate the increasing number of displaced; currently estimated at more than 700,000 people. The cities of Hyderabad, Dadu and Thatta have become new areas of concern, as floodwaters continue to move to the south of the province and inundate expanses of land along the Indus River.

The current scale of the humanitarian response remains insufficient to meet the full extent of emerging needs. Even for WFP – with its existing expansive presence across affected areas – physical access obstacles continue to constrain the scale-up of activities; and additional air transport capacity is urgently needed to ensure that areas now isolated for several weeks, are reached with life-saving support.

WFP Response

After extending food assistance activities into additional areas yesterday, WFP and its network of 30 cooperating partners are now conducting monthly distributions of family food rations across 32 districts of KPK, Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir (AJK). Currently, a limited family food basket consisting of immediately-available wheat flour, vegetable oil and high-energy biscuits (HEB) is being distributed. Some ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) is also being provided, where available; which, in addition to HEB, will help to prevent nutritional declines amongst infants and young children. Additional resources are urgently required in order to ensure that a full 8-commodity food basket can be distributed from September.

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

- WFP has now reached more than 1.75 million flood-affected beneficiaries with 20,700 metric tons of food. A further 376,000 individuals displaced by conflict in KPK and FATA have also received relief assistance this month under a separate emergency operation; for which distinct beneficiary records are maintained, in order to avoid the issuance of double rations.
- On 23 August, distributions in support of flood-affected families commenced in the Mianwali and Khushab districts of Punjab, as well as in Musakhel in Balochistan. In AJK's Haveli district, where the provision of assistance started on 20 August, the pace of distributions has increased, and up to 400 additional families are now being reached each day. In the severely-affected Neelum valley of AJK, 2 WFP cooperating partners are now on the ground and ready to commence distributions once food reaches the district.
- Results from WFP's rapid food needs assessment across 11 districts of the Punjab province have now been confirmed; and place the number of flood-affected people in need of food assistance at 3.4 million. Tentative indications from the assessment completed in Sindh on 22 August suggest that almost half a

million homes have been destroyed or severely damaged, with significant crop damage observed in more than 70 percent of surveyed districts. Reports of nutritional deficiencies among children currently residing in camp facilities across Sindh have emerged, and WFP has deployed a team to assess the situation. Incoming quantities of RUSF will be prioritised for distribution in these locations.

- In areas that remain inaccessible by road in Sindh – including Jacobabad and eastern Kashmore – nutritionally-fortified HEB rations are now being delivered by airdrop; an effort that has reached more than 32,000 beneficiaries in these districts alone, since commencing on 21 August.
- Following the arrival of an additional UNHAS heavy-lift helicopter in the country yesterday, four aircraft will be deployed to Multan tomorrow and commence operations in the coming days; with all capacity dedicated to the movement of food and non-food humanitarian cargo. It is estimated that over a period of one month, a fleet of five UNHAS helicopters could reach up to 140,000 flood-affected individuals with life-saving assistance. A third air corridor has now been established between Mera and the affected Shangla district of KPK, by which additional quantities of relief cargo may now be transported on assets made available by the government.



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\$ 103 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; and have so far received US\$ 2.3 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 | 474,166 | 5,830 |
| Charsadda | 244,153 | 2,999 |
| Mardan | 53,900 | 662 |
| Swat | 114,597 | 1,340 |
| Shangla | 44,968 | 553 |
| D.I. Khan | 59,843 | 738 |
| Tank | 17,808 | 221 |
| Kohistan | 33,173 | 409 |
| Lower Dir | 19,145 | 235 |
| Sub Total | 1,221,885 | 14,954 |
| Sindh | | |
| Khairpur | 44,121 | 456 |
| Kashmore | 49,637 | 619 |
| Shikarpur | 26,978 | 221 |
| Sukkur | 24,199 | 291 |
| Ghotki | 14,700 | 194 |
| Jacobabad | 52,619 | 83 |
| Sub Total | 212,254 | 1,864 |
| Punjab | | |
| RY Khan | 53,634 | 659 |
| Rajanpur | 76,601 | 941 |
| Muzaffargarh | 76,300 | 940 |
| Layyah | 33,068 | 407 |
| DG Khan | 13,832 | 169 |
| Mianwali | 4,543 | 55 |
| Khushab | 3,920 | 48 |
| Sub Total | 261,898 | 3,219 |
| Balochistan | | |
| Jaffarabad | 10,500 | 129 |
| Naseerabad | 14,511 | 178 |
| Killa Saifullah | 1,400 | 17 |
| Loralai | 1,400 | 17 |
| Harnai | 1,050 | 13 |
| Sibi | 16,114 | 198 |
| Shirani | 1,050 | 13 |
| Musakhel | 700 | 9 |
| Sub Total | 46,725 | 574 |
| AJK | | |
| Haveli | 7,371 | 90 |
| Sub Total | 7,371 | 90 |
| TOTAL | 1,750,133 | 20,701 |