



World Food Programme

## Afghanistan



### Plan 2014

#### PRRO 200477

**3.6 million** beneficiaries

**106,000 mt** of food to be distributed

Plan: US\$ 156 million



#### UNHAS Special Operation

Plan: US\$ 20.2 million



#### Confirmed Contributions in August

None

## Highlights

- WFP is currently facing a very critical resource and food shortfall and is urgently seeking US\$ 40 million for its programme implementation in 2014. The food shortfall is occurring ahead of the winter season, making it difficult for WFP to pre-position food for life-saving activities in districts that are difficult to access during winter. Due to this critical food shortfall, approximately one million food insecure people will be negatively impacted by not receiving WFP's planned assistance beginning in October. This includes, approximately 230,500 malnourished children, and pregnant and nursing mothers, who will not receive WFP's food assistance in the month of November.
- In August, UN agencies launched a joint appeal to assist 13,000 cross border displaced people from Pakistan into Afghanistan. The total requirements of the appeal are US\$ 10.4 million for WFP. Currently, WFP food distributions are underway to the displaced families, with some 180,000 beneficiaries having already been reached with 2,500 mt of food commodities from its on going Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation.
- Under P4P, WFP procured some 200 mt of wheat from small farmers in Pulikhumri province. In addition, WFP is negotiating to purchase another 400 mt of wheat from small farmers locally.

## Situation Update

- The result of 14 June second round (run off) of the presidential election was finally announced last week. The inauguration ceremony will take place on 29 September. Due to threats prior to the results of the second round election, WFP is actively exploring ways to ensure that security constraints do not negatively affect the programme activities.

## WFP Response

- WFP assistance in Afghanistan continues to contribute to addressing food and nutrition insecurity in the country. WFP is currently implementing a Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO), Purchase for Progress (P4P) and the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). In addition, WFP is finalising a new Special Operation (SO) for the Strategic Grain Reserve phase II.
- Supporting the acute food and nutrition security needs of the most vulnerable populations through food transfers to meet immediate needs, unconditional cash/voucher transfers and food-based nutrition interventions.
- Targeted investments to reinforce resilience through take-home rations (vegetable oil) for schoolchildren and conditional food and cash/voucher transfers for vulnerable communities in asset-building programmes to protect natural resources, literacy/vocational skills training.
- Capacity development for government counterparts at the central and district levels, in food security analysis and emergency preparedness, planning and design of asset creation projects, and the Strategic Grain Reserve.



### Food Assistance

- Through various programme activities, over **855,000** people received WFP food assistance, focusing on acute needs while seizing opportunities for targeted investments to build resilience in the country. Following are the achievements in August 2014:
- Under its nutrition programme, WFP treated **10,900** malnourished children and **158,100** pregnant and lactating women including their family members through its targeted supplementary feeding programme activities to improve their nutritional status.
- **360,100** people benefited from WFP emergency food assistance including cross border displaced families, flood, and economically stressed people in various parts of Afghanistan. WFP's support to Economically Stressed Population aims to provide food to the most food insecure households to fill their food consumption gaps during the lean season.
- **Nearly 272,700** school students and **7,00** vocational training participants (**4,200 beneficiaries**) benefited from WFP food assistance under school feeding take home ration and training activities.
- Through assets creation activities about **6,880** people were employed for rehabilitation of irrigation canals, water channels (karazes) and tree seedling plantation. Their family rations supported nearly **48,180** beneficiaries.
- Under Cash/voucher activity, WFP provided **3,500** beneficiaries through training activity to buy food of their choice in local market.

### Logistics



- Over **8,100 mt** of food and US\$ 18,500 under cash/voucher were delivered and distributed to beneficiaries under above activities.
- UNHAS transported 2,155 passengers including staff of UN agencies, embassies and NGOs.

## Clusters

WFP co-leads FSAC in coordination with FAO, and is a key member of the Nutrition Cluster. WFP also engages with other clusters activated in Afghanistan as appropriate.

## Partnerships

- WFP partners with NGOs and communities for programme implementation activities, while strengthening partnerships with central and local government authorities for coordination and capacity building.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP requires new contributions for the PRRO to implement its programme activities in 2014. The CO expects a pipeline break for most commodities in October 2014. The overall resource shortfall for the PRRO is approximately US\$ 40 million. WFP urgently needs funds to meet the shortfalls and continue food assistance to cross border displaced population in Khost and Paktika provinces.
- UNHAS also needs contributions of US\$ 3.4 million to fully carryout its operation in 2014.

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### WFP Operation

|       | Project Duration | Planned number of people | Total requirements (in US\$) | Total received (in US\$) ( includes resource transfer from 2013) | 6 month Shortfall (%) | People Assisted                      |                                      |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|       |                  |                          |                              |  |                       | Planned (current distribution cycle) | Reached (current distribution cycle) |
| PRRO  | 2014 to 2016     | 3,663,779                | 496,965,796                  | 117,826,499  | 36%                   | 1,688,950                            | 855,000 people                       |
| UNHAS | 2014             | N/A                      | 20,238,873                   | 16,760,000   | 17%                   | -                                    | 2,155 people                         |

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