In April, WFP reached over 382,000 people throughout Myanmar.

Regular activities continued in Rakhine, Chin, Kachin, Shan States, and Magway Region during April as well as in Mandalay, reaching over 382,000 people with nearly 4,100 metric tonnes (mt) of food.

As the summer season ends, water scarcities have become more common as the lack of rain has led to depletion of water sources. While normal for this time of year, it has resulted in increased health risks for people and livestock, additional time needed for travel to faraway water sources, and additional money spent to purchase water. The situation is expected to improve once the rainy season begins in late May.

Preparations for the rainy season: Ahead of the rainy season, WFP has already prepositioned 1,035 MT of mixed commodities in Chin and Shan states, which will provide food for four to five months in areas that become inaccessible during the harsh weather.

Heavy rains and flash flooding have already started to occur in some parts of Myanmar. WFP has emergency supplies ready to deploy from its warehouse in Yangon in case of unexpected needs, including speedboats, generators, mobile storage units, tarpaulins, and mobile offices.

WFP continues support in Meiktila: In March, WFP provided a two-week food ration for nearly 9,000 people affected by the violence in Meiktila, in coordination with the Government. In April, WFP provided an additional two-week ration for over 8,000 people in seven camps, and is continuing to assess food needs as the situation stabilizes.

New displacements in Shan state: Clashes between Government forces and armed groups in Shan state have displaced nearly 1,000 people in April. In early April, WFP assisted about 100 households displaced by fighting between the Shan State Army and Government forces in Tant Yang township. In late April, WFP conducted a rapid needs assessment of populations displaced by fighting in Thein Ni township, and will provide an initial two-week ration for 50 households.

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WFP started its first operations in Myanmar in 1974 by providing emergency relief assistance to flood and cyclone victims. Currently, WFP has 290 staff in nine sub-offices around the country as well as the country office based in Yangon.

From 2010-2012, WFP reached over 1 million people every year through Food and Cash for Work, School Feeding, Nutrition, and emergency relief assistance.

In January 2013, WFP launched a new three-year Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO 200299) that targets up to 1.6 million people, focusing on five activities:

- **Relief assistance** for victims of conflict and natural disasters
- **Nutrition support** to treat and prevent acute malnutrition in children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLW)
- **Asset creation** and recovery
- **School feeding** through HEBs and take-home rations of rice
- **Support to HIV/TB patients**

WFP works with 24 international and NGO partners and 7 UN agencies.

The top five donors for PRRO 200299 are: Japan, ECHO, U.S.A., Switzerland, and the UN’s Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

### Resources:

ECHO generously contributed €3 million (US $3.9 million) to WFP’s operation in Myanmar. Thanks to timely contributions from donors, WFP has enough funds to continue food distributions until November 2013.

### Distributions in April 2013

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<th>Location</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### Start of school feeding activities:

As most schools begin the new academic year around the country in June, WFP is preparing to resume school feeding activities. In 2012, WFP piloted a daily snack of High Energy Biscuits for 8,000 students, and plans to expand the programme in the 2013 school year. WFP will also continue a take-home ration of rice in select areas with higher food insecurity.