Highlights

- As a result of military operations by Pakistani forces in north Waziristan, there are reports of some 10,000 families seeking refuge in Khost and Paktika provinces of Afghanistan. In its initial response based on UNHCR verification, WFP has already provided immediate emergency food assistance to some 600 refugee families in Khost province. In addition, further food dispatches are underway to meet the needs of all registered refugees. WFP has a contingency plan and is ready to dispatch additional food based on the verification and identification of refugee families in the area.

- WFP will face a shortfall in September, and still needs US$50 million to ensure the continuation of relief and recovery activities to the end of the year 2014. Due to its emergency response to flooding in the north, as well as the expected influx of refugees due to ongoing military operation in north Waziristan by Pakistani forces, WFP needs additional resources to reinforce its pipeline.

- In response to heavy flooding in Baghlan province, WFP provided high energy biscuits to some 250 flood affected families as part of its immediate emergency response in Guzargah-e-Nur district of Baghlan province. WFP also plans to deliver two months food ration to around 4,000 people affected by heavy floods in the district. The WFP food basket consists of wheat flour, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

Situation Update

- The second round (run off) of the presidential election was convened on 14 June. Due to threats prior to the results of the second round, 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 tackle 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 currently 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 530,000 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 May 2014:
  
  • Under its nutrition programme, WFP treated 42,400 malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women through its targeted supplementary feeding programme activities to improve their nutritional status.
  
  • 257,300 people benefited from WFP emergency food assistance including 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.
  
  • 166,000 school students and vocational training participants benefited from WFP food assistance under school feeding take home ration and training activities.
  
  • Through assets creation activities about 8,500 people were employed for rehabilitation of irrigation canals, water channels (karazes) and tree seedling planting. Their family rations supported nearly 60,000 beneficiaries.

Logistics

• Over 12,000 mt of food was delivered to beneficiaries in the month of May.
• UNHAS transported 2,230 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 cereals in September 2014. There will be a complete shortfall for all commodities, starting with pulses and onward for all the food basket commodities. The overall resource shortfall for the PRRO is approximately US$ 50 million.
• UNHAS also needs contributions of US$ 7 million to fully carry out its operation in 2014.

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