

WFP Operational and Cluster Update – 29th August 2010

WFP has now reached more than 300,000 beneficiaries with almost 2500 metric tons of food in 7 districts of Sindh including Larkana, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Kashmore, Jaccobabad, Ghotki and Khairpur.

CRITICAL AREAS & ISSUES:

- The flood wave passing through Kotri barrage in southern Sindh. Low-lying areas of Badin, Thatta, Jamshoro and Dadu districts are under water. Large-scale migration has taken place from these areas, including mass evacuation of 600,000 from Thatta City. *WFP advanced team mission to Hyderabad for rapid assessment and to organize the emergency response. Next areas of target- Thatta and Badin*
- Serious health issues in the affected districts, esp Khairpur- Skin and respiratory infections, and acute diarrhoea. *Nutrition training along with the distribution of Ready to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) for children between 6-24 months.*
- 10,000-15,000 people have chosen to stay behind to protect their homes and property and similar figures of stranded population has been reported in Thull and Garhi Khero. *Being serviced by air/rotor wing.*

WFP RESPONSE:

Distributions to date 24th August, 2010			
District	Beneficiaries	Tonnage (Mt)	Implementing Partner
Kashmore	70,476	729.47	SRSO
Shikarpur	27,846	243	SRSO/Save the Children
Sukkur	31,591	342.26	SRSO/Save the Children
Ghotki	19,600	196.13	SRSO
Khairpur	58,394	596.24	SRSO
Larkana	13,475	169.61	SRSO
Jacobabad	78,953	286.45	SRSO/Save the Children
TOTAL	300,335	2,563	

Monthly Food Ration: 80 kg Fortified Wheat Flour, 4.5 Kg High Energy Biscuits (HEBs), 4.5 Kg vegetable oil, 1.5 Kg Ready to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF). **Road Transport** to 95% of camps/settlements. Operations proceeding rapidly.

Airlifting: Air operations are underway from Sukkur, and more recently from Pano Akil airport transporting food to Jaccobabad and Thul from Sukkur through Army helicopters and fixed wing C130.

USAID: 25.08.2010, USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah visited a camp in Sukkur observing food distribution with Save the Children. WFP was represented by Dorte Jessen and conversation focused on the composition of food basket, Plumpy Doz and the importance of nutrition in emergencies.

Implementing Partners: 11 NGOs shortlisted and endorsed by the Project Review Committee and these can be assigned in districts according to district-wise needs.

Air Drop for HEBs: Critical urgency in reaching extremely vulnerable people in inaccessible areas with lifesaving food assistance (Jacobabad, Kambar Shadadkot, Eastern Kashmir). Extraordinary measures adopted through air-drops for the next 2-3 days. 67,000 beneficiaries reached via airdrop to date. Partners currently making security arrangements to secure integrity of distribution. Short term solution only – distribution sites for full food basket with strict security measures and Save the Children as the implementing partner have followed.



- **Security:** The government has issued a directive regarding setting out higher security perimeters for the internationals and the UN staff. The UNDSS has imposed strict restrictions on night travel and on travel without security clearance to the field areas. FSO carried out a training session for the IP members to brief them about the security threats and hazards at the distribution sites.

FOOD CLUSTER: Coordination with NGOs and other partners to provide food assistance to the affected districts, meeting held 24.08.2010.

- Newly opened routes to Jaccobabad and Thul were discussed which would facilitate food transportation to inaccessible areas and reduce bottlenecks on airlifts.
- Cluster meetings at district level were proposed under presence of the local the DCO.
- 3 W's (Who is doing What and Where) - Floods 2010 Response are currently being mapped for the food cluster and will be strengthened further with the next cluster meeting.
- Currently coordinating government, army and other NGOs providing immediate food assistance to camps in Thatta, Badin, Hyderabad.
- Simultaneously, WFP Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping (VAM) will design a map highlighting all the NGOs' areas of presence in Sindh which would be particularly useful for the food cluster.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER headed by WFP represented by Daryll Ainsworth, coordinates with all UN agencies to distribute food commodities using C 130s and helicopters. At least 8 air drops are completed during the day when the helicopters are made available to deliver HEBs in small cartons. Exploring options for storage in partners' warehouses and plan to prepare an erect to hold 10 vehicles. New air corridor opened between Sukkur and Thull, in addition to the existing Sukkur-Jaccobabad route 20.08.2010.

Nutrition cluster meeting held 24.08.2010 today to discuss the alarming nutrition and health indicators emerging in the camps to discuss strategies to address malnutrition.