



World Food Programme

Serbia/Bosnia-Herzegovina Floods Emergency

In numbers

600,000 people in the flooded areas in Serbia

1.5 million people in the flooded areas in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Funding Requirements

US\$ 1.5 million for Serbia.

US\$ 1.5 million for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Highlights

- Severe flooding continues to affect approximately 600,000 people in Serbia and 1.5 million people in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- WFP is initiating an IR-EMOP valued at approximately US\$ 1.5 million to support the Serbia flood response in close coordination with the UN Country Team (UNCT) and national authorities.
- In Bosnia-Herzegovina WFP is drafting an IR-EMOP for about US\$ 1.5 million for one time life-saving food assistance reaching up to 150,000 most vulnerable people in close coordination with UNCT and the government.

Situation Update

- In Serbia, heavy rainfall in the last few days have caused unprecedented water levels in many rivers especially the Sava, Mlava and Kolubara Rivers, resulting in widespread flooding and landslides across the country. The worst-affected areas are Kolubara territory, Macva, Lazarevac and Obrenovac.
- The rivers of Bosna and Vrbas in the north of Bosnia-Herzegovina have exceeded the flood emergency levels. Floods have affected mostly the north, central and eastern parts of the country.

WFP Response

- Under the IR-EMOP for Serbia, WFP within 36 hours airlifted life-saving Non-Food Items (NFIs) to Belgrade from the UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Brindisi, Italy, where a strategic stockpile of relief items are prepositioned for immediate response. The NFIs were provided by WFP and the Italian and Norwegian governments. This was the first UN assistance received for the flood response. A second rotation arrived on 19 May and the total consignment included 60 water tanks, 24 generators, 3 water purification systems and 10 inflatable boats. UNHRD is currently preparing to transport by air High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) for 7,000 flood affected people from its depot in Dubai.
- In Bosnia-Herzegovina, water purification units, tents, jerry cans, latrines, water tanks and emergency drinking kits provided by the Norwegian Government were sent on a WFP-chartered aircraft from the Brindisi UNHRD on 19 May.



Food Assistance

- In Serbia, following an official Red Cross request to assist 7,000 flood affected persons, WFP will distribute 100g of HEB per person per day for an initial period of ten days as a complement to other food items.
- In Bosnia-Herzegovina, WFP plans to provide a one-time ration of 500g of HEBs for up to 150,000 people identified as most affected. In addition, WFP could provide a monthly package of food assistance for 50,000 people as a second wave response, should it be required.

Logistics

- Following the request for assistance from the Government of Serbia, a Serbian-speaking logistics officer has been deployed to Belgrade to represent WFP on the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) mission. Additional ICT and Logistics officers are on standby for immediate deployment in both Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Partnerships

- In Serbia, WFP is coordinating with the UNCT and the EU Crisis Center to deliver the NFIs. WFP will work with local and international cooperating partners who are active on the ground especially the local Red Cross.
- Following the request for assistance from the government and coordination with the UNCT in Sarajevo, WFP is preparing to provide immediate food assistance.

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Resourcing Update

- US\$ 3 million is urgently needed to enable WFP to meet the objectives of WFPs response to the floods emergency : i) to ensure an adequate level of access to food to the most vulnerable flood affected people, ii) to ensure a timely and uninterrupted delivery of emergency relief items to the affected population.

