


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 April

None



World Food Programme

Afghanistan

Highlights

- In response to heavy rain fall which, caused large scale flooding in northern provinces of Afghanistan, WFP distributed some 1,000 mt of emergency food assistance to flood affected people in the area. In addition, WFP also assisted over 700 families (49,000 beneficiaries) affected by massive landslides in the Argo district of Badakhshan province. WFP also plans to carry-out assets creation and assets rehabilitation activities in communities in which infrastructure was destroyed by the floods.
- WFP is ready and has sufficient food stocks available for distribution to any further emergencies in the area. However, WFP faces a shortfall, and still needs US\$50 million to ensure the continuation of relief and recovery activities to the end of the year 2014.
- In May, WFP launched its pilot e-voucher programme for the first time in Afghanistan. The e-voucher pilot will assist over 3,600 people in Kabul for three months (May–July).

Situation Update

- Humanitarian access is a key operational concern. For all aid organizations, the fluctuating security situation has continuously changed the operating environment and humanitarian access in Afghanistan. For WFP, this presents a constant challenge in the provision of food and nutrition assistance to vulnerable groups.
- After the first round of elections in April, and due to the unpredictability of the second round of the presidential elections, which will take place around 14 June, the Country Office (CO) 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, nearly **330,000** 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 April 2014:
- Under its nutrition programme, WFP treated **32,500** malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women through its targeted supplementary feeding programme activities to improve their nutritional status.
- **255,800** people benefited from WFP emergency food assistance including flood, avalanche 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.
- **5,500** school students and vocational training participants (**16,800 beneficiaries**) benefited from WFP food assistance under school feeding take home ration and training activities.
- Through assets creation activities about **3,380** people were employed for rehabilitation of irrigation canals, water channels (karazes) and tree seedling planting. Their family rations supported nearly **23,600** beneficiaries.
- WFP organized a training on the maintenance and repair of fortification equipment (micro-feeder) and fortification process for 20 millers coming from all flourmills of Afghanistan. the Afghanistan Fortified Flour Producers' Association is a strong partner of the Government and WFP on their fight against micronutrient deficiency.



Logistics

- Some 6,600 mt of food was delivered to beneficiaries in the month of April.
- UNHAS transported 6,221 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 June 2014. There will be a complete shortfall for all commodities, starting with pulses in September 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 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\$)	6 month Shortfall (%)	People Assisted	
						Planned (current distribution cycle)	Reached (current distribution cycle)
PRRO	2014 to 2016	3.6 million	497 million	97.4million	20%	2,118,700	330,000 people
UNHAS	2014	-	20.2	9.2	5%	-	6,221 people