

Afghanistan

I. Objectives of WFP assistance

The goal of the PRRO is to enhance food security and improve the human and productive capital of vulnerable Afghans in highly food insecure and remote areas through food assistance in accordance with national development and UNDAF priorities and based on Vulnerability Assessment data and analysis.

The multi-agency, Government-led 2003 National Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (NRVA), revealed that 30 percent of the population is extremely poor, either chronically or seasonally food insecure and unable to meet its minimum nutritional requirements. Faced with serious food security challenges, often adverse coping strategies are adopted (e.g. reduction of food consumption, sale of productive assets, withdrawal of children from schools, child labour, early marriage of daughters, and felling of trees for firewood). An update to the 2003 NRVA was carried out in June 2005, findings of which are expected to be released in December 2005.

Main recovery activities under the PRRO fall within the category of food for education, including school feeding, deworming, support to teacher training, literacy training, vocational skill training and food-for-work activities focusing on forestation, environmental protection, watershed management, irrigation and construction of schools.

WFP plans to continue management of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) to transport humanitarian personnel in Afghanistan and to neighbouring countries.

| Project Type | Resources to Raise in 2006 | | | | | Estimated Value (US\$ mill) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| | (tonnes) | | | | | |
| | Cereals | Oil | Pulses | Other | Total | |
| Single Country PRRO | 105,318 | 11,168 | 7,098 | 7,950 | 131,534 | 87.5 |
| Special Operation | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 18.3 |
| Grand Total | 105,318 | 11,168 | 7,098 | 7,950 | 131,534 | 105.8 |

II. WFP-assisted projects and operations

(a) Development projects and activities

None

(b) Emergency operations

None

(c) Protracted relief and recovery operations

Afghanistan PRRO 10427.0: "Post-conflict relief, rehabilitation and development in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan"

Duration: Three years (through December 2008)

Total project commitment: 520,180 tonnes

Under preparation – subject to EB approval

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The specific objectives of this post-conflict PRRO are to:

- promote sustainable livelihoods, through training and the acquisition of skills for which there is confirmed market demand, especially for women and adolescent girls, and enhance their equitable access to assets, employment and resources;
- support the health and education sectors through school feeding initiatives, preventative health and nutrition awareness programmes, improve retention rates of TB patients, deworming of children in school, reduce micronutrient deficiencies and improve public health through flour fortification;
- contribute towards environment and natural resource conservation efforts through nursery establishment and reforestation, watershed management, including natural disaster management and environmental awareness programmes;
- facilitate the reintegration of returnees and residual IDP populations through skills development, non-formal education and involvement in public works; and save lives and reduce human suffering by providing short-term food security to victims of natural or man-made disasters.

| Expected Outputs in 2006 | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| The following initial results are expected, if the project/activity is fully resourced in 2006: | | | |
| | Female | Male | Total |
| Total number of beneficiaries of WFP food in 2006 | 1,507,970 | 1,808,030 | 3,316,000 |
| Number of IDP beneficiaries | 36,750 | 38,250 | 75,000 |
| Number of beneficiaries of general food distribution | 183,750 | 191,250 | 375,000 |
| | Girls | Boys | Total |
| Number of children given school meals | 645,000 | 855,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Number of school children given take-home rations | 400,000 | 256,500 | 656,500 |
| of whom: receiving both take-home and school rations | 400,000 | - | 400,000 |
| | Female | Male | Total |
| Number of participants in food-for-training activities | 47,100 | 23,900 | 71,000 |
| Number of participants in food-for-work activities | 26,250 | 78,750 | 105,000 |

(d) Special operations

Afghanistan SO XXXXX.0: “Common Services for Humanitarian Agencies”

Duration: One year (through December 2006)

Total project commitment: US\$18.3 million

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WFP manages the United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS), which provides safe and efficient transport for humanitarian and diplomatic mission personnel within Afghanistan and to and from neighboring countries and carries out medical and security evacuations as required. There are, at the moment, no practical alternatives to UNHAS, but the situation is constantly under review.