In Numbers

- 1,328 mt of food distributed in August 2021
- US$ 297,393 cash distributed in August 2021
- US$ 37.1 m six months (Sep 2021 – Feb 2022) net funding requirements
- 218,343 people assisted in July 2021

Operational Updates

- A humanitarian crisis is unfolding in Afghanistan following the recent Taliban takeover in August. The unimpeded provision of assistance to beneficiaries inside Afghanistan relies on support from Pakistan to enable transit of humanitarian workers and cargo by road and air. To that end, **WFP is facilitating humanitarian action from Pakistan by establishing an airbridge from Islamabad into Afghanistan with the support of the Government of Pakistan, strengthening the logistics capacity to support the transit of humanitarian goods and commodities through the Port of Karachi into Afghanistan, and providing administrative support for WFP staff transiting through Pakistan.** WFP food convoys into Afghanistan are now operational in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border areas of both Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Balochistan. WFP has also made a contingency planning for the potential influx of 300,000 Afghan refugees into Pakistan but needs US$ 16.2 million in anticipated funding for operationalizing the plan.

- WFP in partnership with the Government continues its efforts to reduce stunting through the innovative nationwide Ehsaas Nashonuma programme. By the end of August, 50 facilitation centres (FCs) were functional across 15 districts in Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, KP, Sindh, Punjab, and Islamabad. **Through these FCs, WFP has provided specialized nutritious food and health support to 27,176 pregnant and lactating women and 34,228 children under two years of age.**

- WFP continues the implementation of the Stunting Prevention and Rehabilitation Integrated Nutrition Gain programme in KP (KP SPRING). **In August, WFP provided 14,713 pregnant and lactating women and children under 2 with specialized nutritious foods and behavioural change communication under this programme.**
Operational Updates (continued)

- Since 2008, WFP has been supporting internally displaced people (IDPs) residing in camps and out of camps in the newly merged districts (erstwhile FATA) of KP. WFP reached an agreement in January 2021 with the Provincial Government for support to continue through Government channels. In view of the importance of a smooth transition, it was agreed that WFP will continue to support with available resources with a focus on those residing in camps for a period of eight months. In August 2021, after completing the last round of in-kind food distribution to support IDPs residing in KP’s Bakka Khel camp, WFP successfully handed over ownership to the Government. From 2008-2021, WFP has supported a total of 5.4 million IDPs through the provision of 1.7 million mt of food in KP.

- WFP continues its recovery food assistance for assets (FFA) programme to support IDP returnee families in KP, drought affected families in Balochistan, and families affected by multiple shocks in Sindh. Through the programme, WFP assists vulnerable groups through cash transfers which are conditional upon participation in community rehabilitation activities and trainings designed for improving long-term food security and resilience. In August, 13,598 people were reached in KP under the FFA initiative. Programme implementation activities were carried out in Balochistan and Sindh, with distribution expected to start in the month of September.

- Following the request from the provincial disaster management authority in KP, an ad hoc relief intervention was initiated in KP’s Upper Dir, Lower Kohistan, and Khyber districts. Under the intervention, flood affected households in Kohistan and malnourished, low-income families in Dir and Khyber receive two cycles of unconditional food assistance. In August, the second distribution cycle was completed in Dir and Khyber districts, through which 28,613 people were provided with in-kind food. Distribution in Kohistan will be concluded by the first week of September 2021.

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