Situation Update

- It is estimated that 519,000 people have crossed the border into Bangladesh since 25 August. Based on WFP observations of food distributions, WFP expects this number to be significantly higher.

- There are reports that thousands of people in Myanmar remain displaced across the border, waiting to cross into Bangladesh.

- The Government of Bangladesh has announced that the 2,000 acre expansion site will be further expanded to 3,000 acres to accommodate the increasing number of people arriving. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief’s Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner’s Office coordinates at the local level with humanitarian partners including WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to install basic facilities and provide basic social services.

WFP Response

- Since 27 August, WFP has distributed micronutrient fortified biscuits to 215,600 people (as of 8 October). WFP has positioned staff at Shahporir Dwip, a transit point, to give new arrivals six packets of biscuits per person, register them and provide beneficiary cards.

- Action Contre la Faim (ACF), in partnership with WFP, is providing hot meals of khichuri (rice and lentil porridge). Community kitchens and mobile teams have been feeding 50,000 people daily.

- On 9 September, WFP began distributing fortnightly food baskets of 25 kg of rice per household. In the second round of distributions, 549,000 people received rice. WFP is now in its third round of rice distributions and has provided over 137,800 people with rice so far. WFP is pairing with NGOs to complement rice distributions with other food items.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues to provide micronutrient fortified biscuits to people as they cross the border.

- WFP has activated a “Level 3” emergency response for the Rohingya crisis.

- WFP is distributing a fortnightly food basket of 25 kg of rice to newly arrived families. To date, over 549,000 people (109,800 households) have received rice. Other food items are being provided by non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

- WFP is working with the non-governmental organizations SHED, MUKTI, RIC and YPSA, as well as ACF, to distribute food in the makeshift sites.

Supply Chain

- A logistics hub is being set up to enhance storage capacity and support the delivery of humanitarian aid. So far, eight mobile storage units (MSUs) have been erected in the space allocated by the Government; the space is sufficient for 13 MSUs with a total capacity of 4,368 m³.

- An airlift of 98 mt of SuperCereal Plus from the UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Brindisi, Italy, is scheduled to arrive on 9 October.

In Numbers

- 519,000* people newly arrived in Bangladesh
- 549,000 newly arrived people have received rice
- 215,600 people have received micronutrient fortified biscuits
- 61,400 pregnant women, new mothers and children have received special, high-nutrient porridge

*As reported by the Inter Sector Coordination Group, WFP expects this number to be higher based on observations from food distributions.

Highlights

- WFP is providing 30 mt of micronutrient fortified biscuits to UNICEF to distribute to children in the makeshift learning centres. WFP is providing fortified biscuits to UNICEF, BRAC, UNFPA, and UNHCR’s women and child friendly spaces.

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WFP is in the process of procuring SuperCereal, SuperCereal Plus, rice, and vegetable oil from international suppliers, as well as locally sourcing lentils and vegetable oil to expedite availability.

Resourcing update

The UN has released a revised response plan for USD 434 million to assist 1.2 million people until February 2018.

WFP urgently needs USD 77 million to assist 700,000 new arrivals, 75,000 pre-August influx, 34,000 registered refugees, and 200,000 impacted host community members until February 2018.

Additionally, WFP is the lead of the Logistics Sector and the Emergency Telecommunications Sector. WFP requires a total of USD 3.7 million for both sectors for the next six months.

WFP has secured USD 15.4 million to date, with a further USD 35 million pledged or at proposal stage. WFP has confirmed the following contributions:

- USD 3.2 million from Denmark
- USD 2 million from Australia
- USD 1.1 million from Canada
- USD 650,000 from Norway
- USD 530,000 from Italy
- USD 6 million from United States

Through the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office, WFP has received USD 1.9 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) with another USD 3 million expected.

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