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***Pakistan – Complex Emergency***

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 23, 2009

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 22, 2009.*

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On October 17, the Government of Pakistan (GoP) commenced a military offensive in South Waziristan Agency, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). As of October 21, the conflict had displaced approximately 133,800 people, or more than 19,000 families—representing 56 percent of the U.N.’s worst-case planning figure of 240,000 to 250,000 individuals.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) temporarily closed humanitarian hubs in North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) on October 21 due to security concerns. On October 22, WFP reopened the majority of the hubs following completion of various security-related adjustments designed to mitigate congestion and potential security risks.
- Since FY 2008, the U.S. Government (USG) has provided more than \$300 million to conflict-affected populations in Pakistan, including more than \$106 million in USAID/OFDA funding.
- In FY 2010, USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) contributed an additional \$20 million in food assistance to conflict-affected individuals. The new contribution increases the total amount of USG-provided food assistance in Pakistan to \$157 million, including \$78 million in P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance from USAID/FFP, more than \$35 million in USAID/OFDA support for local and regional food procurement, and \$44 million in Food for Progress assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Number of Verified Displaced Households (Excluding Waziristan) <sup>1</sup>	382,951 households	GoP SSG <sup>2</sup> – October 22, 2009
Number of Verified Households That Have Returned to Areas of Origin	265,639 households	GoP SSG – October 22, 2009
Total Number of Verified Households Displaced from South Waziristan Agency	19,063 households	UNHCR <sup>3</sup> – October 23, 2009

**FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

USAID/FFP Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations .....\$20,000,000  
**Total Humanitarian Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations .....\$20,000,000**

**CURRENT SITUATION**

- Conflict and military operations continue to displace individuals from South Waziristan Agency, FATA. However, the humanitarian community began contingency planning for the military operations and resulting displacement in June 2009 and currently have adequate relief supplies and sufficient capacity to respond to and assist the anticipated outflow of displaced individuals.
- As of October 22, the GoP SSG reported that more than 265,600 families—representing approximately 1.8 million individuals—had returned to areas of origin in Swat, Buner, Shangla, Dir, and Malakand districts, NWFP, as well as Bajaur and Mohmand agencies, FATA.

***New Displacement and Registration***

- Of the total 133,800 displaced individuals from South Waziristan Agency, an estimated 80,500 people fled to adjacent districts between June and September in anticipation of the military offensive, with approximately 50,300 others displaced since October 13. The majority of displaced people are residing with host families in Dera Ismail (D.I.) Khan and Tank districts, NWFP.

<sup>1</sup> This figure represents GoP National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA)-verified households and does not include families displaced from South Waziristan Agency, FATA.

<sup>2</sup> Special Support Group (SSG)

<sup>3</sup> Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

- The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that an unverified number of displaced individuals from South Waziristan Agency also fled to Bannu District, NWFP, and North Waziristan Agency, FATA. According to the GoP SSG, an estimated 4,000 others reportedly fled to Zhob District, Baluchistan Province.
- Through a local non-governmental organization (NGO) partner, UNHCR continues to support the registration of newly displaced individuals from South Waziristan Agency, FATA, on behalf of the GoP Social Welfare Department. As of October 21, UNHCR's implementing partner had opened five registration centers in D.I. Khan District and one registration center in Tank District.
- The GoP has not announced plans to establish camps for the displaced individuals from South Waziristan Agency, FATA. However, UNHCR currently maintains an adequate stock of tents and shelter materials to accommodate the anticipated number of displaced individuals in camps, if needed.
- According to OCHA, ongoing military operations in Bajaur Agency, FATA, have resulted in new population displacement to Lower Dir District, NWFP, in recent weeks.
- To accommodate the newly displaced individuals from Bajaur Agency, government officials reopened Wali Kando camp in Lower Dir District. On October 23, the GoP SSG reported that 2,295 individuals from Bajaur Agency are currently residing in the camp.

#### ***Access and Security***

- Security and access restrictions continue to affect humanitarian organizations responding to displacement from South Waziristan Agency, FATA.
- In late September, the GoP ordered the majority of humanitarian organizations to temporarily suspend assistance activities in D.I. Khan District, requiring that the organizations reapply for non-objection certificates (NOCs) through the newly established D.I. Khan District Rehabilitation Unit (DRU) before resuming operations.
- To date, two local NGOs have obtained NOCs, and both resumed distribution of food and relief supplies during the week of October 12.
- Following the October 5 suicide bombing at the WFP office in Islamabad, which killed five people and injured eight others, U.N. Logistics Cluster operations remain suspended until further notice.
- On October 17, UNHCR reported that the U.N. Department of Safety and Security had relocated U.N. international staff from Peshawar, NWFP, to Islamabad, due to security concerns.

#### ***Emergency Food and Relief Supplies***

- With USAID/OFDA funding, the U.N. established a logistics base in Bhakkar, Punjab Province, in anticipation of large-scale population displacement from South Waziristan Agency, FATA. U.N. agencies and NGO partners stockpiled emergency relief supplies at the Bhakkar base and are working with commercial transport companies to deliver food and relief supplies from Bhakkar to distribution points in D.I. Khan and Tank districts.
- The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) has prepositioned family hygiene kits at Bhakkar for approximately 56,000 people. In addition, UNHCR has positioned family relief kits for approximately 24,000 people and maintains an additional 50,000 kits, for up to 400,000 people, at a warehouse in Pir Pai, Nowshera District, NWFP.
- UNHCR reports that an additional 50,000 kits are expected to arrive in country in the coming months.
- The GoP commenced distribution of a monthly cash grant valued at 5,000 Pakistani rupees, or approximately \$60, to registered families from South Waziristan. According to government officials, individuals are eligible to receive the cash grant following verification of registration by GoP NADRA officials.
- Beginning November 1, the GoP-provided cash grant will replace the WFP monthly food ration.

#### **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS**

- On October 9, 2009, U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson redeclared a disaster due to continued humanitarian needs resulting from civil conflict and displacement in Pakistan and requested USAID/OFDA assistance.
- On May 15, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to Pakistan to support GoP relief efforts, manage the humanitarian response, and coordinate with the humanitarian community. On May 18, USAID activated a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team (RMT) to support the DART. USAID demobilized the RMT and the DART on July 10 and 12, respectively. USAID/OFDA maintains a three-person field office in Pakistan to continue monitoring the situation and respond to evolving humanitarian needs.
- Since FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$106 million in humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected populations in Pakistan.
- In FY 2009 and to date in FY 2010, USAID/FFP has provided 87,240 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, valued at approximately \$78 million, to WFP emergency operations.
- In FY 2009, USDA provided \$44 million in assistance to conflict-affected populations through the Food for Progress program and in cooperation with the GoP Ministry of Agriculture. USDA assistance included 50,000 MT of wheat, valued at \$19.5 million; 6,800 MT of oil, valued at \$11.2 million; and \$13.3 million to WFP for associated costs.
- In FY 2009, USAID/Pakistan provided more than \$8.9 million in assistance to conflict-affected populations, including support for the provision of relief commodities, as well as livelihoods, infrastructure rehabilitation, education, health,

agriculture, shelter and settlements, economic recovery and market systems, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities.

- In FY 2009, State/PRM provided \$59.6 million to UNHCR and the International Committee for the Red Cross for the provision of relief commodities, as well as camp coordination and management, health, protection, humanitarian coordination, shelter, and WASH activities.
- In FY 2009, DoD provided approximately \$3 million in humanitarian assistance to Pakistan, including the provision of water trailers, halal meals, air-conditioned tents, and generators.

#### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

FY 2010			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
WFP	24,510 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$20,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010</b>			<b>\$20,000,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

#### PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for displacement response efforts in Pakistan can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org). Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Pakistan may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)