



Afghanistan Weekly Situation Report 11 - 17 March 2004

I. SITUATION UPDATE

The security situation was relatively calm throughout most of the country.

In Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar provinces in the **east** and Kabul province in the **center**, rocket attacks were carried out against government and civilian targets, killing three persons and injuring another four.

Areas to which United Nations missions remain suspended include: Kohistanat and Balkhab districts of Sari Pul province and Sholgara district of Balkh province in the north; Nuristan province in the east; Zabul and Uruzgan provinces in the south; and Farah province in the southwest.

II. PROGRAMME UPDATE

During the reporting period, **537,007 beneficiaries received 3,768 MT of food**, as indicated below¹:

	Food For Work		Food For Education *		Relief and Resettlement of IDPs and refugees		Urban Vulnerable (Bakeries)		Supplementary/ Institutional Feeding		TOTAL	
	Benef.	MT	Benef.	MT	Benef.	MT	Benef.	MT	Benef.	MT	Benef.	MT
Fayz Abad	11,016	158	3,390	74	-	-	-	-	6,570	379	20,976	611
Mazari Sharif	74,064	1,397	1,590	56			53,772	102	47	2	129,473	1,556
Kabul							82,116	153	42,164	119	124,280	272
Kandahar	46,740	637	142,449	253	18,682	300	26,600	49	1860	20	236,331	1,259
Hirat			25,884	66	63	3					25,947	69
TOTAL	131,820	2,192	173,313	449	18,745	302	162,488	304	50,641	520	537,007	3,768

(Note: Beneficiaries in the table do not necessarily mean new beneficiaries. They may have been included in previous reports. Food distributed per beneficiary under different activities may vary, due to variation in rations in different projects. Information here is based on reports received from implementing partners.)

¹ Please note that:

- **Fayz Abad** refers to the WFP Fayz Abad Area Office, which includes the sub-office in Kunduz and the provinces of Badakhshan, Baghlan, Takhar and Kunduz.
- **Mazari Sharif** refers to the WFP Mazari Sharif Area Office, which includes the sub-office in Maymana and the provinces of Jawzjan, Balkh, Samangan, Sari Pul and Faryab.
- **Kabul** refers to the WFP Kabul Area Office, which includes the sub-offices in Jalal Abad and Bamyan and the provinces of Bamyan, Parwan, Wardak, Kapisa, Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Kabul, Logar, Paktya, Khost, Paktika and Ghazni.
- **Kandahar** refers to the WFP Kandahar Area Office, which includes the provinces of Uruzgan, Zabul, Kandahar, Hilmand, and Nimroz.
- **Hirat** refers to the WFP Hirat Area Office, which includes the sub-office in Qalay-I-Naw and the provinces of Badghis, Ghor, Farah, Hirat.

* Food for education includes the following activities: school feeding, food for teachers, food for training and food for teacher training.



III. LOGISTICS UPDATE

1. IN-COUNTRY FOOD STOCK BALANCE

Food Commodities	Opening Stock	Arrivals	Dispatched	Losses	Closing Stock
Wheat	6,990	3,882	2,950	-	7,922
Wheat Flour	1,159	696	1,172	-	683
Pulses	2,645	75	268	-	2,453
Oil	2,466	618	1,038	-	2,046
Sugar	294	20	72	-	242
WSB/CSB	1,275	366	333	-	1,309
HEB	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Biscuits	631	126	143	-	613
Rice	2,622	-	232	-	2,390
Dates	-	-	-	-	-
Salt	252	268	233	-	287
TOTAL	18,334	6,051	6,441	-	17,944

2. LOGISTICS ISSUES:

- 3,905 mt of food commodities were transported, including 1,357 MT from ports in Pakistan to external logistics hubs, and 2,548 MT from external logistics hubs into Afghanistan.
- 402 MT of yellow split peas, donated by Canada, arrived at Port Qasim on 11 March.

TRANSPORTED FROM PORTS TO HUBS									
ORIGIN	WHEAT	WHEAT FLOUR	PULSES	OIL	SUGAR	WSB	IODIZED SALT	BISCUITS	TOTAL
Port Qasim	1080.663			150.041					1230.704
Karachi									
Bandar Abbas								126.8	126.8
TOTAL	1080.663			150.041				126.8	1357.504
TRANSPORTED FROM HUBS TO AFGHANISTAN									
Quetta	1244	314	7.999			344.85			1910.849
Peshawar	429		37						466
Termez								170.598	170.598
TOTAL	1673	314	44.999			344.85		170.598	2547.447
TOTAL TRANSPORTED	2753.663	314	44.999	150.041		344.85		297.398	3904.95



IV. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENT, NGOs and OTHER UN AGENCIES

- At a workshop held in Maymana district of Faryab province, from 8 to 9 March , FAO, UNAMA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMACA, WHO and WFP discussed ways to enhance collaboration for better implementation of the **Ogata Initiative** phase IV. The initiative focuses on supporting human development in particular to returnees and refugees for their integration in the places of their origin.
- As part of WFP's **government capacity building initiatives**, staff members of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development from Farah, Hirat and Badghis provinces, received a two week training on capacity building, food security, vulnerability assessment, project management and monitoring and evaluation.
- The Ministry of Women's Affairs, UNIFEM and WFP began discussions on the preparation of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU will delineate the terms of collaboration between the two UN Agencies and the government on the gender analysis of the National Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (NRVA) data and capacity building initiative to enhance the skills of ministry staff to analyze, develop and monitor gender related interventions.