

Food Cluster Meeting Minutes 15th May

- WFP shared with all partners the summarized plan for food assistance broken down into two tables: Yangon division and the delta 11-affected townships plan. the figures were largely derived from assessments and partners feedback from the field, with a few townships that still need better quality data, e.g. Mawlamyinegyum case in point. Partners were asked for corrections/inputs on the tables presented so as to finalize the 6-month Food Plan for the emergency.

- A more simplified 6-month Food Plan will be shared widely with WFP's counterpart, Nataka as the current LOU partner, and also other Government Ministries such as Social Welfare, National Planning and Foreign Affairs (and defense). This plan will detail by township estimated beneficiary caseload, the Cooperating Partners and total food tonnages with a dollar figure for the entire costs of the operation. This will be sent out to Govt. Ministries today.

- Following the initial 2,00 tons of rice being delivered to field areas, WFP is about to enter into local procurement of 10,000 tons of rice and 5,000 pulses for delivery in various delta locations. Timeframe for this would be asap, i.e. as soon as contract is okayed then deliveries can start by sunday. Given the large quantities needed for the entire 6-month Emergency, WFP intends to import most of the vegetable oil needed. Importation of even some portion of pulses and rice is being considered given that local purchases might impact local market conditions.

- The contributions and pledges announced in response to the Food component of the Flash Appeal look promising, to date 60% of the food appeal has been confirmed/high forecast of receiving. A number of contributions have already been received.

- WFP is in the process of preparing an intervention of 'cash transfers' for the targeted population of Yangon. this would take the form weekly cash transfers to the affected population for an initial one-month period, estimated at US\$ 2.8 million. the details are being worked out both within WFP and subsequently with Cooperating Partners in Yangon. [Since there are a number of partners delivering cash also for non-food items, it was agreed that a meeting on cash transfers would be held on saturday 17th at 14:00 at mimu.]

- Once the entire food basket is completed, then the food rations under the emergency food assistance would be composed of:

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| rice | 400 gms per day per person |
| pulses | 100 gms per day per person |
| veg. oil | 30 gms per day per person |
| iod. salt | 5 gms per day per person |

i.e. the relief food basket would then translate to a monthly family ration (5 members) of 60 kgs of rice, 15 kgs of pulses, 4.5 kgs of oil and 0.75 kg of iodized salt. the high energy biscuits are for children under 5 years of age.

- Request NGO partners to send information on non-wfp food assistance being delivered and also on cash delivered in lieu of food, to wfp and mimu.

- WFP presented Mr. Peter Rodrigues, Programme Officer from the Indonesia Country Office, who will be in charge of the field support for the emergency food activities for all Townships (outside Yangon). he is based in Yangon and his email is peter.rodrigues@wfp.org

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and the relevant tables that will form the strategic 6-month plan which is nearing completion (a few more updates from a couple of cooperating partners and then we will slot them in a food pipeline plan)

1. the table we will be sending to the Government Ministries, for food assistance outside Yangon division
2. the Yangon table that is being updated, by individual cooperating partners directly with WFP, still not yet finalized