



WFP OPERATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

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Special points of interest:

- OXFAM started distributions under current food cycle in Gaza for about 45,000 beneficiaries.
- Germany and Canada confirmed contributions for the EMOP in Gaza.

WFP in a glance

PRRO beneficiaries	413,000
EMOP Gaza beneficiaries	365,000
EMOP Food Voucher beneficiaries	30,000
Stock in Gaza (MT)	14,000
Stock in West Bank (MT)	9,750*

* It includes only WFP warehouses

WFP operations in oPt

WFP's **PRRO** (Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation) started in September 2007 to meet the food needs of the most vulnerable non-refugees; it has covered both the West Bank and Gaza till December 08 and since January 09, following the conflict in Gaza and the launch of WFP's Emergency Operation (EMOP) Lifeline Gaza, it has been assisting beneficiaries in the West Bank only. The PRRO consists of four main interventions: (i) Emergency relief for the destitute (in partnership with the MoSA); (ii) Livelihood support for vulnerable households (poor farmers, unemployed workers and vulnerable women most affected by poverty and who have only partial means to cope with food insecurity); (iii) School feeding in the most food-insecure areas through cash-for-work activities, (nutritious snacks are prepared by bakeries and women centres which receive food commodities and cash from WFP); and (iv) Food-for-Work (FFW) and Food-for-

Training (FFT) to contribute to and promote self-reliance by preserving agricultural assets to restore livelihoods. Following the conflict in Gaza, two new operations were launched: the EMOP Operation Lifeline Gaza and the Logistics Cluster Special Operation (SO). The **EMOP** targets 365,000 beneficiaries (i.e. 80 percent of the non-refugee population in Gaza) and its main objectives are: (i) meeting urgent needs and improving food consumption for conflict-affected people through the timely provision of food rations and food vouchers; and (ii) maintaining enrolment of girls and boys in assisted schools at pre-crisis levels through school feeding coverage targeting 50,000 children. The **Logistics Cluster** is led by WFP and operates to support UN agencies, local/international NGOs and international organizations with: (i) cargo movement facilitation and transport to Gaza; (ii) civil/military coordination; (iii)



C. Galluzzi/WFP - Food items and WFP voucher in a shop in Qalqilya

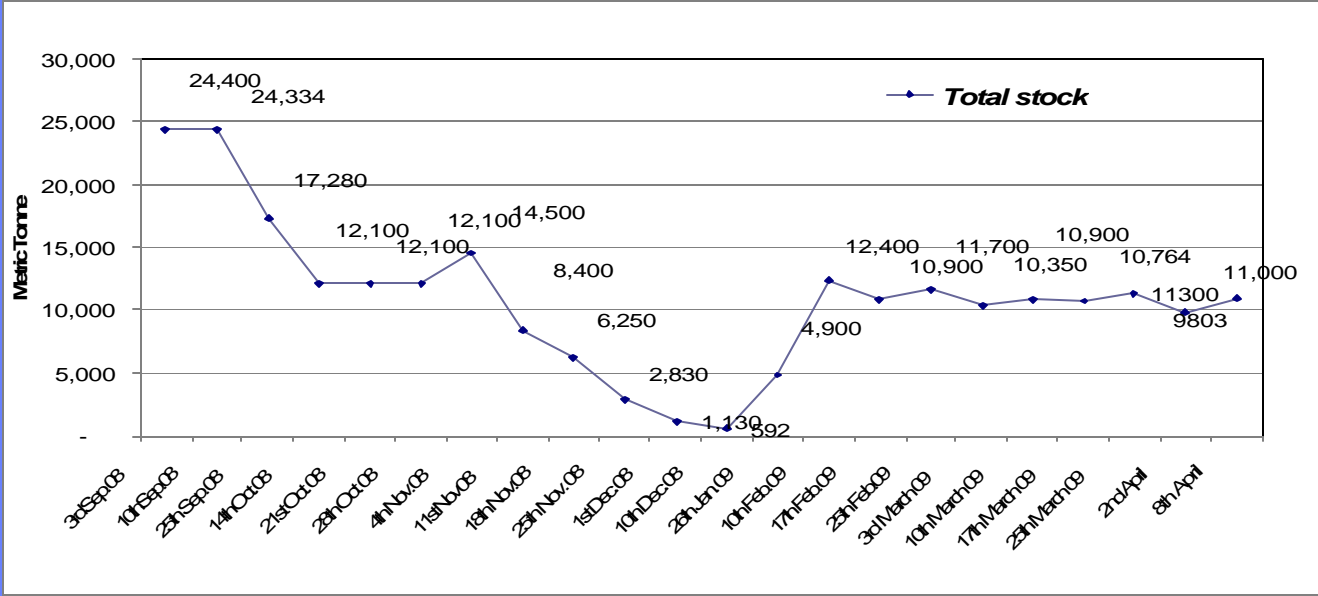
logistics information management; (iv) transit hub for cargo consolidation and preparation; and (v) Humanitarian Coordinator/UNRWA/OCHA liaison. To respond to the high food prices, WFP launched a **Food Voucher EMOP** in the West Bank (that will be implemented at a later stage in Gaza as well) covering approximately 5,500 families in urban areas, selected on the basis of two key studies conducted in 2008 (Safety Net Mission and Rapid Joint Food Security Assessment).

Operational Update

Food distributions are ongoing in the West Bank, with 207 mt distributed and about 60,000 beneficiaries reached last week, in collaboration with the MoSA, MoE and the Near East Foundation (NEF). 16 truckloads (480 mt) were dispatched into the West Bank mainly transporting wheat flour. 547 mt were distributed to 69,000 beneficiaries in Gaza last week, while 445 mt were delivered in Gaza, includ-

ing wheat flour, canned meat and salt. Distribution cycles in Gaza have been completed in collaboration with MoSA, while CHF is terminating the current food cycle and OXFAM started yesterday. Through the Logistics Cluster, during the reporting period WFP facilitated the access of 134 mt of washing detergents for World Vision, hygiene and family kits, kitchen kits and household kits for Save

the Children; since its creation in January 09, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the access of about 5,900 mt of food and non-food items. However, 113 mt of hygienic items for Save the Children were rejected at Kerem Shalom crossing point by IDF last week, without any reason. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with the Israeli authorities after the Jewish Holidays.



Stock at mills in Gaza from September 2008 to March 2009

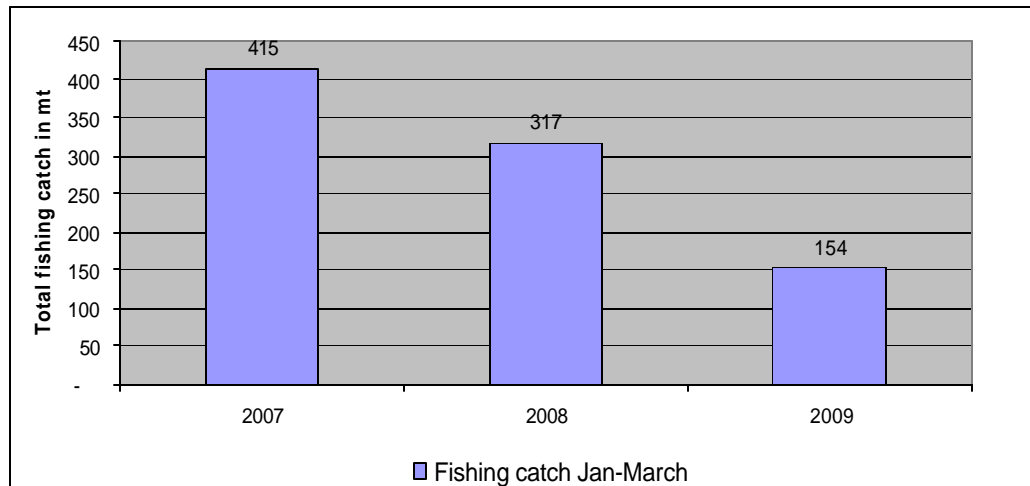
Food Security in oPt

According to the Market Survey conducted in Gaza on 12 April, the commercial wheat requirement in Gaza is of 450mt/day. The current stock of the mills in Gaza will cover Gazans' needs for approximately 24 days. All bakeries are operating only at 70 percent of their capacity, due to shortage of cooking gas. Since March 2008, the quantity of fishing catch has decreased by 26 percent compared to March 2009. April is usually the peak of the sardines' season; however, this

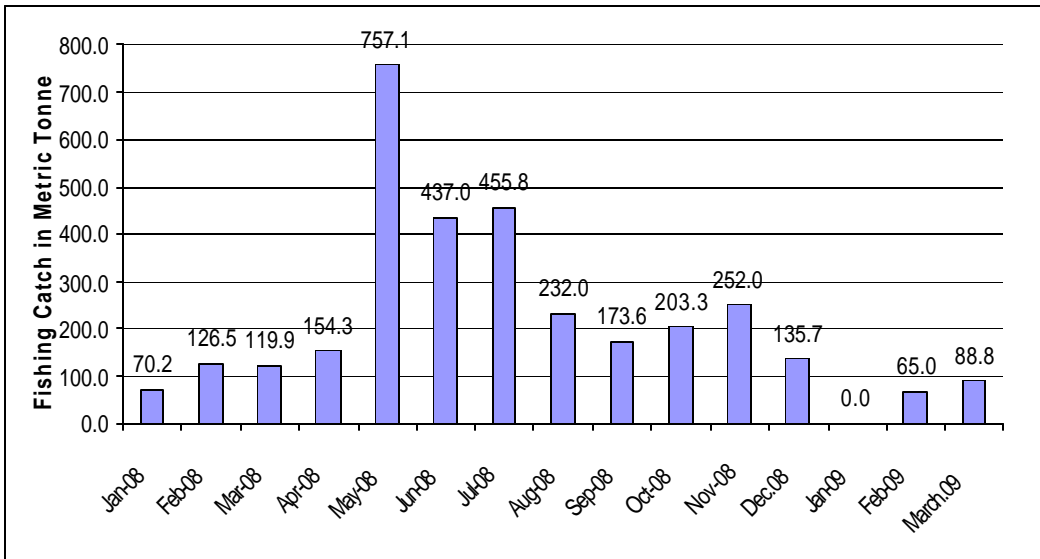
type of fish is found after six nautical miles but fishermen in Gaza are not allowed to go over three nautical miles. This will result in a considerable loss for them since this season is known to be highly profitable. Consequently, there are very scarce quantities of sardines available in the market while fish imported from Israel is available at NIS 20-40 per Kg. The total amount of fishing catch from January to March in 2009 is of 154 mt, this represents approximately one third

of what people in Gaza used to fish in March 2007 and one half compared to March 2008. This is linked to the increased security restrictions on the allowable distance that used to be six/eight nautical miles in the past years and has been restricted to three miles in 2009. Between December 2008 and April 2009, prices of tomatoes, lemons and fresh red meat increased respectively of 11.5, 15 and 0.6 percent.

Declining trends in fishing catch through Jan-March 2007, 2008 and 2009



Total amount of mt
fished from January
2008 to March 2009



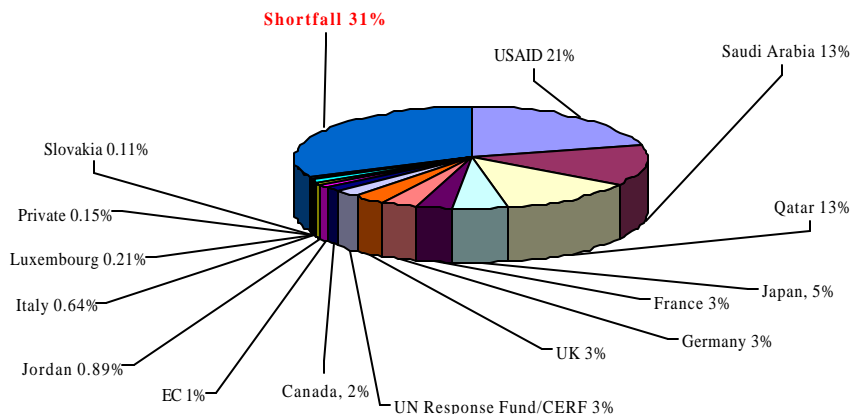
Assessments

Following the Rapid Food Security Assessment in Gaza held in January 2009 in collaboration with FAO, a Food Security Assessment is now taking place in Gaza in collaboration with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and FAO. The data collection is ongoing and the preliminary results will be shared in May. The data

collection of a similar Food Security Assessment, also in collaboration with PCBS and FAO, has just been completed in the West Bank. Results will be available in May, too. A Food Security Atlas is being prepared by WFP in collaboration with the Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem and will be available by August 2009.

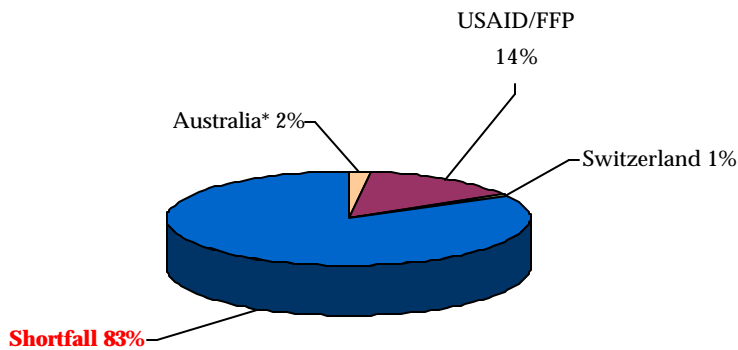
EMOP - Operation Lifeline Gaza

Total Requirement 2009: US\$ 78.9 million



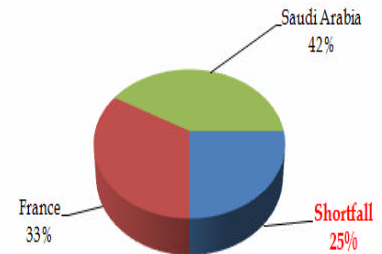
PRRO - West Bank

Total Requirement 2009: US\$ 52 million



Food Voucher EMOP (West Bank)

Total requirement: US\$ 6 million



*Australia's contribution was in support of the population in Gaza. When the donation was confirmed, the PRRO was the only WFP operation and, considered the funding situation in the West Bank, Australia kindly agreed to leave its generous contribution for the PRRO.

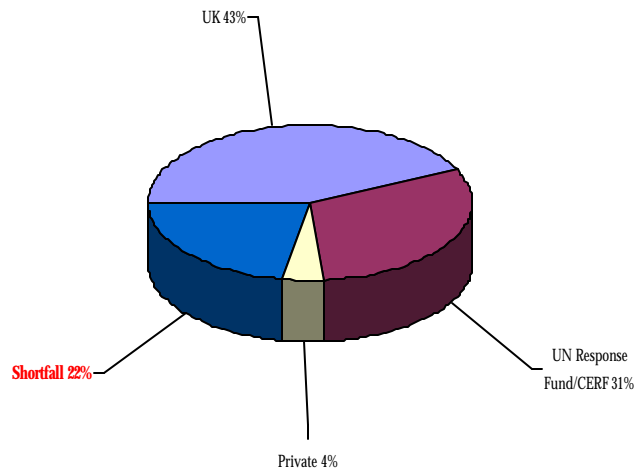
Shortfalls & Needs

At the moment the top five donors to WFP oPt are: USAID, the European Commission, Saudi Arabia, Italy and Qatar. We thank our donors for their generous contributions to the Gaza EMOP. However, if the current funding level does not timely improve, WFP will be forced to reduce its beneficiary caseload and/or the energy value of the food rations distributed in Gaza by September. The funding situa-

tion of the West Bank PRRO is quite worrisome, with a pipeline break expected by July. A reduction/suspension of WFP operations in the West Bank and/or Gaza would have severe consequences on the food security level of the Palestinian families, which are in need of and highly dependent on food assistance.

Special Operation - Logistic Cluster

Total Requirement 2009: US\$ 3.4 million



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