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WFP oPt at a glance

PRRO (West Bank) planned beneficiaries	413,000
EMOP Gaza planned beneficiaries	365,000
EMOP Food Voucher (West Bank) planned beneficiaries	31,000
Current stock in Gaza (MT)	7,276
Current stock in West Bank (MT)	5,377 mt*

* Includes WFP warehouses only

Picture: John Torday/
UNRWA, WFP distribution,
Gaza, 28 June 2009.

WFP OPERATIONS IN OPT

WFP has been providing food assistance to the oPt since 1991. The Country Office is located in Jerusalem, and is supported by an office in Gaza, two sub-offices (Nablus and Hebron) and one port office (Ashdod). WFP employs over 100 staff in the oPt, both national and international. 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. Since January 09, following the conflict in Gaza and the launch of WFP's Emergency Operation Lifeline Gaza (EMOP—see below), 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 and Food-for-Training to contrib-



ute to and promote self-reliance by preserving agricultural assets to restore livelihoods.

Following the military operation in Gaza, two new operations were launched in January 2009: the EMOP Operation Lifeline Gaza and the Logistics Cluster Special Operation (SO). The **EMOP** targets 365,000 beneficiaries — which represents 80 percent of the non-refugee population in Gaza. The operation aims at meeting the immediate needs of the population affected by the conflict as well as improving the food consumption of families and individuals in need. WFP also thrives to maintain the enrolment of children in schools through the daily distribution of milk, biscuits and canned meat to around 50,000 children in selected schools. This figure will raise to 92,000 at the beginning of the next

school year.

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) 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 is to be implemented in Gaza as well in the future) 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

WFP delivered over 1,300 mt of food commodities into the **Gaza Strip** during the reporting period and was able to distribute approximately 1,750 mt to over 64,000 beneficiaries in Gaza, in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs' institutional feeding, OXFAM, CHF and the bakeries involved in WFP's programme.

Since 7 July, the **Logistics Cluster** has delivered 152 pallets of commodities (hygiene and kitchen sets, wheelchairs, anti-shatter blast film, empty plastic jerricans) into Gaza through Kerem Shalom Crossing, on behalf of three organizations. This brings the number of pallets delivered to Gaza by the Logistics Cluster to 6,423

on behalf of 28 organizations since 25 January 2009. On 13 July, the Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) informed the Logistics Cluster that Palestinian NGOs must now go through the Palestinian Authority for clearance of shipments to Gaza, instead of using the services of the Logistics

Cluster as it had been the case so far. The Log. Cluster will nevertheless coordinate with the PA to facilitate the movement of these cargos and may still provide logistical services. OCHA, the Log. Cluster and USAID

will coordinate to monitor the growing flow of goods through Erez and its impact on vehicle and pedestrian movements. Moreover, the three stakeholders will also find possible donors and imple-

menting partners for three projects worth USD 1.9 million aimed at increasing the capacity of the Palestinian side of Kerem Shalom Crossing (currently at 130-135 trucks/day) to reach 250-300 trucks/day.

FOCUS ON WFP'S FOOD-FOR-WORK AND FOOD-FOR-TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN THE WEST BANK

WFP's Food for Training and Food for Work Programmes in the West Bank aim at preserving agricultural assets to promote self-reliance and restore livelihoods of over 29,000 beneficiaries, thus contributing to their longer-term food security.

From March to December 2009, a number of activities are being implemented in 27 villages in the governorates of Hebron, Bethlehem, Jenin and Tubas. In cooperation with WFP partners Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and CHF International (CHF), 4,350 members of poor agricultural households (with a minimum of six individuals) receive every two months 100 kg of wheat flour, 7 kg of pulses, 3.5 kg of sugar, 2 kg of salt and 7.3 litres of vegetable oil for their work and participation in the programme.

The programmes focus on income generating activities and vocational training. This contributes to the beneficiaries' self-reliance by imparting marketable skills and producing consumer products to support diversification of livelihoods. The activities also aim at enabling or improving the work of farmers in those villages through, for example, the opening of agricultural roads or the connection of farming lands to existing roads or water sources.

Topics range from animal breeding, home gardening, tree planting and

nurseries, irrigation, beekeeping and food processing, to rehabilitation of land and agricultural roads, greenhouses, agricultural irrigation canals, construction of retaining walls against landslides, etc.

Municipalities contribute to the programme through the provision of machinery, equipment and know-how.

Around 70 percent of Food for Training participants are women.



Two years ago, Adil, now 52 years old, lost the job that he held for 12 years in Hebron, because he was considered unfit—too old.

Adil's enrolment in WFP's food for work/training programmes has helped him provide basic food commodities to his five daughters, his wife and his parents, all living under his roof.



Photo: Ancel Kats/WFP—Food-for-Work site in Halhul village, Hebron Governorate, 1 July 2009 — Building of retaining walls on a newly built agricultural road [with USAID funds] connecting two villages .

CURRENT AND UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Following the qualitative Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) in Gaza conducted in January 2009, WFP, FAO and PCBS have carried out a **quantitative socio-economic and food security survey** in the oPt. Data analysis is currently ongoing in Gaza, while the findings for West Bank are available and being shared by WFP (available

on WFP's website). Preliminary results for Gaza are expected in August. The results will be combined with those of two other studies that will be conducted in the West Bank and in Gaza (market study and qualitative study on livelihoods and food security), before being compiled into a **Comprehensive Food security and Vul-**

nerability analysis that will be published in November. **This will serve as the basis for the next WFP PRRO, expected to start mid-2010.** 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.

SHORTFALLS & NEEDS

We thank our donors for their generous contributions; at the moment the top five donors to WFP oPt for 2009 are USAID, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Russia and the European Commission.

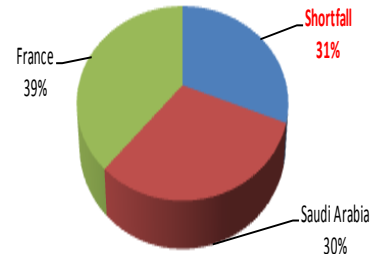
Operational requirements for the EMOP Gaza and the PRRO have been recalculated until June 2010. While needs for both operations are mostly covered until the end of 2009, WFP continues to seek US\$33 million and US\$25 million to

cover respectively the PRRO and the EMOP until June 2010. Contributions for the first semester of 2010 should be confirmed at the latest in November 2009 in order to allow WFP to procure and transport food commodities.

A reduction of WFP operations in the West Bank and/or Gaza would have severe consequences on the food security level of the Palestinian families who are in need of and highly dependent on food

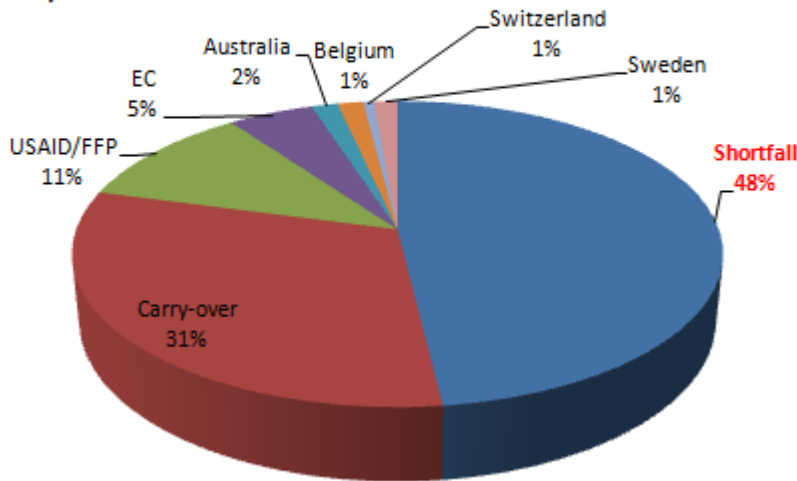
Food Voucher EMOP - West Bank

Total requirements 2009: US\$ 6.6 million



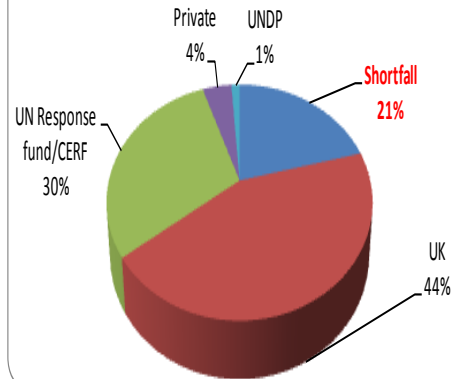
PRRO - West Bank

Total requirements Jan.2009-June 2010: US\$ 68.6 million



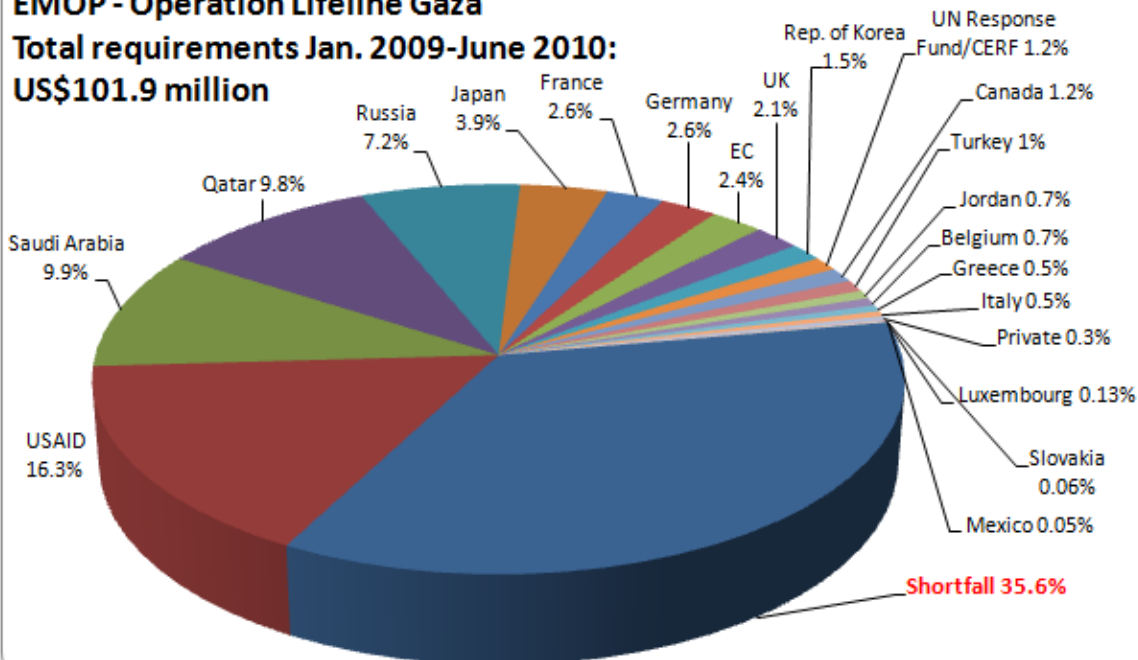
Special Operation - Logistic Cluster

Total requirements 2009: US\$ 3.3 million



EMOP - Operation Lifeline Gaza

Total requirements Jan. 2009-June 2010: US\$101.9 million



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