Beneficiary Targeting Review Exercise
WFP has been regularly providing general food distribution to the internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Government administered areas (GAA) of Kachin since 2011. Monitoring data from the GAA indicate that a significant number of IDPs have eventually accessed some livelihood activities, which enable them to cover partially or fully of their food needs. While acknowledging that some vulnerable IDPs are still relying on food assistance, adequate targeting can promote a return to normalcy. In addition, the decrease in funding for humanitarian interventions in Kachin and northern Shan States in 2014 also calls for a more sophisticated approach to food assistance to ensure that basic needs are met for all IDPs. Thus, a beneficiary targeting review exercise led by WFP was held in Myitkyina from 2-6 June 2014 through a participatory method. It is a community based targeting, where IDPs have a leading role to identify different wealth groups within the camps. The objective of the exercise was to review what had been changed after three years of food assistance to the IDP camps. The data will allow WFP and food sector partners to identify future food assistance strategies in Kachin State.

Kachin Humanitarian Cross-line Missions
In June, in coordination with OCHA and the partners, WFP organized and participated in three humanitarian cross-line missions to the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) administered areas. WFP provided 312 mt of life-saving food assistance to more than 25,000 IDPs in nine camps through convoys from Myitkyina and Bhamo to Mansi, Moe Mauk and Waing Maw Townships. The convoys from Bhamo provided one-month food ration, consisting of rice, pulses, oil, salt and blended food, to the IDPs in La Na Zup Ja, Bum Tsit Pa, Pa Kahtwang and Nh Kawng Pa camps, while convoys from Myitkyina provided two-month rations to the IDP camps in Laiza area.

Cash Assistance for IDPs in Kachin and Shan
In July, WFP, in partnership with World Vision, plans to implement a pilot cash assistance programme in two IDP camps in Myitkyina and one camp in Waing Maw Township. The cash entitlement has been identified based on local diet and nutritional requirements. Furthermore, pilot food (rice and blended food) plus cash distribution will also be implemented in two camps in Nam Kham, northern Shan State.

Local Procurement
WFP procures more than 95 percent of its food distributed in Myanmar locally, providing local responses to local needs, helping to mitigate crises and contributing to the national economy development. In order to encourage and contribute to small-holder farming in Rakhine State, local procurement of rice from small vendors was also initiated. In June, procurement contracts were awarded to 11 Rakhine small vendors to purchase some 4,000 mt of rice at a value of US$1.5 million. Since January 2014, WFP has already purchased more than 38,000 mt of food in the country, contributing US$22 million to the local economy.
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**Emergency Preparedness Measures**
WFP continues working with the Government of Myanmar and other partners to enhance collaboration on emergency preparedness in Myanmar. Since May, WFP commenced its DFID-funded emergency preparedness project by developing a concept of operations with assistance from a mission from WFP headquarters in Rome. Currently the Country Office is reviewing the recommendations on the draft concept made by the mission. Other cyclone emergency preparedness measures undertaken by WFP include the prepositioning of 350 mt of high-energy biscuits as an emergency stock in Sittwe, Mawlamyine and Yangon.

**WFP Food/Cash-for-Assets Programme**
Under its current three year (2013-15) protracted relief and recovery operation, WFP has been providing food and cash assistance to the food insecure and vulnerable populations in Myanmar through its asset creation programme. WFP gives the unemployed and landless people from the most vulnerable households employment opportunities for the duration of their participation in the asset creation projects benefiting the entire community. Such projects include terrace land development as well as construction of access roads, bridges, schools, irrigation canals, dykes, dams, water supply systems, ponds and many others. Since January 2014, WFP distributed 1,890 mt of food and US$459,000 cash to 85,000 and 33,400 beneficiaries, respectively, under its food- and cash-for-assets programme in Magway Region, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States.

**Nutrition Review Mission**
From 15-25 June, a nutrition mission from WFP Regional Bureau for Asia visited Myanmar. The objective of the mission was to provide technical support and guidance related to WFP nutrition programme implementation in Shan, Rakhine and Magway. These nutrition interventions include the prevention of chronic malnutrition, prevention of acute malnutrition and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. The mission, headed by WFP’s regional nutritionist, visited the Magway and Maungdaw operational areas to observe nutrition activities, met with beneficiaries, cooperating partners, and local communities, as well as organized focus group discussions on nutrition related issues. The analysis of the mission findings will support future programming of WFP nutrition activities in Myanmar, in partnership with the Government of Myanmar, and Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) partners.

**Pre-monsoon Food Security Monitoring**
Following the pre-monsoon food security monitoring data collection training, provided by WFP VAM unit to the Food Security Information Network (FSIN) members in May, the food security data collection was successfully carried out in all FSIN operational areas. The data are currently being entered and the analysis results are expected to be finalized in August 2014.

**Resources**
In June, WFP Myanmar received a timely contribution of US$4.6 million from the Government of Australia. The grant has been allocated in support of relief assistance to the conflict affected and displaced populations in Rakhine, Kachin and northern Shan States.

As of July 2014, food pipeline breaks are expected from October onwards. WFP Myanmar is currently facing a shortfall of US$15 million in order to meet all food assistance needs till 31 December 2014. New contributions are required by latest August, taking into account the lead time of procurement and to ensure uninterrupted food assistance.

The top five funding sources to WFP in Myanmar are Japan, USA, EU, Australia and Switzerland.