Highlights

- More than 25,000 people have been affected by severe flooding caused by continuous torrential rains in Bago District since early August.
- On August 11-13, WFP Emergency Response (ER) team, following a rapid assessment, organised and completed distributions of the recommended two-week food rations to 25,809 flood affected people in 56 locations in Bago District.

Context

- Since the beginning of August 2014, the Bago District has been hit by severe flooding due to heavy rains.
- The overflowing Pegu River inundated adjacent villages and farmlands, displacing local populations, who found temporary refuge in monasteries, schools and other shelters.
- Majority of the flood victims are casual labor, poor fishermen and farmers with no other livelihoods opportunities.

Response

- On August 8, at the request of the regional and union governments for emergency food assistance to flood affected populations in Bago District, WFP undertook a rapid assessment, which estimated that nearly 20,000 people in need of food for at least two weeks.
- On August 11, WFP ER team was deployed to the operational areas, and logistical preparations for food distribution were started.
- On August 12, WFP commenced, coordinated, monitored and completed the distribution of the recommended two-week food rations in Pegu and Thanatpin townships.
- On August 13, emergency food distribution was extended to and successfully completed in Kawa and Woll townships.
- In a three-day flood response, WFP provided a total of 186 mt of food to 25,809 people from 5,390 households in 56 locations in four townships. The distributed food rations consisted of 6.3 kg of rice, 840g of pulses and 70g of salt per person.
- The emergency response was facilitated by various union and regional officials including the Minister of Security and Border Affairs, District Officers, Townships Administrators and Camp Management Committee members.
- As the water recedes in Thanatpin and Pegu townships, the flood affected populations return to their homes. The residents of Kawa and Woll townships are expected to remain in temporary shelters for another 1-2 weeks until the water drops below the danger levels.
- The timely flood response in Bago District was made possible thanks to funding support from the Government of Australia.

In numbers

- 5,390 flood affected households
- 25,809 people in 56 locations in 4 townships received WFP food rations
- 186 mt of food distributed
Bago Flood Response in Pictures

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